

# Election Ballot for Cherokee Group Executive Committee

2022 - 2023 Term

Please note that ONLY paper mail-in ballots are available for this year's ballot. No electronic ballot is available.

You are in the Cherokee Group if you live in one of these counties: Bledsoe, Bradley, Coffee, Franklin, Grundy, Jackson, Hamilton, Marion, McMinn, Meigs, Monroe, Overton, Polk, Putnam, Rhea, Sequatchie, Van Buren, Warren or White. Please vote for the election of (4) members of the Cherokee Group Executive Committee (ExCom), each having a two-year term beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2023.

Successful candidates will join our other ExCom Members in guiding our Group's actions. Only current members as of November 1, 2021, may vote. Joint members must use the same ballot. Single Members or each Joint Member should vote for no more than four (4) candidates. The order of candidates on the ballot was determined by drawing names at random.

VOTE HERE FOR CHEROKEE GROUP EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CANDIDATES:

<u>Cherokee Group Candidates</u>	<u>Single Member or First Joint Member</u> - Max 4 votes -	<u>Second Joint Member</u> - Max 4 votes -
Kate Anthony	_____	_____
Bruce Blohm	_____	_____
Tony Wheeler	_____	_____
Lisa Luck	_____	_____
Alice Demetreon	_____	_____

PLEASE READ: Paper ballots must be properly submitted to be counted.

Only current members as of November 1, 2021, may vote! Place both Group and At-Large ballots in the same envelope. Seal and write "Ballot" and your county on that same envelope. Place your "Ballot" envelope in a second envelope for mailing. Write your name, address, and Sierra Club membership number in the upper left hand corner of the mailing envelope. Your membership number is located to the left of your name on the mailing label of your *Tennes-Sierran*.

- Envelopes without name, address, and membership number cannot be counted.

- Mail promptly! Ballots must be received no later than December 15, 2021 to be valid.

Mail ballot promptly to: **Dr. Cris Corley**  
294 Braid Dr., Mt. Juliet, TN 37122

## Candidate Bios

**Kate Anthony** is a retired psychologist. She grew up in Southern California, and spent her young adult years backpacking in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. An environmentalist of long standing, she's done four different National Sierra Club service outings, and participated in the People's Climate March in NYC in 2015. She completed the Climate Reality Leadership training. Besides the Sierra Club, she serves for Quaker Earthcare Witness and is active in Tennessee Interfaith Power and Light. Her main focus is climate change. She is currently serving as Chair of the Cherokee Group.

**Bruce Blohm** is an outdoor enthusiast, an environmental advocate and active with numerous local sustainability efforts. He is a certified Tennessee Naturalist, currently serves on the executive committee as a board member for Friends of South Cumberland State Park, and as secretary/sergeant at arms for South Chickamauga Creek Greenway Alliance. He is originally from New Jersey, semi-retired and has been a resident of Chattanooga since 1981. He and his wife Kerry have one grown daughter living in Memphis.

**Tony Wheeler:** With degrees in Chemistry and Biochemistry, my professional career as a scientist and engineer has included environmental, health and human safety issues. In 1970, I directed an NSF environmental study of man-made lakes in Iowa. With 3 years at the National Animal Disease Center working in virology and physiology, I became involved with pandemic disease issues and human health. I have published work in medicine and have served as EPA and OSHA compliance officer for government and multinational organizations. After moving to Tennessee in 1985, I purchased property that included abandoned coal mines. By 1990, I had initiated a federal Rural Abandoned Mine Program in the Middle Creek watershed on Signal Mountain involving 6 landowners and multiple mines. This program continues today under TDEC supervision. In 2001, I was part of a community effort that prevented the development of a property at the top of the watershed that had significant sewage and storm water issues. In 2018, after another even more dangerous development proposal next to my home, I became the environmental representative for the Mountain Planning Group and have spent the last three years presenting multiple health and safety issues to TDEC and the Tennessee legislature. These efforts continue.

**Lisa Luck** is the Program Manager for the Putnam County Solid Waste Department. For over a decade, she has provided education for the county about best practices of waste management including litter, recycling, composting and reducing waste. In addition, she works as a solid waste consultant and works with counties in the Upper Cumberland regarding waste management. Lisa also writes articles about solid waste management for a variety of publications in Tennessee.

**Alice Demetreon:** I have always loved nature. Growing up in Chicago, I walked the beaches every chance I got. A poor kid from the North Side does not have a lot of opportunities to be "in the wild." I was fortunate to have a mother who took us to Chicago's nature preserves where I wandered the woods, loving every minute. That is why I know the Sierra Club's Inner City Outings program is so very important. In 2012 I watched Gasland. How many people can say a movie truly changed their life? In 2013 I attended my first anti-fracking rally where I learned of the Sierra Club from Scott Banbury. I was inspired and immediately became a member.

I became very active in my local group by organizing and attending marches, also joining the Executive and Political Committees. In January 2014 I became the TN Chapter Treasurer. I was a Chapter At-Large Delegate for 2 years and know the commitment and work it requires. I seek to connect to the younger crowd out there who are ready to make noise and let legislators know we are watching and the Environment is not for sale to the highest bidder.