

**October
2008**

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.

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

Our group **Executive Committee** (Excom) has open positions. If you are interested in having a voice and a vote on important issues facing our community please contact: **Tom Taylor** at 286-

October Program: Representative Pricey Harrison!

Join us on **Tuesday, October 14th**, and hear NC Representative Pricey Harrison tell us about the work she has been doing in the State Legislature. Representative Harrison is the primary sponsor of 101 bills in the State Legislature and is on eight committees, including the vice-chair of two committees.

Before she became a Representative she was an environmental advocate and activist, and was endorsed by the Sierra Club.

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 on 1420 Price Park Road. Come share refreshments and social time at 7:00.



The pre-dinner meeting for our October program will be held on October 14 at 5:45 at a place to be announced. Please contact Dick Mearns at dick_mearns@bellsouth.net by October 13 to RSVP.

Winston-Salem Leads the Way

Well on the way to reducing its greenhouse gas emissions 7% below 1990 levels, Winston Salem, under Mayor Allen Joines, has raised the bar among Cool Cities in North Carolina. The city recently completed its greenhouse gas inventory and announced plans to launch energy reduction initiatives.

"More people are looking for businesses that use sustainable practices, so they can support the 'green alternative' when they make purchases," says Elyse Jung, "Going 'green' can help a business's bottom line. And the business community's support is vital to reaching our goals for greenhouse gas reductions."

The Foothills Group, Mayor Joines, and Winston-Salem's City Council are proving that local governments are leading the way in combating climate change. Be sure to visit the Foothills Group at their booth during *Rock the Block*, the music festival that dovetails *Go Green Winston Salem*.

Important News!

Thanks to everyone who responded so enthusiastically about attending the concert by Walkin' Jim Stoltz. We have scheduled the event, in collaboration with the Environmental Stewardship group, for November 21, 2008 at 7:30 pm. The multimedia concert will be held in the Haywood Duke Room of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church which is located at 607 North Greene Street in Greensboro. For more information or to reserve tickets early, please contact Kim Yarbray at kyarbray@yahoo.com

It's that time again...Sierra Club calendars will be arriving soon. This year wall calendars are \$13.95 and engagement calendars are \$14.95. Proceeds from calendar sales in past years have gone to support such things as running the local Cool Cities campaign and supporting the Environmental Film Series at UNC-G. If have some ideas for increasing sales, if you'd like to help us with our largest annual fundraiser this year, or if you want to place an early order, please contact Kim Yarbray at: kyarbray@yahoo.com

Future Programs for 2008

November Program, Madasgar

December, Pot Luck Dinner

First Aid Class -

Our Group is considering hosting a Red Cross first aid class if there is sufficient interest. The class will deal with emergency response and basic first aid. These are skills which ideally everyone should learn, especially if you have kids or participate in outdoor or fitness activities. It is important to develop these basic skills before an emergency arises. There is also a wilderness skills version available for those of you that hike, bicycle, backpack or canoe/kayak in the backcountry. If you are interested please contact me for more information at: woods-walker@triad.rr.com or call 580-0510.

Virginia State Parks Camphost Program -

Perfect for active retirees or for folks with extended vacations (like teachers), you can earn future camping or cabin stays. For more information:

1-800-933-7275
www.dcr.virginia.gov
 Virginia State Parks

Thunder Horse Nursery will donate ten Niagara grape vines to the PPG Sierra Club. The price is \$8.00 each and they will be available at the group meeting. Money from the sale of these grape vines goes to the PPPG Sierra Club. For additional information call Thunder Horse Nursery at 668-2689.

Want to receive email notifications about meetings and environmental events? Send your email address to Tom Taylor at tnt2703@excite.com. Our local group sends emails using a system provided by the national organization with the usual "unsubscribe" option.

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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.

Oct 18 - Harper Creek Wilderness SA Hikes

(moderate) Join us as we take a couple easy paced moderate hikes in the beautiful Lost Coves/Wilson Creek area off of the Blue Ridge Parkway bordering the Linville Gorge wilderness area.

We'll hike to a nice waterfall on N. Harper Creek and along the creek above the falls; then we'll walk the trail to the Big or Little Lost Coves cliffs to see some nice views of the coves and the surrounding mountains. Finally we'll take a back country drive on Forest Service roads to see fall color/views. Contact **Terry Woods** at: twoodswalker@triad.rr.com or call **580-0580** for details.

Group size limited in wilderness areas.

Oct 25 - Stone Mountain State Park Loop Trail

(Moderate) This trail is 4-5 miles in length. The first mile is strenuous as we climb to the top of the park's namesake. The rest of the hike is all downhill, well, almost. We'll see great views from the top, maybe including colorful fall foliage. We will also see Stone Mountain Falls up close and finally the mountain viewed from the valley. Contact Cheryl Garrity, cgarrity-hike@triad.rr.com or 427-0413.

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"Source Reduction is to garbage what preventive medicine is to health." - William L. Rathje, Atlantic Monthly, December 1989.

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October 2008—Activities at a glance

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12	13	14 Group Meeting	15	16	17	18 Hikes
19 Columbus Day	20	21	22	23	24	25 Hike
26	27	28 Excom Meeting	29	30	31 Halloween	Nov 1

Group Directory

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