

# Orange-Chatham Group

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# Volunteers Needed

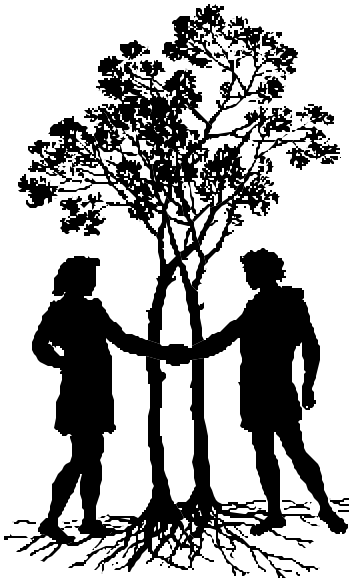
The OCG needs more members to become involved. Over the years, the OCG has been recognized as a community voice for conservation, as a resource for people wanting to enjoy nature, and as an advocate for natural areas and sane development. Please become a leader and help to keep OCG a community leader as well.

FEBRUARY 2003



## Clean UP Bolin Creek

Every 3rd Saturday - Bolin Creek Trail. Work is continuing on the Bolin Creek habitat restoration project. After a fairly small amount of work, a significant improvement is now visible along the Greenway. Almost all of the Chinese privet has been removed from the first section, and a dent in the and wisteria There may be opportunity this reintroduce desirable natives.



This is a project, and many more. It's hard very reward-difference is immediately, effect is long. After the initial pilot project is complete, other sections of the creek will be targeted. The plan is to include neighborhood groups from the various areas adjacent to the creek.

We meet the third Saturday of each month at the Greenway entrance on Bolinwood Drive, just off Hillsborough Street in Chapel Hill. Please contact Bill Bracey at arbornet@mindspring.com, or 942-9937 if you are interested in participating.

## Volunteers Needed

**EXCOM Members:** The OCG needs people willing to serve on the Executive Committee (EXCOM) of this Sierra Club group. The EXCOM is the group of elected officers that makes decision on behalf of the Orange-Chatham Group of the Sierra Club. We only meet once a month, ten or eleven times during the year.

**Membership Chair:** The OCG needs a Membership Chair to promote our activities, to greet members at the general meeting each month, and to perform other tasks related to membership and volunteer activities.

While requiring only a few hours each month, few positions in our organization are as important as this one. The Membership Chair can have a huge impact on the strength and vitality of our organization.

If you are interested in helping, or want more information, please call Robert Porter at 929-6983 or email at robertporter@mindspring.com

## OCG Meetings

Thursday, February 13th at 7:30 p.m. General Meeting at the Church of Reconciliation.

## Solar Energy New Technologies

Please join us to hear about new technology in the solar energy field from Bob Kingery. Bob works for Solar Consultants, a business founded in 1982 that focus on helping consumers save money while reducing fossil fuels pollution. Solar Consultants assists with all phases of your project; starting with design, followed by installation and maintenance. They'll even help you claim your 35% NC income tax credit.

Join us at the General Meeting where Bob will discuss advances in the following technologies.

- Solar Domestic Water Heating
- Commercial Water Heating
- Solar Pool Heating
- Active Solar Space Heating
- Radiant Floor Space Heating, with or without solar input

Wednesday, February 5th, 7:30 p.m. ExCom meeting. At the Oriental Garden Restaurant on Rosemary Street. Submit agenda items to Robert Porter at robertporter@mindspring.com or 933-7613. All OCG members are welcome and encouraged to join us.

## OCG ExCom

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## Inner City Outings

The Inner City Outings Group of the Sierra Club (out of Raleigh) provides youth in the Triangle with outdoor recreation and environmental education experiences they would not otherwise have. We are always looking for volunteers, and it's a wonderful opportunity to serve youth and introduce the Sierra Club and help protect our environment, all at the same time. Go to <http://ico.sierraclub.org/raleigh/> to find out more about the organization and see what kinds of activities we are involved with.

There will be a meeting of current and prospective volunteers on Saturday, February 22, 8:45 - 2:00, at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 3313 Wade Ave., Raleigh, and we encourage all potential volunteers -- anyone interested in working with these youngsters and serving the goals of the Sierra Club -- to come to the Volunteer Meeting.

Please call Asta Crowe at 933-4564 for more information.

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### Outings

**1st and 3rd Saturdays of each Month - American Tobacco Trail Service Outing.** Friends of the American Tobacco Trail and the Sierra Club are continuing their efforts to extend the American Tobacco Trail in southern Durham and surrounding counties. Generally, the group meets on the first and third Saturdays of every month starting at 9:00 AM. The workgroup meets at the Scott King Rd. crossing of the ATT. If you would like to know more about trails and greenways construction or maintenance and other service outings in the Triangle, contact Thad Howard (HWG) at 919-544-9126 or e-mail [thad.howard@duke.edu](mailto:thad.howard@duke.edu).

