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BARACK OBAMA: ENVIRONMENTAL LEADER FROM THE LAND OF LINCOLN

A message from our friends in Illinois on Sierra's endorsement of Barack Obama. Folks wanting to help out on the campaign locally can visit www.broward4obama.com or contact Alex Johnson, Volunteer Coordinator, at 954-779-7050. Florida is very much in play, and Broward Sierrans can make the difference.

There are many reasons why Americans are energized about Barack Obama's historic campaign for the White House, but most are still unaware of his record in Illinois on the environment. Sierra Club leaders who have worked with Obama during his time in the Illinois Senate, and as our U.S. Senator, know that he will make the right choices for our country, because we have seen him make those choices for many years here in Illinois.



Sierra Club and Obama have had a long relationship, dating back to 1995, when he was beginning his first campaign for the Illinois Senate. As a first-time candidate, Obama pledged his support for a healthy environment, but more importantly offered to help build larger majorities for environmental protection by reaching out to constituencies that had not always been allies. His previous work as a community organizer in Chicago's Altgeld Gardens public housing project, one of the birthplaces of the environmental justice movement, had shown him the many ways pollution can hurt a community, and he recognized that cleaning up pollution was a key part of lifting people out of poverty and injustice.

"When he first ran for the Illinois Senate, I took Barack to lunch to get to know him," says Rand Sparling, who was Chair of the Chicago Group of the Sierra Club in 1995. "We recognized that he saw and spoke clearly about the same issues we cared about, and we supported and worked with him in that election and from that time on. He has a strong identification with the Sierra Club and the environmental movement."

Obama's early years in the Illinois General Assembly were a difficult environment for progressives - the Illinois Senate was ruled by conservative partisan leaders that killed most environmental initiatives without so much as a hearing.

He learned quickly to reach across party and geographic lines to build support for environmental protection. He was an early sponsor of renewable energy legislation, to require Illinois utilities to generate a percentage of their power from wind energy, long before most legislators knew about global warming or saw any need to upgrade energy policy. He was a sponsor of the Illinois Wetland Protection Act, to provide state protection to wetlands that had lost protection under the 2001 SWANCC Supreme Court decision. He frequently received awards and high marks from the Illinois Environmental Council, the coalition representing the environmental community in Springfield.

"Often when I ask a legislator in Springfield to take the lead on an environmental issue, there are lots of questions about the potential political downsides, like 'which lobbyists are against it, or, will this hurt my re-election campaign', says Jack Darin, who, as Director of the Sierra Club, Illinois Chapter, advocates for the environment before the

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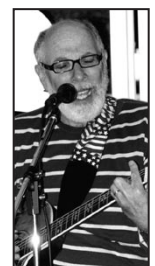
Broward Sierra Programs

Wednesday, Oct. 8: Sharks! Hannah Medd is a Marine Biologist who has worked on several shark research projects in South Africa, both academic and governmental, including shark population dynamics, biological sampling, and acoustic monitoring. She worked with a cage diving company to help them develop scientifically sound data collection methods. She is also a member of Shark Savers, and will be giving a presentation covering some general facts about sharks, overfishing and other threats sharks face, and what can be done to save them.



The meeting and program will be held at the Fern Forest Nature Center, 201 Lyons Rd. S., Coconut Creek (see map on next page).

Wednesday, Nov. 5: Environmental Illnesses presented by Dr. Albert Robbins, will be addressing building related health problems, new emerging allergic diseases and the silent epidemic of multiple chemical sensitivities. He will also play a few of his original environmental songs, including "Polluted Indoor Air," "American Chemical Dream," and "It's Not IgE."



The meeting and program will be held at the Anne Kolb Nature Center on Sheridan St. in Hollywood.

Doors open at 7:00 PM. Committee reports begin at 7:30, and the program begins at 8:00. The meeting is open to the public at no charge.



