

# 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.

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### **Strategic Ignorance The Bush Assault**

Robert Redford thinks it will leave you "astonished." What is it? "The sheer scope of the Bush administration's dismantling of a century of environmental stewardship and protection," as revealed in **Strategic Ignorance**, the new book by Sierra Club executive director Carl Pope and SIERRA magazine senior editor Paul Rauber. Senator Barbara Boxer calls it a "call to arms for defenders of America's priceless natural heritage." Now you can see find out why they all agree on the importance of this book.

Go to <http://www.strategicignorance.com/signup/> to download an exclusive free chapter of **Strategic Ignorance** and receive a special **25% discount on the book**.

In **Strategic Ignorance**, you'll learn how Bush and Co.:

- Turned back the clock on protections we believed were assured for our air and water, putting millions of Americans at risk from arsenic, mercury, and other poisons;
- Shifted the economic burden of cleaning up toxic waste dumps from polluters to their victims;
- Silenced government scientists, or twisted their findings, prompting 20 Nobel Laureates to sign a formal protest;
- Invented "Bushspeak" like "Clear Skies" and "Healthy Forests" to disguise the environmentally devastating impact of their initiatives designed to benefit corporate interests;
- Stripped environmental protections from one-tenth of our nation's surface area.

And that was just the warm-up act.

The problem is much bigger than doublespeak, or letting polluters off the hook, or selling out our public lands to big oil and timber. In **Strategic Ignorance**, Pope and Rauber show how Bush and the hard right are engineering a complete reversal of the environmental progress we've made over the last century.

**"I wish the book were required reading for every politician and citizen," says Robert F. Kennedy Jr.**

That's because it not only pulls back the curtain on the Bush administration's agenda, it details how we can get progress back on track.

Robert Redford believes **Strategic Ignorance** will "spur those who care about the kind of world left to future generations to get out there and fight for it."

### **OCG Meetings**

August General Meeting

No General Meeting in July

**Wednesday, August 11th, 7:30 p.m. General Meeting. Visit To China:** Dave Owen, naturalist for West Point on the Eno Park, will entertain us with tales of his experiences sailing from the Eno River State Park to the coast in his inflatable "waft." Along the way, he encountered a variety of interesting flora and fauna which he'll be describing and illustrating with photographs. Don't miss this opportunity to share vicariously in a memorable journey.

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

**Wednesday, August 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](mailto:robertporter@mindspring.com) or 933-7613. All OCG members are welcome and encouraged to join us.

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:thad.howard@duke.edu).

**JUL 4- SIGN-UP DEADLINE** --- Lumber River overnight paddling trip. See trip description for details.

**JULY 10-11 Lumber River paddle.** Camp on a white, sandy beach after paddling all day on this black water, flat water river located in Robeson County, NC and Dillon/Horry Counties, SC. Depending on the water level, we'll pass by dozens of inviting sandbars & beaches. The trip is easy to moderate; as the river approaches the coast, it gets slightly broader--accommodating those with longer kayaks. The total distance is approximately 16 miles, and we'll choose a campsite on Sat. night about halfway downriver. No pets or children under 13; must provide own boat. Contact Chandler Stewart (CG): [cstewart4@mindspring.com](mailto:cstewart4@mindspring.com) or by phone between 8:30 & 10:30 P.M. @ 910-739-4879 or 910-536-4416.

**JUL 17 (Sat.) Occoneechee Speedway.** Hike 3 miles of trails on the site of the former Occoneechee Speedway, one of the last clay race tracks in North Carolina. Long closed and until recently abandoned, the track once hosted such motor racing greats as Richard Petty Sr. The Hillsborough location is now listed as a National Heritage site. (Easy) Contact Matt Brown at 919-732-0855 or [mattb@3bearsbrown.net](mailto:mattb@3bearsbrown.net).

**JUL 17 23-25 Shining Rock Wilderness Backpack** (very strenuous). The Shining Rock Wilderness is a beautiful area of the Pisgah Forest south of Asheville. Cascading streams with pools, white quartz outcrop-

pings, amazing views, and challenging trails await you. Drive out early Friday and backpack four miles into the Shining Rock Wilderness. On Saturday, day pack to Cold Mountain and back (9 miles), grab backpacks, and backpack 2-3 miles to a new campsite. On Sunday, backpack 7 miles to the cars. We'll cover 20+ miles, gain/lose 3,000 ft, and cross a few streams, hence the very strenuous rating. Limited to 6. Contact Shelly Eberly (OCG) at 919-967-7358 between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. (only, please) or preferably by email [seberly@earthlink.net](mailto:seberly@earthlink.net).

**JUL 30-AUG 1: Hunt Fish Falls Backpack, Wilson Creek Area, Pisgah National Forest.** Moderate backpack, with some steep sections, along Lost Cove Creek and Timber Ridge, with stops at one or two waterfalls along the route. Meet at rendezvous Friday afternoon and hike out Sunday around lunchtime. Contact Eric Smith (CG) 481-4277 or [outings@spooles.net](mailto:outings@spooles.net).

**AUG 1 SIGN-UP DEADLINE** --- South River overnight paddling trip Aug.7-8. See trip description for details.

**AUG 7-8th South River Paddle** (rescheduled from June). The South is a blackwater river located in Cumberland, Bladen and Sampson Counties. It has significant stands of cypress trees and low to swampy banks. If the water level is low, there will be many sandbars and beaches available for breaks, swimming and camping. Leader has right to change location if deemed necessary. The total distance is approximately 30.7 miles, and we'll choose a campsite on Sat. night about halfway downriver. No pets or children under 13; must provide own boat. Contact Chandler Stewart (CG) at [cstewart4@mindspring.com](mailto:cstewart4@mindspring.com) or by phone between 8:30 & 10:30 P.M. @ 910-739-4879 or 910-536-4416.

**AUG 14 (Sat.) Eno River.** Another opportunity to waft the Eno with Dave Owen on one of his inflatable kayaks. Enjoy cool river breezes while Dave entertains and informs with many tales of the wildlife that can be found along this river in Orange and Durham Counties. Fee of \$12.00 covers guide and waft rental. (Easy) Contact Annette Jurgelski at 919-644-0280.

**AUG 16 SIGN-UP DEADLINE** --- Mt. Rogers Blueberry Pancake Backpack Aug 28-29.

**AUG 28-29 Mt. Rogers Blueberry Pacake Backpack.** Our trek will take us to the cool balds of the rooftop of Virginia. Learn the history of these high balds and why they now offer some of the best wild blueberries you can find. Moderate backpack. Contact Steve Lund (CG) at 919-481-1300.

**SEP 3-5 Fork Mountain Backpack, Shining Rock Wilderness, Pisgah National Forest.** - More details on our web site.

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