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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](mailto: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](mailto: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://northcarolina.sierraclub.org/piedmont>

## October Program: Protecting Our Night Environment

Wildlife needs both daylight and darkness for normal functioning. We can help protect wildlife by making sure outdoor lights in our personal environments do not add light pollution. What is light pollution and how can we reduce it? Please join us on Tuesday, October 9th when Dennis Hands, member of the International Dark-Sky Association, will describe good and bad lighting, and share a few easy solutions to restore our natural nighttime environment.

**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.**



Photos from Dennis Hands

## Oct. Pre-Meeting Dinner

On Tuesday, October 9, we will have a pre-PPG Group Meeting Dinner. Join us at Southern Lights, at 105 Smyres Place (behind Hams), at 5:45 to enjoy dinner before the meeting. Please RSVP by Monday, October 8 to Dick Mearns at [Dick\\_mearns@bellsouth.net](mailto:Dick_mearns@bellsouth.net). We hope to see you there!



The Sierra Club  
co-sponsors events with  
other community  
organizations in our area.

For an updated list of  
events and movies that  
focus on sustainability,  
please see

[http://nc.sierraclub.org/  
piedmont/community.asp](http://nc.sierraclub.org/piedmont/community.asp)

(The printed version of our newsletter presented a  
roster of the Sustainable World Film Series at  
UNCG.)

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**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.

**Oct. 5 - 7 Hot Springs, NC Cabin/campground Event**

(Moderate). Something different. This will be a spouse-friendly trip for those not really into backpacking but who like the outdoors. Join the group for all activities or pick and choose your preferences.

Friday: Meet @ 2:00 pm for a 5-7 mile dayhike along the AT and Lovers Leap across the French Broad River from Hot Springs. Dinner at the Paddler's Pub. Saturday: Meet @ 9:00 am for a dayhike at Max Patch Bald. Dinner at the Bridge Inn. Hot tubs in the evening at the Hot Spring's Spa. Sunday: Meet @ 8:30 am for breakfast at Smoky Mt. Caf  before returning home. Contact Jerry Weston at 856-1431 before 9:00 pm or jweston@gbwlaw.com. (I will not have telephone or email connection 8/30 thru 9/13) for details on lodging options, restaurants etc. I will provide the info, you make the reservations – and I suggest soon. All available lodging is likely to book before September, as this is the beginning of the leaf season.

**Oct. 27 Stone Mountain Day Hike**

(Moderate) This will be a wonderful opportunity to observe the fall colors. We will hike the Stone Mountain trail which takes us over the rock and through the meadow. The hike will include views of the parkway foliage, a beautiful waterfall and perhaps turkey vultures and deer. The hike has one strenuous stretch as we ascend to the top of the dome. This is one of my favorite parks. Contact Cheryl Garrity at 427-0413 or cgarrityhike@earthlink.net.

**Oct. 20 Harper Creek Wilderness Study Area Hikes**

(moderate) Join us as we take several easy to moderate hikes in this beautiful area near Wilson Creek. We'll visit a nice waterfall, see some nice views of the Big & Little Lost Cove areas/surrounding mountains and take a nice back country drive on Forest Service roads to see fall color/views. Contact Terry Woods at twoods-walker@triad.rr.com or call 580-0580 for details.

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**PPG programs for 2007**

- Nov 13 - Scott Bost & Yvonne Foust - Recycling Panel
- Dec 11 - Annual Holiday Potluck

*"There must be a reason why some people can afford to live well. They must have worked for it. I only feel angry when I see waste. When I see people throwing away things we could use."*  
- Mother Teresa (1910-1997), *A Gift for God*, 1975.

The PPG Executive Committee meets every last Tuesday of the month at 6 pm in the Community Room at Earth Fare on Battleground Ave. All Sierra Club members are welcome to attend.

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October, 2007—Activities at a glance							Group Directory	
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	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Camping	<b>6</b> Camping	*Chair: Catharine Sutherland (dancingtreesyoga@yahoo.com)	707-0082
							#Vice-Chair: Jerry Varner (varnerj@bellsouth.net)	337-4987
							Advertising:	OPEN
							Conservation:	OPEN
							Hospitality:	OPEN
							Membership:	OPEN
<b>7</b> Camping	<b>8</b> Columbus Day	<b>9</b> Group Meeting	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	Newsletter Editor: Dixon Cook (dcook4@triad.rr.com)	373-9059
							Newsletter Dist.: Richard Kreager	288-8297
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Hikes	Outings: Terry Woods (twoodswalker@triad.rr.com)	580-0510
							Political Com: Chuck Prysby (cprysby@bellsouth.net)	545-1336
							*Program Chair: Kim Yarbray (kyarbray@yahoo.com)	632-1550
							Publications: Laurie O'Neill (slowturnfarm@gmail.com)	279-1043
							Publicity: Peggy Ware (mjware@triad.rr.com)	282-6553
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Hike	Secretary:	OPEN
							*Treasurer: Tom Taylor (tnt2703@excite.com)	286-9689
							Webmaster: Laurie O'Neill (slowturnfarm@gmail.com)	279-1043
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Excom @ 6:00 pm	<b>31</b> Halloween	<b>Nov 1</b>	<b>Nov 2</b>	<b>Nov 3</b>	* ExCom Member with term ending Dec. 31, 2007	
							# ExCom Member with term ending Dec. 31, 2008	