

#### GROUP MEETINGS:

ACADIAN-LAFAYETTE AREA Twice a month, Wednesdays at 6:30PM **First United Methodist Church** 703 Lee Ave, Lafayette 70501

**BATON ROUGE** Fourth Thursdays, 6:30 PM at The Backpacker 7656 Jefferson Hwy. 70809

**HONEY ISLAND (Northshore)** Fourth Sundays, 4:30 PM usually at **Abita Springs Trailhead Museum** 22044 Main St. 70420

**NEW ORLEANS** Second Sundays at 6:30 PM at the Audubon Zoo, Dominion Auditorium 6500 Magazine St. 70118

SEE OUR CALENDAR WITH ALL **UPCOMING EVENTS & MEET-INGS AT OUR WEBSITE:** SIERRACLUB.ORG/LOUISIANA

## DELTA NEEDS YOU!

Your support is key in helping the Delta Chapter's efforts to secure an environmental legacy that future generations will thank us for.

Your **\$5** monthly donation is an investment in the future of our environment and the protection of our most special places! You can also make a one time donation at our website: DONATE HERE!

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## ATCHAFALAYA BASINKEEPER HONORED OCT. 10TH

Bobby Kennedy, Jr., Cofounder and President of The Waterkeeper Alliance will honor our own Dean Wilson, founder /Director of the Atchafalaya Basinkeeper program. He is being honored as a "Waterkeeper Warrior" representing the best of the Waterkeeper Alliance. Dean began working and living in the basin long before becoming official Basinkeeper. A native of Spain, the then 24 year old was heading for the Amazon in 1984, and



stopped off in Louisiana to get acclimated to tropical heat and humidity.

He never left.

After some disagreements with crawfish fishermen over the gauge of wire mesh used for crawfish traps, Dean began working with that industry to help stop the much more devastating toll taken by the dredging of oil-and

gas-industry canals, illegal roads and dams, the draining of lakes, and sedimentation and declining water quality, and timber companies clearcutting cypress swamps for mulch, all of which were threatening the basin's abundant fisheries and wildlife habitats.

Through his involvement with the Sierra Club's Delta Chapter for both moral and monetary support, Dean developed legal and procedural knowledge in his dealings with the US Army Corps of Engineers, whose decisions heavily influence the fate of the Basin.

The Bayou Bridge Pipeline is one of the latest big issues: "Since I've been Basinkeeper, I've seen the construction of five different pipelines through the basin," Dean recalls. "This is easily the worst one yet."

And he continues the battle with 15 years of experience as Basinkeeper and a lifetime of love for the beautiful.

Join in Celebrating the 15th Year Anniversary of the Atchafalaya Basinkeeper **Dean Wilson** Keynote Speaker:

Bobby Kennedy, Jr. Waterkeeper Alliance

#### **GET TICKETS HERE!**

October 10th, 2019 Hilton Baton Rouge Capital Center **Riverview Ballroom** 201 Lafayette St. Baton Rouge, LA 70801

Doors open at 5:30 PM Entertainment by Louisiana's own Drew Landry, Folksinger & Filmmaker Door Prizes & Gift Bags

strange and wondrous place that is the Atchafalaya Basin. He finds new reasons to fight for it daily. As the Basin's Waterkeeper he takes the Alliance's vision seriously, fighting for citizen's rights to drinkable, fishable, swimmable water. And he loves the Atchafalava Basin with a passion.

"You're failing us, but the young people are starting to understand your betrayal. The eyes of all future
generations are upon you. And if you choose to fail us, I say, we will never forgive you." - Greta Thunberg
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## RESTRUCTURING THE DELTA CHAPTER

The Delta Chapter is planning on updating its structure, which will formally remove Kisatchie Group as a sub-entity of the Delta Chapter. Members are welcome to comment at our Chapter ExCom meeting

on October 19, 2019 in the Honey Island Group before a final vote is taken: **Madisonville Library Meeting Room** 1123 Main Street Madisonville, LA 70447



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# CHAPTER EXCOM - ELECTIONS COMING UP - NOMINATIONS NEEDED!

Your Sierra Club - the Delta Chapter, serves all of Louisiana. The Executive Committee (ExCom) of nine volunteer members provide leadership and direction to the Chapter and Groups. ExCom members are active on various committees, such as Conservation, Political, Outings and the Environmental Justice Committee, which are also open to all Sierra Club members. You can nominate yourself or a member whose leadership qualities impress you. Members serve two-year terms and may run for re-election; ALL MEM-BERS may run for a position on ExCom.

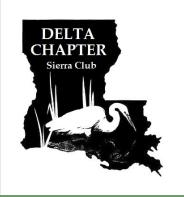
Responsibilities of the Chapter Executive Committee:

- Understand and promote the mission of the Sierra Club
- Attend Executive Committee meetings and General meetings
- Lead and provide educational training and/or conservation opportunities to the general membership
- Promote the Outings Program and help members and others to get out into and enjoy and understand nature
- Participate in long range planning for the Chapter, and guide national on grassroots interests
- Actively assist in fundraising activities or contribute financially
- Ensure financial stability and solvency
- Modify and allocate resources; as applicable to the opportunities, the abilities, and the commitment of the Chapter/Groups
- Monitor, question, and evaluate club activities
- Provide Leadership and Vision within the Chapter/Groups for a just, equitable and sustainable future

To nominate someone for the election, please email Chapter Chair Dave Stets at davidmstets@gmail.com.

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