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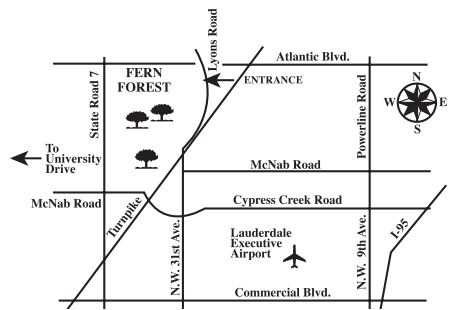
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Broward Sierra Club General Meetings

Broward Sierra Club's General Meetings are held the first Tuesday or Wednesday of every month (see schedule below). **This month's meeting will be held on Wed., Oct. 8 at the Fern Forest Nature Center**, 201 Lyons Road South, Coconut Creek, just south of Atlantic Blvd. on the west side of the street. (Between Atlantic and Commercial Blvds., Lyons Road, south of Atlantic is the same street as NW 31st Ave., north of Commercial) (see map). Doors open at 7:00 PM. Committee reports begin at 7:30, and the program begins at 8:00. The meeting is open to the public at no charge.

Next month's meeting will be back at Anne Kolb Nature Center.



Executive Committee Meetings

Held on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm, in room 430a of the Broward County Governmental Center. For details call Barbara Curtis at 954-946-7359 or e-mail her at Legalbarb@aol.com.

GENERAL MEETING SCHEDULE AND LOCATIONS

We meet at Anne Kolb Nature Center on the first Wednesday of every odd numbered month, and at the Fern Forest Nature Center on every even numbered month:

PLEASE NOTE: Fern Forest will now be closed on Tuesdays, so we are unable to meet there on our usual Tuesdays. Therefore the December meeting will be at Fern Forest on Dec. 10th. The dates and locations are listed below. Future meeting dates TBA.

Wed, Oct 8th: Fern Forest

Wed, Nov 5th: Anne Kolb

Wed, Dec 10th: Fern Forest

VOLUNTEER FOR BROWARD SIERRA

The deadline for volunteering to run for the Broward Sierra Club Executive Committee (EXCOM) has been extended to October 2nd. So if you are tired of watching the war on the environment from the sidelines, and want to get involved and make a difference, **this is your opportunity**. All EXCOM members attend the monthly Executive Committee meetings and have a vote on policies, positions and issues of concern to the Broward Sierra Club and all of us who are concerned about the environment.

To get your name on the ballot or for more information on how to nominate someone, contact a nominating committee member: Judy Kuchta (954-924-5001 or judykuchta@yahoo.com), Pat Widener (954-929-1410 or patwidener@yahoo.com), or Ina Topper (954-722-9944 or lrtopper2000@cs.com).

Additionally, there are other volunteer positions open. Please consider volunteering for one of the following positions. (These positions can be held by anyone, whether the person is on the EXCOM or not.)

- **PROGRAM COORDINATOR:** Lines up and coordinates speakers and programs for our general meetings. (If you would like to volunteer, please contact Barbara Curtis at 954-946-7359 or legalbarb2@yahoo.com).

- **NEWSLETTER EDITING & LAYOUT:** After 15 years of laying out the Broward Sierra News, it is time for me to step down and pass the torch on to someone new. Please contact me if you are interested: Carole Walsh at 954-987-3642 or carolewalsh@mindspring.com.

- **NEWSLETTER ADS:** We need help in obtaining and processing newsletter ads to help offset the cost of the Broward Sierra News. (If you would like to volunteer, please contact Max Goldstein at 954-296-3411 or maxgold@yahoo.com).

- **NEWSLETTER MAILING COORDINATOR:** This group meets once a month to attach address labels to the Broward Sierra News and sort for mailing. (If you would like to volunteer, please contact Max Goldstein at 954-296-3411 or maxgold@yahoo.com).

PROJECTOR NEEDED

The Broward Sierra Group is in need of a projector for the general meetings and for outreach programs. If you have a projector you'd like to donate, or would like to buy one to donate to us, please contact Barbara Curtis at 954-946-7359 <legalbarb2@yahoo.com> or Pedro Monteiro at 954-525-3324 <pedro_monteiro@yahoo.com>.

Illinois General Assembly. "Barack was different from the start. He wanted to understand the facts to determine the right position for the public interest, and then focus on helping build a campaign and strategy to get that policy enacted."

Clean air is a major personal interest for Obama, who represented the south side of Chicago, where asthma is an epidemic. His oldest daughter suffers from the condition, and when the Bush Administration tried to open new loopholes in the Clean Air Act to weaken limits on coal plants, he worked with Sierra Club to introduce legislation closing those loopholes for Illinois.

