



SIERRA TAMPA BAY GROUP CLUB



Explore Enjoy and Protect the Planet

March / April 2017

March & April Program & General Meeting:

When: Wednesday, March 8, & April 12

6:30 pm: Social Time

7:00 pm: General Membership Meeting and Program.

Location: Seminole Heights Public Library, 4711 Central Ave. Tampa (just south of Hillsborough Ave. and west of I-275, corner of W Osborne Ave.)

All Tampa Bay Sierra Club meetings are free and open to the public. If the Library parking lot is full, park in the fenced lot next door on the south side. For more information, contact Kent Bailey kent.bailey@florida.sierraclub.org

March 8 Program: John Muir: 150th Anniversary of his travels in Florida in 1867

Speaker: Paul Thibault

Paul Thibault will share his investigation into the travels of Sierra Club founder



John Muir, who traveled across Florida from San Ferdinandina to Cedar Key 150 years ago this Fall. Working from the Muir's journal and local history resources, Paul has been able to reach across the years, retracing Muir's travels and locating the descendants of those who saved Muir from malaria. Sierra is working on a plan to create a John Muir Scenic Trail across Florida to commemorate his trek across our state.

April 12 Program: Amalie Arena Goes Green

Speaker: Mary Milne VP Guest Experience

Mary Milne from Amalie Arena discusses the many ways the arena is working to reduce waste, save energy and make the Amalie Arena more environmentally friendly. There is more to the Amalie than ice hockey!



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People's Climate March - Washington DC April 29, 2017

Donald Trump is taking office as the only climate denying world leader and threatening to throw all our progress away. We're ready to fight back. Join Sierra Club as we march on Washington for what may be the most important march of your lifetime!

Check back for more information as we plan a trip from the Tampa Bay area. In the meantime, add your name to the RSVP list at <https://sierraclub.tfaforms.net/126>



We need to stand up and take action to protect everyone and everything we love — during the first 100 hours, the first 100 days, and beyond.

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OUTINGS

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Join our **MEETUP PAGE** online where all outings are posted. Go to www.meetup.com/Sierra-Club-Groups-of-the-Greater-Tampa-Bay-Florida-Area/ and click on Join Us! Anyone can join the Meetup page to get regular notices when new outings are added. Or for outings throughout the state go to florida.sierraclub.org/outings_browse.asp

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To participate in the Sierra Club's Outings, you need to sign a liability waiver, call: (415) 977-5630 or www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/

Sat/Sun March 18/19 Overnight backpack Ocala National Forest

We backpack in the Juniper Springs Wilderness for 6 miles through hike to camp. We will shuttle cars. It will be primitive camping near a pond. On Sunday we hike for 3 miles to our cars. Everyone needs to bring their own food but we can filter water from the pond. This is a beginners backpack trip. We will learn about logging practices and wildlife issues in the area. For more details contact Rudy Scheffer at rudy.scheffer@sierraclub.org or call 727-542-6403. (Suncoast)

Sat. April 22, Ecofest Paddle 8:30 am to 2 pm

Join us at the Tampa Bay Ecofest and Paddle on the Hillsborough River. We are at the Lowry Park Boat Ramp, 1204 W. Flora St. Tampa, FL. PFD's are required, and bring water and sunscreen for this easy paddle. For more information email Leader Rocky Milburn at tbico@live.com or call (813) 966-9785. (Tampa Bay)

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Tampa Bay Inspiring Connection Outdoors (ICO)

If you would like to help or learn about this growing program, please contact Rocky Milburn, tbico@live.com or Emilie Joyce, emiliejoyce17@gmail.com.



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2017 Beyond Sustainability

Conference

Saturday, April 8, 2017 At

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10am -4 pm on Dale Mabry

Campus located at Drew Park in Tampa, across from the Raymond James Stadium.

"Sustainable Lifestyles: Living Tiny & Leaving a Tiny Footprint."

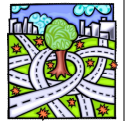
The United Tiny House Association is one of this year's key partners and they will be arranging an exhibit of tiny houses to demonstrate that the quality of our lives is not dependent on the magnitude of our space. Other exhibitors and workshops will show how even small actions taken in our daily lives can have a positive impact on both the environment and our quality of life.



The Conservation Committee Report:

The March/April Conservation Committee will meet on **Monday March 13, & Monday April 10, 2017, at 6:30pm**. Join us for the Conservation Committee Meeting at **St. Paul Lutheran Church at 5103 North Central Ave., Tampa, FL**. We meet in the **Snyder Building** directly behind the church. Follow the Tampa Bay Sierra Club signs.

