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October 2024 Newsletter

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TIME FOR FALL CAMPOUT Y'ALL!

Fri-Sun, October 18-20, 2024
Campout at Eisenhower State Park



“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 before October 15 at**

<https://www.sierraclub.org/texas/dallas/eisenhower-state-park-fall-campout>.

Questions? [Send email to Liz@DallasSierraClub.org](mailto:Liz@DallasSierraClub.org).

[Sierra Club Dallas Group General Meeting via Zoom](#)
**October General Meeting - Trinity River
Audubon Center**



Explore the bottomland hardwood forest, wetland, and prairie habitat of **Trinity River Audubon Center** with **Program Manager, Jake Poinsett**. A part of the City of Dallas-Trinity River Corridor Project, the Center is part of the largest urban hardwood forest in the United States. Get to know a diverse community of plant and animal species as Jake focuses on educating us on habitat management and his love of bird life. The center's 100+ acres sit on a now reclaimed dump site and has been rehabilitated and revitalized. It is a haven for a vast array of birds and other wildlife in an increasingly urbanized metropolitan area.

7:00 pm, Tuesday, October 8 via Zoom

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.

[Do something good while having fun](#)

Join our [White Rock Lake Cleanup on October 12.](#)



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WHITE ROCK LAKE MONTHLY CLEAN UP



When: The Second Saturday of
Each Month

Where: White Rock Lake (see map)

Time: 8:30am-10:30am

Please Bring: Drinking Water

Questions: Please email

Victoria@dallassierraclub.org

[Hiking Opportunities this Fall and Winter:](#)

Oct. 18-20 (Fri.-Sun.) Campout at Eisenhower State Park

Register by October 15!

Oct. 24 (Th.) class at Dallas REI and 26 (Sat.) walk Nature Photography Class and Walk at White Rock Lake



Whether you take pictures with your phone in your neighborhood or venture into the backcountry with a tripod and 300mm zoom, this class is for you! Join us for this fun opportunity to learn, improve, and practice nature photography with longtime photographers and adventurers Dale Edelbaum and Wendel Withrow. Come get inspired to better capture the beauty and uniqueness of nature, wherever your adventures take you. Class size is limited so register quickly to secure your spot.



Nov. 9 (Sat.) Day Hike at PiedmontRidge

Did you know there's a steep ridge of Austin Chalk east of Downtown Dallas, inside Loop 12, from which you can view a Downtown skyline? Save this Saturday for a rare opportunity to see this special place and its wildlife on and off trails with Master Naturalist Amy Martin, author of [*Wild DFW*](#). This hike is part of a popular series of Dallas Sierra Club hikes in conjunction with Amy.



Feb. 19-23 (Wed.-Sun.) Camp and Hike or Backpack at Big Bend National Park

Mark these dates for the 2025 annual Dallas Sierra Club outing to camp and either day hike or backpack in the exotic landscape of Texas' first and largest national park. Read about three itinerary choices we're offering.



Musings From The Chair...

This October finds us at The Dallas Sierra Club feeling extremely grateful! First, we are pleased as punch to have had the opportunity to work with The Watering Hole Collective and participate in their innovative, climate change focused performance, **I Am An Island**. In addition to the important messages found in the play itself, the after performance "Talkback" Panel discussions, featuring the who's who of environmental advocates in North Texas (including Dallas Sierra Club's Rene Roberson and yours truly), was an info laden treat!



Also, a million thanks to all those who donated to The Dallas Sierra Club for **North Texas Giving Day!** It's because of your generosity that we can continue to make sure that all residents in North Texas live in environments free from air, water, and soil contamination. We couldn't do this without you, and every donation (big or small) is greatly appreciated!

My last acknowledgement of thanks goes to all of our members who have thrown their hat into the ring and decided to **run for a local (aka Group) or Statewide (aka Chapter) Excom position**. For those of you who may not know, The Sierra Club elects its leaders for our governing bodies which are called Executive Committees (ExComs). This group of volunteer leaders organize and comprise the many committees (Conservation, Political, etc.) that help govern and guide strategy, funding, and direction.

The **deadline to submit one's name to the Nominations Committee is November 15th**, so there's still time for anyone else who would like to participate. Feel free to email me with questions (victoria@dallassierraclub.org) or to submit your name for the elections taking place in December.

Conservation

Earlier this week former president Jimmy Carter celebrated his 100th birthday. One of [our greenest presidents while in office](#) and a [voice for environmental action](#) ever since, President Carter built a legacy that extends from [Habitat for Humanity](#) homebuilding to the [eradication of Guinea worm in Africa](#). Happy Birthday, President Carter.

YOU can support conservation this fall by voting for environmentally responsible candidates at every level. [See our home page](#) for links to check your voter registration status. The last day you can register to vote in this election is Monday, October 7, 2024.

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