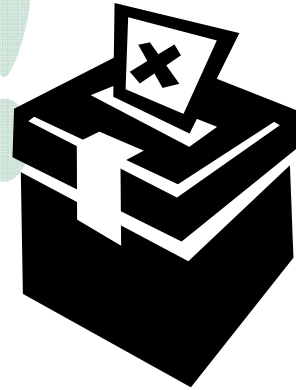


Orange-Chatham Group Sierra Club

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Elections!



Political Endorsements

Upon recommendation of the OCG Political and Executive Committees, the North Carolina Chapter of the Sierra Club has endorsed the following candidates for elected office:

Chapel Hill Council: Cam Hill, Sally Greene, Bill Strom, Jim Ward.

Chapel Hill Mayor: Kevin Foy.

Carrboro Board: Joal Broun, Dan Coleman, Lydia Lavelle.

Carrboro Mayor: Mark Chilton.

Hillsborough Board: Eric Hallman, Evelyn Lloyd, Bryant Warren.

Hillsborough Mayor: Tom Stevens.

Group Events:

Holiday Party

Friday, December 14th, 6:30-10:00 p.m.

134 Circadian Way, Arcadia Community Common House
Join us to celebrate the holidays! We'll have a potluck supper and our traditional white elephant gift exchange. Please bring a dish to share; we'll provide the beverages.

Parking is limited. Please plan to carpool or consider parking outside of Arcadia, if possible. Park only in un-numbered spaces in northwest corner of parking area.

We need 2-3 people to come early to setup and 3-5 people to help cleanup. Let Maureen Hayes (933-3140) or Amy Piersma (933-322) know if you can help or if you need further information.

Executive Committee Meetings:

Nov. 19 and Dec. 17., 7 p.m., Carolina Meadows

Meetings are held at the Carolina Meadows Annex building at 7:00 p.m. All members are welcome to join the Executive Committee in the discussion of issues and projects. Contact Bernadette Pelissier for further information.

Keep in touch online:
Orange-Chatham meetings podcasts:
<http://h2opodcast.com/earth.html>
NC Sierra Blog:
<http://sierraclubnc.blogspot.com/>

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Executive Committee vacancy*

* = Executive Committee Member (term expires in 2007)

+ = Executive Committee Member (term expires in 2008)



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Orange-Chatham Group Executive Committee Elections

Four seats are up for election on our group's Executive Committee this year. The Executive Committee is responsible for setting the direction of the group and developing policies. Members are generally elected to two year terms. This year one of the seats will be for a one-year term due to a resignation of a member with an unexpired term. Please take a moment to read the candidate bios and send your vote using the ballot on the reverse.

Matt Scheer

Matt Scheer moved to the Triangle soon after graduating from Davidson College, taking a teaching job at St. Timothy's School in Raleigh where he still teaches. Matt's love of the environment can be traced back to his childhood when he attended camp at the Acadia Institute of Oceanography outside of Acadia National Park. He has been active in politics since moving to Chapel Hill, volunteering on numerous political campaigns and serving on the Chapel Hill Transportation Board. He also recently served on the political committee of the Orange Chatham Sierra Club group.

Loren Hintz

Loren Hintz has been a member of the Sierra Club since he was a college student. He has served the past two years on the Executive Committee focusing on transportation issues. This year he has also served as chair of the Political Committee. He enjoys hiking, camping and canoeing with his family. He wants to increase our presence at local public hearings. He hopes we can get more of our membership actively involved in Sierra Club activities.

May Becker

May Becker has been an active member of the Conservation Committee since 2006. She recently received her doctorate in Marine Sciences from UNC Chapel Hill. She is interested in water quality issues and brings her professional expertise to help improve the environmental conditions associated with water quality. She is also interested in further promoting sustainable agriculture in the area.

Jean Westbrook

Jean Westbrook and her husband made the hard decision to leave New Orleans after Katrina. Jean was heavily involved in environmental causes, working, in particular, to protect and restore Louisiana's coastal wetlands and clean up Lake Pontchartrain. Jean and a friend created the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Workshop in which there were thousands participated between 1989 and 2005. She helped recruit, train and supervise more than 300 volunteers to place 60,000 donated trees in the shallow damaged wetlands. Jean is interested in water-related issues, thoughtful development, and protection of greenspace and river beds.

Ballot on reverse —>



Outings

Sierra Club outings are open to all. Outings are educational unless designated as a social (S). 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.

Ongoing Service Outing:

3rd Saturdays on the Bolin Creek Trail: This is a long-term habitat restoration project, and we need many more volunteers. It's hard work, but very rewarding. We meet at the Greenway entrance on Bolinwood Drive, just off Hillsborough Street in Chapel Hill. Please contact Bill Bracey at arbor-net@mindspring.com, or 942-9937.

