



**SIERRA CLUB**  
DALLAS GROUP

# September 2024 Newsletter

## **Sierra Club Dallas Group General Meeting via Zoom Sierra Club Endorsements in the November Election**

Please join the **Dallas Sierra Club's Political Chair, David Griggs**, as he talks about which **Local, State, and National candidates** have been endorsed by The Sierra Club and why their environmental policies align with ours in this **truly historical election year**.

**7:00 pm, Tuesday, September 10 via Zoom**

**We plan to finish by 8:00 so you will not miss the Harris/Trump debate.**

From 6:45 to 7:00 p.m. you can log in to the meeting, chat, and ask questions. The meeting will begin at 7:00 with announcements, followed by our speaker's presentation.

[To register for the meeting with Zoom, click on this link.](#)

Everybody is welcome. You don't have to be a Sierra Club member.

For more information, contact Victoria Howard at [Victoria@DallasSierraClub.org](mailto:Victoria@DallasSierraClub.org).

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**Reservations now open  
Fall Campout at Eisenhower State Park!  
Fri-Sun, October 18-20, 2024**



“It’s impossible to go for a walk in the woods and be in a bad mood at the same time.”\*

We made it through the hot summer months! Now it’s time to reward ourselves and celebrate fall with a weekend at Eisenhower State Park, a popular destination along the south side of Lake Texoma, just 90 minutes north of Dallas.

Pitch your tent and relax in our shared reserved campsites. This is a perfect weekend outing for campers of all levels, including beginner campers/hikers and anyone wanting to try out backpacking skills/gear. Saturday we’ll spend part of the day hiking easy, scenic wooded trails (your choice of mileage). You may carry a daypack or a backpack to get the feel of carrying more of a load while hiking. You’ll then have some free time to sit by the shore, explore more of the park, go birding at nearby Hagerman National Wildlife Refuge, or just relax in camp. Saturday evening we’ll discuss everyone’s favorite topic – food! We’ll share food ideas to make camping easy, tasty and fun. Surprise dessert included!

**Reservations are required and space is limited.** Sorry, no pets. Read all the details and register at <https://www.sierraclub.org/texas/dallas/eisenhower-state-park-fall-campout> before October 15. Questions? [Send email to Liz@DallasSierraClub.org](mailto:Liz@DallasSierraClub.org).

Got an electric bill? [Texans Are Getting Burned](#), even as the weather cools, because of the Texas Legislature’s short-sighted actions.

Sign the Lone Star Chapter’s petition to Governor Abbott at <https://act.sierraclub.org/actions/Texas?actionId=AR0439171&id=701Po00000KWVy1IAH>



**BRANCH OUT  
DALLAS**

It’s time for Dallas residents to [order free native trees](#) to plant in your yard.

**The Dallas Sierra Club is happy to announce 5 hiking opportunities this Fall and Winter:**

- [Goat Island Preserve day hike with master naturalist Amy Martin on September 21st](#)
- [Eisenhower State Park Campout on October 18th through the 20th](#)
- [Ouachita Trail backpacking trip on November 1st through the 3rd](#)
- Piedmont Ridge day hike with master naturalist Amy Martin on **November 9th; details coming soon**
- [Big Bend backpacking trip February 19th through the 23rd, 2025](#)

We hope to see you on the trail!

“In every walk with Nature one receives far more than he seeks.” – John Muir



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**Join our [White Rock Lake Cleanup](#) on September 14.**

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### **Musings From The Chair...**

Happy almost Fall! The recent rains and lower temperatures have absolutely put a spring in the steps of all North Texans. I joked the other day with my kiddos that it seems that as soon as Starbucks added their Pumpkin Spice Lattes on the menu, the weather responded in kind with lower temperatures. Whatever the reason, I am happy to not sweat everytime I step outside!

This month finds The Dallas Sierra Club busy, busy with newly scheduled hikes,

outings, events, and fundraising dates added to the calendar! I leave it to our Outings Guru, Jim Robarge, to get you up-to-date in his article about the groovy new outings scheduled, and I will, instead, focus on another two exciting events!



First, our innovative partnership with Watering Hole Collective comes to fruition this month with 6 performances beginning on September 19th at the Wyly Studio Theatre in Dallas. There will also be post-performance “talkbacks” featuring panels of environmental experts providing audiences with actionable ways to contribute positively to our ever changing world. Along with Environment Texas and Cedar Ridge Preserve, the Dallas Sierra Club will be offering insight and answering questions, both during the “talkback” segments of each performance and after the show in the lobby. [Tickets can be purchased here.](#)

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**NORTH TEXAS**  
**GIVING DAY**  
COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION of TEXAS

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Secondly, it's [North Texas Giving Day!](#) The Dallas Sierra Club is proud to participate, once again, with North Texas Giving Day which is an 18-hour online giving event designed to empower every person to give back to their community by supporting local causes they care about in one easy-to-use platform. North Texas Giving Day is the largest community-wide giving event in the nation. Early Giving Begins: September 1st - September 18th and North Texas Giving Day 2024 Proper Is: September 19th. Please [visit their website and donate](#).

*Cheers,  
Victoria*

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## Good News for Dallas

Today, the city has installed 892 kW of solar panels on its buildings or land. These installations pay for themselves after an average of 9 years of service, and will provide the city with free electricity for the remainder of their lives. Soon work will begin installing an additional 1088 kW on Martin Luther King Community Center buildings and its parking lot. (Imagine parking in the shade of solar panels!) This project will provide cheap electricity to neighborhood subscribers as well as the community center.

## What's your city doing?

Send us your good news about regional climate mitigation efforts.

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