**FEB 8 (Saturday) Uwharries National Forest, Birkhead Wilderness Section.** Winter is the best time to visit this little known Wilderness area. The views are great! Hunting season is over! Explore old homesteads on this easy to moderate hike. Low hills, possibly muddy trails. Plan to eat lunch on the trail. We'll meet at 10 AM near Asheboro. Hike will be cancelled if road conditions are hazardous. Contact Helene Baumann (OCG) at [helene.baumann@duke.edu](mailto:helene.baumann@duke.edu) or 919-732-4060 (it's best to call 8-10 PM, or leave a message).

**FEB 9 (Sunday) 1p.m. Sierra Cubs hike at Hemlock Bluffs, Cary.** This outing is for Parents or Grandparents and their children. We'll hike 1 or 2 of the loop trails and look for birds and other winter wildlife. RSVP by Feb 8th to Shirley Phillips @ 567-2608 or [mrwhisk@aol.com](mailto:mrwhisk@aol.com). This is a **Sierra Cubs Hike**.

**FEB 14-16 -Rock Castle Gorge winter base camp and day hike at Rocky Knob on the Blue Ridge Parkway in Virginia.** Drive up Friday evening, spectacular 11-mile day hike on Saturday, and return Sunday morning. If there's interest,

### National Sierra Club Elections—Please Vote!

You will receive your ballot for the Club's Board of Directors in March. This will include information about the candidates. Please take a little time to review the ballot and cast your votes.

Friday night we'll drive over to the nearby Floyd Country store Jamboree. Easy backpack; strenuous dayhike. Maximum group size 10. \$10 refundable deposit required. Call Chris or Odile Gould (OCG) at 919-493-1194, or email [chris\\_gould@mindspring.com](mailto:chris_gould@mindspring.com).

**FEB 16 (Sunday): New Light Road Trail at Falls Lake.** After eating too many Valentine Day sweets, we'll take a 5 mile moderate hike to work off some calories. Meeting place to start the hike will be the K-mart Parking lot off of Capital Blvd where we can join up and either carpool or follow each other to the trailhead. Please bring water & lunch to eat along the way. Appropriate footwear will be required. Well-behaved canines on leashes allowed. Contact Sarah at [sarahrcrouch@yahoo.com](mailto:sarahrcrouch@yahoo.com) to sign up.

**FEB 22 (Saturday) 3:00 p.m. Falls Lake Hike.** Hike will be followed by a potluck dinner at the home of Sara Romeis (528-6483 or [sararomeis@aol.com](mailto:sararomeis@aol.com)). Meet at Conference Center at Blue Jay Point. This is a **Sierra Seniors Hike**.

**MAR 9 (Sun): Eno River Hike.** Tired of winter? We'll explore along the Eno River to see if we can see signs of approaching Spring. Meeting place to start the hike will be the Durham Wholefoods/Wellsprings off of 9th Street where we can join up and either carpool or follow each other to the trailhead. Please bring water and a lunch to eat along the way. Appropriate footwear will be required. Well-behaved canines on leashes allowed. Contact Sarah at [sarahrcrouch@yahoo.com](mailto:sarahrcrouch@yahoo.com) to sign up.

**MAR 21-23 Croatan National Forest Hikes.** Easy hikes on dry trails in the swamps of Eastern North Carolina, before the insects, before the heat, but in time for early wildflowers and curious night sounds. Day hikes and a very short backpack. Call Dick Udry (OCG) at 919-929-1779 between 8 and 10 PM or e-mail [udry@unc.edu](mailto:udry@unc.edu).

**MAR 30 (Sunday): The Hwy 70/Glenwood side of Umstead Park.** Thinking of getting in shape for the approaching warm weather? We'll hike 5 miles to burn off some calories. Meeting place to start the hike will be the back parking lot of the 70 side of the Park. Please bring water and snacks, but we'll have lunch afterwards at a nearby restaurant. Appropriate footwear will be required. Well-behaved canines on leashes allowed. Contact Sarah at [sarahrcrouch@yahoo.com](mailto:sarahrcrouch@yahoo.com) to sign up.

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### Non Sierra Sponsored Hikes

**FEB Sunday Winter Hikes on the Eno River:** Winter Hikes go out every Sunday afternoon in February at 2 p.m. from the Eno River State Park Headquarters (Few's Ford Access Area) at the very end of Cole Mill Road northwest of Durham. From I-85, drive 5.7 miles on Cole Mill Road until it ends in the picnic parking lot at the very end of the road. The hikes explore a different section of the Eno River Valley each week. Each hike lasts about two and a half-hours and cover 3 to 4 miles.

The Eno River Association sponsors hikes in the Eno River State Park on Sunday afternoons during January and February. Jonathan Nyberg (919-403-1728) or Marcia Eickmeier (919-644-1806) before 9:00 pm.

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**More outings information is available on-line at <http://www.sierraclub-nc.org/ocg>**



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