Current Outings:

William B. Umstead Park Saturday and Sunday morning hikes. Pre-registration for either Saturday and Sunday hikes is not required. In case of inclement weather or questions, contact Debbie Jacobowitz (HWG) at (919) 493-0780. For directions, see <http://ils.unc.edu/parkproject/visit/wium/directions.html> or call (919) 571-4170.

Saturday hike description: Sycamore Trail. Moderate 7.2 mile hike at a steady pace. We will meet at the Crabtree Creek section off US 70 at 10 a.m. From the entrance, drive past the visitor center and proceed to the second parking lot. Please wear hiking boots and carry water; a picnic lunch is optional.

Sunday hike description: Moderate 5.9 mile hike at a steady pace. We will meet at the Reedy Creek section off I-40 (exit 287, turn left on Harrison into the parking lot) at 10 a.m. Please wear sturdy footwear and carry at least 16 oz. water; a picnic lunch is optional.

NOV 2-4 Uwharrie National Forest Backpack: Uwharrie National Trail. Spend a weekend hiking along a historic trail of gold mining, bootleggers, and civil war lore. We will ramble south and up the legendary and ghostly Dark Mountain, and continue along Dark Mountain Ridge. We'll cover 12-15 miles of varied terrain, about half with backpacks and half with daypacks. Limited to 6 and pre-approval by leader required. Trip rated moderate difficulty, prior backpacking experience recommended. Contact Chris Moses (OCG) at chrisjmoses@hotmail.com.

NOV 3 (Sat) Fall color hike at the Little River Park and Natural Area. Meet at 10 a.m. and hike a four mile loop. Break for lunch at the picnic shelter and do a 2.5 mile loop after lunch. Dogs on leash are welcome. Contact Marcia Eickmeier (HWG) at 919 644-1806 before 9 p.m. to register.

DEC 2 (Sat) 9 a.m. Urban hike in Durham. Meet at Duke Park entrance. We will do a loop starting at Duke Park down through historic North Durham over to Central Park and back. Please wear comfortable shoes and bring plenty of water. Rated easy. Contact Janet Hitti (HWG) at 919-572-2407 or janet.hitti@verizon.net.

DEC 2,9,16,23,30 (Sat) William B. Umstead State Park Saturday a.m.hikes. See description and contact information above.

DEC 3,10,17,24,31 (Sun) William B. Umstead State Park Sunday a.m.hikes. See description and contact information above.

DEC 8-10 South Mountain State Park. Winter camping and hiking in one of the largest and most rugged state parks in North Carolina. Trip includes a 1.5-mile backpack in to a primitive but well-provisioned group site, and day hiking Saturday on two six-mile loop trails. Elevation gains to 3,000 ft. Mountain bikers welcome to camp with us and (on their own) travel the designated, separate 18-mile bike trail. Good trip for learning winter camping skills. Contact Chris and Odile Gould (HWG) at chris_gould@mindspring.com or 919-493-1194 before 9 p.m. Two dollar/night/person camping fee, plus a ten dollar deposit which will be refunded at the trailhead. Moderate rating. Maximum group size 10.

DEC 30-JAN 2 (Sat-Mon) Winter backpack on the Art Loeb Trail. Cold and strenuous 33-mile backpack on the "crown jewel" of Pisgah National Forest. Provides many high, panoramic winter views as well as watery, white and icy lower ones. Starts at Davidson River campground, heads west and then north for climb to Shining Rock Ledge. Continues on to Cold Mountain and descends steeply northwest to the northern terminus. Some night hiking probable. Limit of five and refundable deposit required. Contact Chris David (CG): E-mail: chrisdavid@bellsouth.net or call 919-676-8927.

JAN 6,13,20,27 (Sat) William B. Umstead State Park Saturday a.m.hikes. See description and contact info. above

JAN 7,14,21,28 (Sun) William B. Umstead State Park Sunday a.m.hikes. See description and contact info. above

JAN 12-14 Pettigrew State Park Two night car camp at Lake Phelps, second largest lake in North Carolina. See and hear the many thousands of tundra swans in winter residence. Short hikes and a visit to historic Somerset house. Maximum group size 10. \$10 deposit refunded at the trailhead. Camping fee will be \$9/site/night. Trip rating easy. E-mail chris_gould@mindspring.com or call 919-493-1194 for more information.

2008 ExCom Ballot

Vote for no more than four

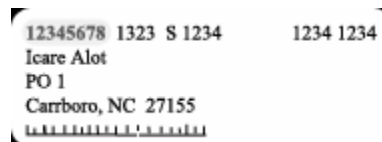
- May Becker
- Loren Hintz
- Matt Scheer
- Jean Westbrook
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(write-in candidate)

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OCG ExCom Election
c/o Marsha Stephens
4515 Mystic Lane
Hillsborough, NC 27278

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