- ★ For the February meeting we had Phil Compton speak on the Ready for 100 – Tampa Campaign. We will have follow-up on this initial discussion likely with Phil or others at the March meeting. This Campaign will be important to the Tampa Bay Group and will require volunteer support as we identify needs and skills required to assist this effort to bring Tampa to the 100% goal.
 - ★ The Tampa Bay members who have an interest in and skills to offer will be needed to deal with Hillsborough county development plans. This will require active and dedicated individuals who want to undertake training/briefing preparations, then to attend critical meetings of Hillsborough county boards, councils, committees, etc. to comment in support of limiting the out-of-control development processes that are degrading the environment and the quality of life here.
 - ★ Although we presented a written comment to the Hillsborough Diversity Advisory Council in support of protecting the vulnerable communities in the county from possible Trump administration threats we will need to take further action with the County Commissioners given Stacy White’s adamant opposition to standing up to the Feds to protect communities by establishing “sanctuary” status.
 - ★ Planning continues for events in support of the John Muir: 150th Anniversary of his travels in Florida in 1867. In general terms we are planning for a Climate Change Conference on 10 November and a Muir Conference on 11 November in Cedar Key. In April Florida Sierra Club Groups will hold events celebrating Muir’s birthday.
- Paul Thibault: Executive Committee & Conservation Chair, Tampa Bay Sierra Club**
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Hillsborough County rolls back proposed increases in wastewater pollutants

Alerted to a proposal that would have dramatically increased the allowable pollutant limits in industrial wastewater by County Commissioner Pat Kemp, Tampa Bay Group Chair Kent Bailey and Conservation Chair Paul Thibault met with several county officials to discuss the rationale behind these proposed increases. Sierra representatives expressed concerns about the proposed levels of such chemicals as dichlorobenzene and DEHP (which has been called “one of the six most dangerous chemicals in the world” and banned in Europe). Questions about the impact of higher levels of pollutants in the wastewater stream on the quality of Hillsborough County’s recycled water were raised. The possibility of increased cost to taxpayers to remove dangerous chemicals from industrial sources was discussed. After Sierra explored these issues the County restored existing limits on most pollutants and added new limits to chemicals that were previously not monitored. Tampa Bay Sierra Club is gratified by the responsiveness of the Hillsborough County on this issue.



USF SOLAR ENERGY FAIR

Saturday March 25 2017, 9 am to 4 pm.

Location: University of South Florida, Tampa Campus Engineering Building II ENB, 4202 E. Fowler Avenue, Tampa, FL 33620

The fifth Annual USF Solar Energy Fair and tour will be held Saturday March 25. Sponsored by the Sierra Club in conjunction with the student chapter of the International Solar Energy Society and the Clean Energy Research Center this event is expected to be attended by hundreds. The solar and renewable energy vendors will be on hand to answer homeowners’ questions. USF Environmental Policy Advocates and Student Environmental Association will join others with information tables and displays. Several electric cars will be on display. Speakers will include the world renowned energy researcher Dr. Yogi Goswami, our Sierra Club chair Kent Bailey, Sierra Club staff Phil Compton and several experts in the field of clean energy. An afternoon panel discussion will talk about solar issues in the Sunshine State. This year we are excited to add solar projects created by Bay area students. Sierra has helped with funding to help young people explore the potential of solar energy.



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Earth Day Celebrations April 21 and 22 2017

Friday April 21 from 11:00 to 2:00 the Tampa Bay Sierra Club will be at the **Suncoast Credit Union Earth Day Celebration** at their solar powered facility at 6801 Hillsborough Ave. Suncoast Credit Union is one of the many local businesses that have deployed solar panels to provide clean renewable energy for their facilities.



The 8th Annual EcoFest will be held on Saturday April 22 at the Lowry Park Band shell area at 7525 N. Boulevard, Tampa, Florida 33604.

EcoFest 2017 is a community event organized by Learning Gate Community School, the City of Tampa and the USF Office of Student Affairs to celebrate the many businesses, organizations, and individuals in the Tampa Bay area dedicated to the principles of sustainability – Ecology, Equity and Economy. The Tampa Bay Sierra Club will have a booth at Ecofest so be sure to come by in Lowry Park.

Ecofest is free and open to the public from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Come to enjoy live music, workshops, demonstrations, green products, local artists, environmental organizations, renewable energy specialists organic produce and much more.



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