Obama sought Sierra Club's advice and support early in his bid for the U.S. Senate in 2004, and the Club endorsed him as he trailed that race behind better known and financed challengers. Of course, he went on to win that race, and has continued his environmental work in the U.S. Senate, where he has focused on smart energy policies, including more efficient cars and trucks and renewable incentives, cleaning up toxic mercury, and pressuring the Bush Administration's EPA to better protect public health from pollution, to name a few.

Like many Americans, we are eager for change and excited at the prospect of an Obama administration. As Illinoisans and Sierra Club members, we have seen first hand his commitment to the environment and his skill in advocating for it, and are filled with hope for the new energy he will bring to battle climate change and renew our national commitment to protecting America's natural heritage.

MUCKING ABOUT

— By Barbara Curtis, Broward Sierra Chair

On our August 30 - Sept. 1 outing, the Annual Clyde Butcher Swamp Walk, nine of us met at Clyde Butcher's gallery. Judy Kuchta, Pat Widener and Donna Brown actually waded in the muck! We ate lunch there and proceeded to meet two more from our group at our Riverside Villas. We biked to historic Smallwood Store (a former Indian trading post, general store and post office) and enjoyed browsing through time and history. Other spots of interest we visited were the historic Rod and Gun Club where various dignitaries and celebrities have visited, and the Baron Collier Museum, where we learned about the building of the Tamiami Trail and the development of Everglades City. We took the pontoon boat tour of the 10,000 Islands offered by Everglades National Park, and saw osprey, dolphins, blue herons, great white herons, and ibis. Some of us canoed the area near our lodges, and we all enjoyed the local music. We ate well, watched the hurricane progress in the Gulf of Mexico, rode, walked and biked through the intermittent rain and flooded streets. All in all, a wonderful mucking time was had by everyone.

Local Sierra Group Outings

*To preserve a place, you must believe in it.
To believe in it, you must see it.*



OCT. 11, SAT. 7:45PM, MOONLIGHT YOGA ON HOLLYWOOD BEACH.

This yoga class is open to all levels, including beginners, for ages 15 and over. Wear comfortable clothing, bring water and a yoga mat, beach towel or sheet. Rated easy to moderate. Limit 30. *Cost: \$8 members, \$9 non-members.* Contact Pat for meet-up location.

Leader: Pat Widener, 954-929-1410, 954-665-7615
<patwidener@yahoo.com>



OCT. 11, SAT. CANOE THE LOXAHATCHEE.

Explore Florida's first designated wild and scenic river and enjoy a picnic lunch in the newly opened Riverbend Park west of Jupiter. This is an easy paddle suitable for beginners. We will be paddling a gentle loop canoe trail in the headwaters of the Loxahatchee River. For more information about Riverbend Park, visit www.co.palm-beach.fl.us/parks/locations/riverbend.htm. Bring your own canoe or kayak or rent from Canoe Outfitters of Florida within the park. Their website is www.canoeskayaksflorida.com. Bring your own picnic lunch. Rated leisure. Limit 20. *Cost: FREE.*

Leader: Ron Haines, 561-964-1995 <RonaldHaines@bellsouth.net>



OCT. 13, MON. OUTINGS LEADER POW WOW.

Broward Group's outings leaders will plan fall and winter outings. We will continue where we left off from the last meeting. Non-leaders welcome. *Cost: FREE.* Hollywood Beach.

Leader- Judy Kuchta, 954-924-5001 <judykuchta@yahoo.com>



NOV. 9, SUN. CANOEING/KAYAKING ON FISHEATING CREEK.

Fisheating Creek is the only remaining pristine stream feeding Lake Okeechobee. Rated leisure. Limit 20. *Cost: FREE.* Canoe and kayak rentals extra or bring your own.

Leader: Charles Hunt, 561-967-4770 <sierra@smartsolutions.com>



NOV. 16, SUN. LEISURELY URBAN BICYCLING IN THE LAKE WORTH AREA.

