

Orange- Chatham Group

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New Meeting Place

The OCG Excom has been looking for ways to revitalize the General Meeting. One decision we've made is to change the day and location of our monthly meeting. The General Meeting will be at the Carrboro Century Center and will be held on the second Wednesday of each month. Remember our new day and location.

APR 2004



Summit: On Human Population



Challenges for a Sustainable World: A forum will be held on **Earth Day, Thursday, April 29th**, from **7:00 to 10:00 P.M.** at the Chapel Hill Town Council Chambers at the

Chapel Hill Town Hall.

Speakers for the forum include:

Russ Hopfenberg, Duke University— Co-author of Human Population Numbers as a Function of Food Supply.

Alan Thornhill, Exec Dir of the Society for Conservation Biology.

Jason Bradford, Univ of California at Davis.

For more information contact Steve Salmony at 967-5764 or SESalmony@aol.com.

Sierra Club Training Academy

Friday, April 23 - Sunday, April 25, 2004
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Learn how to take effective action! The Academy is an intensive workshop that begins on Friday evening and ends on Sunday afternoon. Room & board are paid for by the Sierra Club and travel scholarships are available to help with those expenses if necessary. There is a \$20 materials fee for participation.

To learn more about this program go to <http://clubhouse.sierraclub.org/leaders/training/> and enter the following user name and password:

The username is: clubhouse

The password is: explore

For info contact Liz Pallatto at liz.pallatto@sierraclub.org or by phone at (415) 977-5674

Sierra Outings Leaders

Calling all Sierra Club Outings leaders and would-be outings leaders: A 1-day training that will qualify you to lead Sierra Club Outings is being offered at **Umstead Park on Saturday, April 17**. Don't miss this opportunity to acquire or update the skills required to be an outings leader. Even if you do not lead many hikes, you will still profit from training in wilderness first aid and become more savvy on the trail and off.

Leading outings is fun and makes a very definite contribution by introducing people to the wilderness areas we are trying to protect. Try it! To sign up, e-mail Kristi Chilton at joybird7@yahoo.com.

OCG Meetings

April General Meeting

Wednesday, April 14th, 7:30 p.m. General Meeting. Our April 14 meeting will feature presentations by Ken Pugh and Dave Goodling. Ken has hiked the entire Appalachian trail and will be recalling some of his encounters with bears, blisters, and fellow hikers. Dave, who recently opened an outdoor equipment outlet in Hillsborough, will be demonstrating some of the equipment designed to make the hiker's life easier.

There is parking directly across the street, a lot next to Wendy's, and, of course, a big lot in front of CVS/Harris Teeter on Greensboro off of Weaver. There will be an additional charge for a screen. The most direct entrance to the Meeting Rooms is from Greensboro at the door marked "Activity Rooms."

Wednesday, February 4th, 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.

Membership Committee Forming: A new committee is forming that will focus on you — the OCG member. The goal will be to increase the OCG's activity by reaching out to members. If you want to help, or if you're interesting in learning more about this effort, please contact the Membership Chair, Kristen Dang at 932-3127 or email her at kamerath@bellsouth.net.

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Human Rights Report

We are gearing up for a new campaign that will be grounded in a new environmental defenders report. This one focuses on folks who have had their rights violated for trying to stop illegal logging in their countries. More information about the Club's human rights and the environment program can be found at the following link:

<http://www.sierraclub.org/human-rights/>

Contact Doug Hunt to help or for information at doug.hunt@sierraclub.org or call at 202-675-7907/

Outings

All participants on Sierra Club outings are required to sign a standard liability waiver. If you would like to read the liability waiver before you chose to participate on an outing, please go to: <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/>, or contact the Outings Department at (415) 977-5528 for a printed version.

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. This is a long-term project, and we need many more volunteers. It's hard work, but very rewarding.

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.

1st and 3rd Saturdays of each Month - American Tobacco Trail Service Outing. 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. For more info contact Thad Howard (HWG) at 919-544-9126 or e-mail thad.howard@duke.edu.

APR 9-11 High Rocks. High Rocks to Indian Grave Gap, northbound on the Appalachian Trail passing nearby Erwin, TN. Easy to moderate 18.4 mile backpack along the NC-TN ridgeline border at elevations between 2,000 and 3,500 feet. This is a horticulturally diverse elevation zone from early to mid-spring, and is seldom traversed by anyone other than AT thru-hikers. Limit of eight, \$10 refundable deposit required by March 31. If spring solitude and beautiful scenery appeals to you, call Chris David (CG) at 919-676-8927 or e-mail at gardenrefinery@earthlink.net.

APR 16-18 Cranberry Wilderness. Backpack in the Cranberry Wilderness of West Virginia. This area has an amazing variety of ecosystems: moss-carpeted dark forests, classic rhododendron-covered streams, and arid ridge tops. We'll backpack 20-25 miles through this wonderland. Moderate to strenuous; limited to 6. Contact Shelly Eberly (OCG) at 919-967-7358 between 7 and 9 p.m. or e-mail seberly@earthlink.net.

APR 17-18 Lumber River. Regain your paddling skills after the winter layoff with a 17.7 mile trip on a couple of sections upriver of and through Lumberton. Moderate to strenuous depending on whether the trip is affected by downed trees & limbs. We will camp Saturday night at a canoe-in only campsite; no pets or children under 13. Contact Chandler Stewart (CG) at cstewart4@mindspring.com or by phone between 8:30 & 10:30 P.M. @ 910-739-4879 or 910-536-4416.

APR 17 (Sat) Rail Road Trail. 2 p.m. Hike 4.5 easy, mostly flat miles over old RR beds. See the northernmost part of Jordan Lake. Bring water and wear hiking shoes, as it may be wet in spots. Directions: Take exit 274 (751) south off I-40. Go south to Stagecoach Rd. Turn right, and go about 1/4 mile. Park on the side of the road. Contact Janet Burhans Hitti (HWG) at 919-572-2407 or jhitti0326@cs.com.

APR 18 (Sun) Stone Mountain State Park. Strenuous rating. Hike to experience Stone Mountain, a massive exposed granite dome that is a geological rarity in this part of the country, the park's crown jewel. We will explore Stone Mountain Loop Trail and Cedar Rock Trail on this all-day trip, plus others if time permits. Limit: 15 people. We will coordinate carpooling from the Chapel Hill area, approx. 2-hour drive each way. Contact Ann Kaplan (OCG) at annbkaplan@hotmail.com or 919-929-6826 for additional information and to register.

MAY 1 (Sat) Eno River Canoe. Canoe the Eno River into Falls Lake and beyond. An easy paddle in an accessible setting. Rental Canoes are available in Durham. Contact Eric Block (OCG) at 919-489-4255 or Annette Jurgelski (OCG) at 919-644-0280.

MAY 8-9 (Mother's Day Weekend) Lumber River. Paddle two of this National Wild and Scenic River's most beautiful sections, for a total of 19.7 miles. This is an easy to moderate trip; leader reserves right to change location depending on weather and/or water levels. Car camp Saturday night at Lumber River State Park. No pets or children under 13. Contact Chandler Stewart (CG) at cstewart4@mindspring.com or by phone between 8:30 to 10:30 P.M. @ 910-739-4879 or 910-536-4416.

Sierra Seniors Outings

APR 17 (Sat) Umstead Park. At 10 a.m. About 2 to 3 miles of trailing on the Sycamore trail in Umstead Park. Use rt. 70 side entrance to the park. We will meet at the second parking lot. Call for further info. Lew Herr at 870 6964 or HerrL@mindspring.com.

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



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