

May
2007

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.

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 **Catharine Sutherland** at 707-0082.

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

MayProgram: The Birds and the Bees!

Ever wonder about the birds and the bees...well especially the bees? Come hear what Norman Faircloth has to say. Norman is an active member with both the Guilford County Beekeepers and the NC Beekeepers Association and a lifetime resident of Guilford County. He will share his insight about local bee behavior and impact. Join us Tuesday, May 8 at 7:00 for refreshments prior to the 7:30 program. The program is free and all are welcome.

Sierra Club meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm at the Kathleen Clay Edwards Family Branch Library. Come share refreshments and social time at 7:00.

May Pre-PPG Meeting Dinner - On Tuesday, May 8, we will have a pre-PPG Group Meeting Dinner. Any PPG members (and anyone who'd like to join us) will gather at 5:45 pm Pastabilities on 1726 Battleground Aveat to enjoy dinner before the meeting. Please RSVP by Monday, May 7 to Dick Mearns at dick_mearns@bellsouth.net. We hope you can join us!



In Greensboro, Sierrans were part of an effort by about 1,400 groups in all 50 states to ask Congress to aggressively manage global warming by reducing CO2 emissions by 80% by 2050. For more information on the Step-It-Up efforts of this nations, see <http://stepitup2007.org/>

For more efforts on how the Cool Cities Team of the local Sierra Club is working with our city officials to get sign on to the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, see our website at <http://nc.sierraclub.org/piedmont/coolcities.asp> or contact Kim Yarbray at kyarbray@yahoo.com or 632.1550 or Joel Landau at Jand-Blandau@bellsouth.net.

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Can you help on Clean Water Lobby Day?

The North Carolina water community is going to storm the state legislature and ask that North Carolina legislators protect public health through clean water. Please make plans to join them and other concerned citizens from around the state for the **7th Annual Clean Water Lobby Day on Wednesday, May 2 in Raleigh!**

Clean Water Lobby Day is an annual event bringing folks from across the state together in Raleigh at the NC General Assembly. Last year, we had 150 individuals from North Carolina in attendance - Help us make this year even bigger! For more information contact:

Nicole Stewart
 Organizer
 NC Conservation Network
 112 S. Blount Street
 Raleigh, NC 27601
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www.nconconservationnetwork.org

Clean Water Lobby Day is an event that the NC Watershed Alliance (a coalition of 20 organizations focused on water issues) hosts annually. Clean Water Lobby Day provides individuals from across North Carolina the chance to talk to their legislators about pressing water-related issues.

Please join us for Clean Water Lobby Day!



Sierra Club PPG table at the Earth Day Celebration at Kathleen Clay Edwards Public Library, April 14, 2007.

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

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

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.

Representative Brad Miller signs on as original cosponsor of America's Red Rock Wilderness Act!

The bill was introduced in April and will protect 9.1 million acres of Wilderness in Utah. Please write, email, or call Representative Miller and thank him for supporting this rare and valuable wilderness. He can be contacted at: 125 S. Elm Street, Suite 504, Greensboro, NC 27401 or by phone at 574-2909. Your Representative can be contacted by email at: <http://www.house.gov/writerep/>

If your Representative is Mel Watt, you could also email him and ask if he would become a cosponsor of America's Red Rock Wilderness Act.

May 4-6

Whitewater Falls BP

(Moderate to strenuous)(Not scouted). South of Sapphire, NC, on the NC/SC border. Set base camp Friday in the area of Round Mt, 1.5 miles appx from NC 281. Day hike SW on Chattooga Ridge as time permits. Saturday day hike 10 miles appx to and in area of Whitewater Falls, Lake Jocassee to the SE. All the usual wildlife including "one of the most abundant black bear populations in the southeast," eagles, peregrine falcon, deer, wild turkey and, amazing for this area, scorpions. Oconee Bells, limited in range to this area, should be in bloom along with May Apples, Jack-in-the-Pulpit and showy orchids. **Group size limited.** \$25 refundable-at-the-trailhead deposit. Contact Jerry Weston 856-1431 before 9:00 pm or takeahike@earthlink.net.

The PPG Executive Committee meets every last Wednesday of the Month at 7:15 pm in the Community Room at Earth Fare on Battleground Ave. All Sierra Club members are welcome to attend!

"Nature is painting for us, day after day, pictures of infinite beauty." - John Ruskin, (1819-1900).

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May, 2007–Activities at a glance							Group Directory	
S	M	T	W	T	F	S		
		1	2 Clean Water Lobby Day	3	4 Hike	5 Hike/ Cinco de Mayo	*Chair: Catharine Sutherland (dancingtreesyoga@yahoo.com)	707-0082
							#Vice-Chair: Jerry Varner (varnerj@bellsouth.net)	337-4987
							Advertising:	OPEN
							Conservation:	OPEN
							Hospitality: Caroline Cook (cook1341@hotmail.com)	373-9059
							Membership:	OPEN
							Newsletter Editor: Dixon Cook (dcook4@triad.rr.com)	373-9059
							Newsletter Dist.: Bill & Cheryl Garrity (cgarrityhike@earthlink.net)	427-0413
6 Hike	7	8 Group Meeting	9	10	11	12	Outings: Terry Woods (TWoodswalker@aol.com)	580-0510
13 Mother's Day	14	15	16	17	18	19	Political Com: Chuck Prysby (cprysby@bellsouth.net)	545-1336
							*Program Chair: Kim Yarbray (kyarbray@yahoo.com)	632-1550
							Publications: Laurie O'Neill (laurieponeill@yahoo.com)	279-1043
							Publicity: Peggy Ware (mjware@triad.rr.com)	282-6553
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	Secretary:	OPEN
							*Treasurer: Tom Taylor (tnt2703@excite.com)	286-9689
							Webmaster: Laurie & Sandy O'Neill (sandino42@hotmail.com)	279-1043
27	28 Memorial Day	29	30 Excom @ 6:30 pm	31	Jun 1	Jun 2	* ExCom Member with term ending Dec. 31, 2007	
							# ExCom Member with term ending Dec. 31, 2008	