

**April
2006**

Piedmont Plateau Group Of the Sierra Club

We welcome your articles, photos, and outings reports. The deadline for contributions is the second Tuesday of each month. Submit contributions to Dixon Cook at dcook4@triad.rr.com.

We reserve the right to reject or edit any copy that is unsuitable for publication or received after the deadline.

To change your address officially, email your address change or correction to: address-changes@sierraclub.org.

<http://nc.sierraclub.org/piedmont>

Our group **Executive Committee** (Excom) has open positions. If you have an interest in helping to set our local group's priorities, having a voice and a vote on important issues facing our community please contact:

Tom Taylor at 286-9689 or **Terry Woods** at 580-0510.

April Program: Fuel prices got you down?

Is it hard to make extra time to exercise? If you've heard the buzz around town then you know that Greensboro is exploring ways to make our city more bicycle and pedestrian friendly. Come join us Tuesday **April 11, 2006** as BIG (Bicycling In Greensboro) members Dasa Pejchar Mortensen and Kurt Cavanaugh will tell us what their organization has been doing, and what you can do, to help make getting around Greensboro without cars a real viable possibility.

This Sierra Club meeting will be held 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm at the New Garden Friends Meeting House, 801 New Garden Road (across from Guilford College).



<http://www.eere.energy.gov/afdc/altfuel/altfuels.html>

Let's go Lobby!

Consider saving this date to go to Raleigh with the Piedmont Plateau Group. We will get to talk with our elected officials about some of the things that matter most to us. Let Kim know if you'd like to go. She'll be compiling a list to organize carpooling.

Save the Date!

Here's your chance to rock the State Capitol and promote the NC Sierra Club's priority issues!

What: The Annual NC Sierra Club Lobby Day

When: Wednesday, June 7th 2006

Who: You! It doesn't matter if you're a novice or expert – we'll provide everything you need to make it a successful day!

Here's the perfect opportunity to take the day off, come to Raleigh and see your friends in the Sierra Club while making a difference!

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Important Announcement!

Starting at our May meeting, we will no longer meet at the New Garden Friends Meeting House, but will meet at the Kathleen Clay Edwards Family Branch Library, located at 1420 Price Park Road. This city library specialized in environmental materials and programs. It is located on the site of the former Jefferson-Pilot property off Hobbs Road. See map.



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Do you have an important issue you would like to contact your Representatives about? You can just call them!

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|------------------------------|----------------|
| Senator Elizabeth Dole | (202) 224-6342 |
| Senator Richard Burr | (202) 224-3154 |
| Representative Virginia Foxx | (202) 225-2071 |
| Representative Howard Coble | (336) 333-5005 |
| Representative Mel Watt | (336) 275-9950 |
| Representative Brad Miller | (336) 574-2909 |
| Governor Mike Easley | (919) 733-4240 |

PPG Outings

Outings Information

Please call the trip leader at a reasonable time of day, at least 48 hours prior to the outing, for details regarding level of difficulty and required equipment.

Outings are open to non-members. Invite a friend!

Bring - Water, food, whistle and raingear.

Weather - Trips go unless hazardous conditions exist. Call the leader when in doubt.

Radios and firearms are prohibited.

Pets are permitted only when it is stated that pets are permitted.

Difficulty Level- Hikers should make sure their ability and equipment match the difficulty.

In the interests of facilitating the logistics of some outings, it is customary that participants make carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpooling arrangements and assumes no liability for them. Carpooling, ride sharing or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel.

Easy: 0-5 miles and elevation change of up to 1000 feet.

Moderate: 5-10 miles and elevation change 1000 to 2500 feet.

Strenuous: 10 miles or elevation change of more than 2500 feet.

Apr 22 South Mountains State Park Hike

(Moderate/Strenuous) This hike is about 6-7 miles and includes a few really steep sections. We will hike parts of Shinny Creek, Headquarters and High Shoals Falls trails. The highlight of the hike will be the awesome falls, but I hope we will also see early signs of spring flora. What a treat it will be if we see trillium in bloom. Contact Cheryl Garrity at 336 427-0413 or cgarrityhike@earthlink.net

Apr 21 - 23 Grassy Ridge Bald – Backpack

(Moderately strenuous for elevation from Carver's Gap and distance/elevation of day hike). Friday we ascend from Carver's Gap through Engine Gap and across Jane Bald along the AT, then branch to the right to Grassy Ridge Bald (5,000 ft+) to our campsite. Open. Windswept. Magnificent views to the north and south. Saturday we day hike to the Barn Shelter. I was there a couple of years ago at this time of year. The flowers, if we are lucky, will be incredible. Entire hillsides of Spring Beauty, Trailing Arbutus, Trillium Emerald green Clintonians. Sunday we will drive the access road to Roan High Knob for the view before leaving. Deposit (\$10) required. Contact Jerry Weston. Email: jweston@gbwlaw.com or 856-1431 before 9:00 PM.

"We end, I think, at what might be called the standard paradox of the 20th century: our tools are better than we are, and grow faster than we do. They suffice to crack the atom, to command the tides. But they do not suffice for the oldest task in human history: to live on a piece of land without spoiling it." - Aldo Leopold

Global Climate Change

The UNCG Biology Department has organized an afternoon symposium to provide the Triad community with a forum in which to learn about and discuss environmental issues that are important to both North Carolinians and the global community. This year's symposium focuses on global climate change, possibly the most pressing environmental issue in human history. Presentations will address anticipated future greenhouse effects of increasing methane and nitrous oxide emissions, possible abrupt climate change in the North Atlantic, uncertainty in projections of future carbon dioxide emissions, and changes in hurricane patterns. Following the talks, there will be a panel discussion including questions from the audience.

We invite you to attend the 2006 symposium. 1:00-5:15 PM, on Friday April 7th, 2006 in Auditorium 101 of the new Science Building, at UNCG.

This event is free and open to the public.

If you would like more information or directions, please look at our Symposium Web Page:
www.uncg.edu/bio/symposium

or call the Biology Department at 336.334.5391

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						1 Earthday	#Chair: Kim Yarbray (kyarbray@yahoo.com)	632-1550
							#Vice-Chair: Catharine Sutherland (dancingtreesyoga@yahoo.com)	707-0082
2 DST be- gins	3	4	5	6	7	8	Advertising: Ann Dickinson (Ardpuppy2@aol.com)	674-2035
							Conservation:	OPEN
							Hospitality: Caroline Cook (cook1341@hotmail.com)	373-9059
							Membership:	OPEN
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							Newsletter Dist.: Bill & Cheryl Garrity (cgarrityhike@earthlink.net)	427-0413
9 Palm Sunday	10	11 Meeting at 7:30	12	13 Passover	14 Good Friday	15	Outings: Terry Woods (TWoodswalker@aol.com)	580-0510
							Political Com: Chuck Prysby (cprysby@bellsouth.net)	545-1336
							Program Chair: Kim Yarbray (kyarbray@yahoo.com)	632-1550
16 Easter	17	18	19 Excom @ 6:30 pm	20	21 Backpack	22 Backpack Hike	Publications:	OPEN
							Publicity: Peggy Ware (mjware@triad.rr.com)	282-6553
							Secretary: Dixon Cook (dcook4@triad.rr.com)	373-9059
							Trails: Kurt Peterson (yo_kurtdog@yahoo.com)	294-4233
							*Treasurer: Tom Taylor (tnt2703@excite.com)	286-9689
23 Backpack	24	25	26	27	28 Arbor Day	29	Webmaster: Sandy O'Neill (sandino42@hotmail.com)	279-1043
							*Alan Hedrick (hedwood1@yahoo.com)	299-8351
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