Explore local parks, open spaces, and neighborhoods with fellow Sierrans. Rated leisure. Limit 20. *Cost: FREE.*

Leader: Ron Haines, 561-964-1995 <RonaldHaines@bellsouth.net>



NOV. 27-NOV. 30, THURS.-SUN. (Thanksgiving weekend) THANKSGIVING AT CEDAR KEY

(30 minutes West of Gainesville). We'll stay in a townhouse on the water, cook a turkey dinner, visit the John Muir museum and the haunted hotel, go kayaking, biking and hiking. Rated easy to moderate. *Cost (including meals): approx. \$150.*

Leader: Barbara Curtis, 954-946-7359 <legalbarb2@yahoo.com>



We would like to invite you to come on one of our fine educational outings! If you have any questions about an outing, you can check with the certified Broward Sierra Outing Leader in charge of the outing. Some of the outings need no experience; others require some level of proficiency. All participants in Sierra Club outings are required to sign a standard liability waiver. If you would like to read the Liability Waiver before you choose to participate in an outing, contact the leader of the outing or go to <www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms>.

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For sign-up, payment and further information, please contact the outing leader.

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<<http://florida.sierraclub.org/broward>>

WE NEED MORE RECYCLING

– By Max Goldstein, Broward Sierra Treasurer

The annual Bank of America Starlight Musical Concerts in Holiday Park, Fort Lauderdale ran from June 13 through August 8. One of the most impressive aspects of these concerts was the “Recycle Rangers” scouring the park for bottles and cans that can be recycled. The Rangers give children recycle bins on wheels with tow ropes which they pull around to various groups of people and ask if they have any recyclables. The children are then given small prizes depending on how many bottles and cans they collect. There are also recycle bins located at various places around the field. This is an excellent way to not only make sure all these recyclables don't take up space in our already overflowing landfills (or worse, get dumped in the ocean and add to the trash vortex), but also to encourage children to be more environmentally conscious. However, this is a small drop in the bucket compared to the recycling we could be doing in South Florida. There is still no recycling that I've seen at any of our sporting events, Fantasy Fest, Fort Lauderdale or Miami boat shows, or art festivals. A single game at Dolphin Stadium means hundreds of plastic bottles thrown away instead of recycled for future use.



We need to ask our politicians to promote recycling. Only certain communities recycle, when all of them should. And there should be recycle bins at any place where people attend in numbers great and small. This should include all stadiums, boat shows, airports, the Swap Shop, and train stations. People will recycle if we make it convenient for them to do so.

For more information on local recycling, go to <<http://ci.ftlaud.fl.us/recycle>>.

PLANTING SEEDS TODAY FOR A BETTER TOMORROW

The City of Oakland Park is having the next clean up day at the Lakeside Sand Pine Preserve on Saturday November 1st from 8:30am to 12:00 noon. This is a great opportunity for residents of Broward County to volunteer to help clean up a rare and endangered natural community, a sand pine scrub! During the clean up day you will discover flora and fauna unique to the sand pine scrub.

Directions: At West Oakland Park Blvd. & NW 27 Ave., travel south on NW 27 Ave. until it dead ends at the preserve (about 2 blocks). The address is 2820 NW 27 Ave.

What to wear: Please wear clothes that you don't mind getting dirty. Closed-toe shoes, gloves, sun screen and a hat are strongly recommended. The City will provide water and brochures on our Lakeside Sand Pine preserve.

To Volunteer: Please call Charles Livio, City Horticulturist, at 954-630-4511.

CANDY CANE PLANNING COMMITTEE: MEMBERS NEEDED!

This year the Broward Sierra Club will participate in the 53rd Annual Hollywood Beach Candy Cane Parade to be held on Saturday, December 6, from 7-10pm on the Broadwalk. If you have never been to the Candy Cane Parade, you are in for a real treat. Broward schools, organizations and bands march, roll, sing, stroll and dance – while throwing candy canes – along the Broadwalk. We would like to have a great member turnout for this community event to raise awareness on pressing environmental issues, including wildlife protection. All ages are encouraged to participate in the parade.

If you would like to join the planning committee, or if you would like to share your ideas &/or labor on costumes, banners and throws, or if you want to participate in the parade, contact Pat Widener (patwidener@yahoo.com, 954-665-7615). Our first meeting will be on Sunday, October 12, at 5pm at Clams on the Beach, a clam shack on Hollywood Beach's Broadwalk, one block south of Johnson and the bandshell. This year's theme: Snowflakes in the sand.

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Placing an ad in the Broward Sierra News does more than reach thousands of local, environmentally sensitive readers. It also helps to offset the costs of printing and mailing the newsletter, making it possible to continue to alert you to issues of local importance and the actions you can take, as well as inform you of events, outings and meetings of the Broward Sierra Club group.



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