

**November
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.

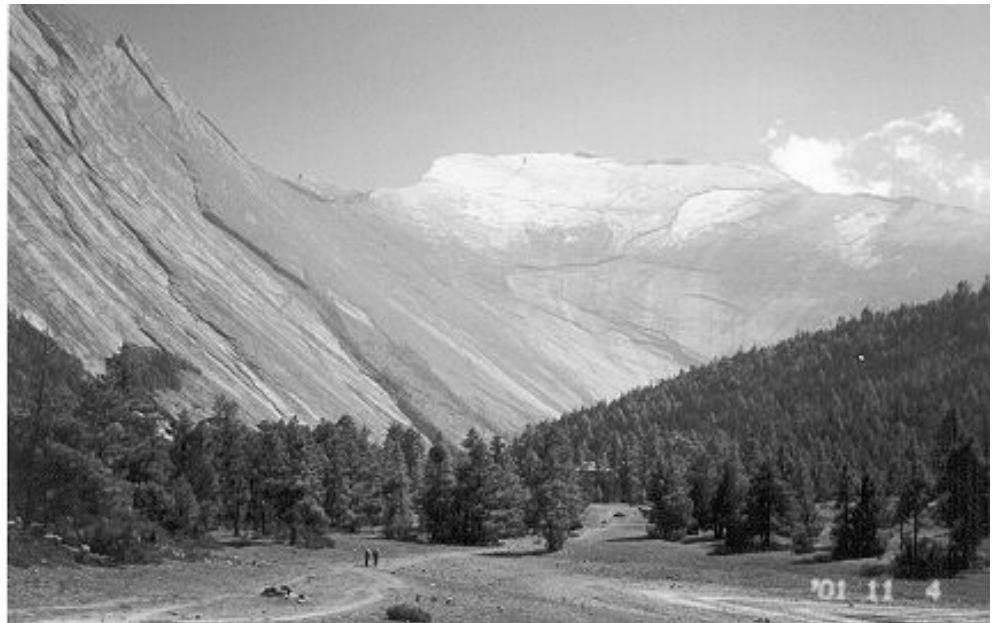
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November Program: Trekking in Nepal

On Tuesday, **November 13** please join us for Sarah Glover's slideshow and description of her 16-day trek over the "Annapurna Circuit" in Nepal. Sarah will tell us about the welcome she received in the remote villages and schools, her hikes on trails through oak and rhododendron forests, and will show us some of the dramatic views of the Annapurna Range and unique wildlife. She will also describe the "Room to Read" program, which sponsored the trek and built or served the schools.

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.



Meet Jerry Varner—Our Vice Chair

My past volunteer activities include 8 years with Habitat for Humanity, 8 years as a youth soccer coach, and several years of Vietnamese refugee resettlement in New York State. My first volunteer work for the Sierra Club started a little over two years ago, after I'd moved to North Carolina, when I read a notice in "Footnotes" requesting writers to contribute articles. I began writing a regular column on Green Living and, shortly after that, Elyse Jung asked if I would be a candidate for the Chapter Steering Committee. My first term is almost finished, and I am running again.

During the past two years on the Chapter Steering Committee, I have served on the Energy Committee, chaired the Awards Committee, and served as Vice-Chair. I also initiated and organized a successful Chapter ExCom meeting poster session that helped introduce attendees to ideas and involved people from around the state.

I moved to Greensboro a little over a year ago and became active in the PPG. I am on the group ExCom and serve as Vice-Chair. I am also an active member of PPG's Political Committee.

Nov. Pre-Meeting Dinner - On Tuesday, November 13, we will have a pre-PPG Group Meeting Dinner. Everyone is welcome to gather at the Mexico Restaurant, on 1007 Battleground (next to Jiffy Lube), at 5:45 to enjoy dinner before the meeting. Please RSVP by Monday, November 12 to Dick Mearns at *Dick_mearns@bellsouth.net*. We hope you can join us!

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 pre-
sented a roster of the Sustainable World Film
Series at UNCG.)

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.

Nov. 9 - 11 Hoop Hole Trail Backpack

(Moderate to strenuous) (Not scouted) WNW of Roanoke. Designated roadless area within George Washington National Forest. Trailhead elevation 1320 ft. High point 3600 ft. Figure eight loop with two side trails possible. Lots of uphill, most with daypack. 2.0 miles, appx, to base camp Friday. 10 miles, appx, dayhike Saturday. Numerous stream crossings. Good views from rock ledges reported. All the usual wildlife including "prime bear habitat". *Group size limited.* \$25 refundable-at-the-trailhead deposit. Contact Jerry Weston at 856-1431 before 9:00 pm or takeahike@earthlink.net.

Nov. 17 Cooks Wall Hike

- Moderate- This trail is beautiful in all seasons. I'm hoping for a cool, crisp, sunny day so we can appreciate the diversity of this trail. There are wonderful views, a little rock hopping, some level areas and a few good climbs. We even have a small creek crossing. What more could you ask? From House Rock, we will see and learn the history of Duke Energy's Coal Fired Steam Station. We will hike about 4-6 miles. Call Cheryl Garrity at 427-0413.

Nov. 24 Full Moon Hike

(easy to moderate) Come along as we hike local watershed trails to experience the woods at night under the full moon/stars; if you have not tried it- join us. We should also be able to explore land usually under water and have better views of the moon and stars, plus look for wildlife signs. Contact Terry Woods for details at: twoods-walker@triad.rr.com or call 336-580-0510. Pets welcome (must be on a leash).

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PPG December program
Dec 11 - Annual Holiday Potluck

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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| November, 2007—Activities at a glance | | | | | | | Group Directory | |
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| S | M | T | W | T | F | S | | |
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | *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 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | Newsletter Editor: Dixon Cook (dcook4@triad.rr.com) | 373-9059 |
| DST Ends | | Election Day | | | Backpack | Backpack | Newsletter Dist.: Richard Kreager | 288-8297 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | Outings: Terry Woods (twoodswalker@triad.rr.com) | 580-0510 |
| Veterans Day / BP | | Group Meeting | | | | Hike | Political Com: Chuck Prysby (cprysby@bellsouth.net) | 545-1336 |
| | | | | | | | *Program Chair: Tom Taylor (tnt2703@excite.com) | 286-9689 |
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| | | | | | | | Secretary: | OPEN |
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| | | | | | | | Webmaster: Laurie O'Neill (slowturnfarm@gmail.com) | |
| | | | | | | | * ExCom Member with term ending Dec. 31, 2007 | |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | Dec 1 | # ExCom Member with term ending Dec. 31, 2008 | |
| | | Excom @ 6:00 pm | | | | | | |