

# Wild Onion

The Newsletter of the Chicago Group of the Sierra Club

First Quarter 2008

## Chicago Group Member Challenge: Make 2008 the Year of Living Responsibly

by Christine Williamson, Group Chair

Chicago Group members are numerous at 9,000 and mighty in their potential to change the world.

I'm not kidding, not at all. I've been a Sierra Club activist since 1987 and in every single one of those 20 years, I've seen club members change the world in small and really enormous ways.

With the coming of the new year, our small, strong, growing, committed executive committee decided to throw down the gauntlet and ask all of our members, every single one of them, to make simple changes in their every day lives. We'll provide our members with lots of opportunity to learn more about the environment and more importantly, to **do** more to improve it.

We know how hard it can be to make changes in our lives. None of us are perfect. Read about the trouble Take' Yamamoto, our Social Chair, had in simply turning off his stereo equipment. Our ICO leaders had a period of dormancy in leading outings for inner city kids, but through hard work and perseverance, are back stronger than ever. I haven't switched every light in my house to a fluorescent bulb yet, but I will by the time you all come over for a January party.

Please check out our whole year's calendar and focus in on events in the first quarter.

### And Now, for the Rewards

We want to see every one of our members at one event — or many — in this new year. To provide encouragement, we'll reward you. You'll get a fluorescent bulb every time you come to an event. Further, we'll keep track of the names of every person who participates in an activity, who takes an action like writing a letter to the editor or to a politician, who changes all their lights to fluorescent bulbs. Every time you take action, your name will be entered into a big, old globe that symbolizes our commitment to curbing global warming.

On December 6, we'll draw names from that globe for all kinds of prizes, from Sierra Club gear to the rarest of experiences. You'll have a chance to lunch with the Sierra Club's Chapter Director. We'll send you out in



*Young and older people alike love the Montrose Beach Sweep in September! Activities range from trash clean-up to eating baked goods and drinking coffee (shade-grown, of course) to keep your energy up to habitat stewardship in the dunes natural area. Cleaning up the beach is not just aesthetically pleasing: A clean beach is more attractive to migrating birdslike the endangered Piping Plover. Photo by Robert Coon.*

the field with our very experienced outings chair. We're appealing to our good friend, Joel Greenberg, who wrote *The Natural History of the Chicago Region*, to lead an outing for a select few. We'll get you behind the scenes with the endangered species caretakers at Lincoln Park Zoo and into the outrageously cool, but thoroughly gruesome collection of bird specimens at the Field Museum. We're going to hit up politicians and see if we can't persuade Hizzhonor (you-know-who in City Hall) to lunch with a small group of Sierrans.

At mid-year, we'll start selling \$5 raffle tickets for a wonderful prize: \$1,000 toward the Sierra Club Outing of your choice. That drawing also will take place at our December 6 volunteer service outing and holiday party.

### It's Past Time: Just Do It

Please, get involved. Look over our job ads elsewhere in this issue, if you're feeling ambitious, or simply attend one of our educational programs or parties. Your life will be enriched in 2008 and beyond.

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# Living Responsibly: First Quarter Events Volunteer and Staff Appreciation Party, Chicago

Saturday, January 12, 5:00-9:00 p.m.

This mid-winter party is a great time to express thanks to the many volunteers and Illinois Chapter staff who worked so hard for Illinois' environment in 2007 and for many years before that.

The event is a potluck with an emphasis on low-on-the-food chain, organic and locally produced. Don't stress about it but, to the extent you can keep your contribution within those simple guidelines, your admission to the party is a homemade appetizer, salad, side dish or dessert to serve five. Entrees and drinks of all kinds will be provided, but if you're hankering to bring an entrée, feel free.

There's just one catch: You can't leave the party without taking some simple environmental action ranging

from taking a free fluorescent light bulb to plug in as soon as you get home to completing a postcard asking your Illinois State Representative or Senator to support California clean car standard legislation in 2008.

This Sierra Club appreciation event is an Illinois Chapter-wide event, hosted by the Chicago Group, at the home of Christine and Geoffrey Williamson on Chicago's north side.

Please R.S.V.P. to Christine Williamson at [birdchris@aol.com](mailto:birdchris@aol.com) or 773-935-8439 (before 9 p.m.) after January 1. Please include your name, phone and e-mail address along with the number of people attending. The address and directions will be sent upon receipt of your R.S.V.P.

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## Primary Election Palm Card Monday

February 4, 4:30-6:00 p.m., Madison Ave. Bridge Over the Chicago River, Drinks After

The Sierra Club has a long tradition of promoting voter education and the importance of getting the vote out. The best time to remind people to vote is the night before the February 5 primary.

Sierrans will greet commuters streaming into the Metra stations across the Madison Ave. bridge and will distribute simple palm cards reminding voters of the

important of voting in the primary the next morning.

After a chilly 90 minutes, the group will retire to a nearby watering hole to warm up and talk politics.

Be brave! Bundle up and do your civic duty by helping others to do theirs.

Contact Cory Jones at [cory.jones@illinois.sierraclub.org](mailto:cory.jones@illinois.sierraclub.org) for more info or to R.S.V.P. for the primary election shift.

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## 15th Annual Spaghetti Hike - ICO Benefit Sunday, March 9, 11:00 p.m., Palos Park, IL

Shake off the winter blues with a hike through the diverse Palos/Sag Valley Forest Preserve. Choose a fast-paced, appetite-stimulating hike or a leisurely walk led by a naturalist who will interpret the woodlands, savannas and wetlands around you. Following the hike, everyone will join in an "all you care to eat" spaghetti dinner including Italian sausage, vegetable soup and dessert. Vegans can be accommodated, although grilling a sausage over an open fire will keep you warm. The traditional raffle follows, featuring the 'head wrap' with many fantastic trail prizes.

Through your participation, you will be supporting

the work of the Chicago Inner City Outings (ICO), which provides outdoor experiences for local disadvantaged kids. So bring your family and friends for a great day and a great cause. Your \$22 (\$5 for kids 12 and under) donation (not tax-deductible) covers everything.

Send your check payable to Chicago ICO and an e-mail address or a SASE to: Colin Tysoe, 1719 West Weathersfield Way, Schaumburg, IL 60193 before March 1. Full hike details will be e-mailed or mailed to you upon receipt of your check.

For more information, contact Colin at 847-985-7313 or [tysoe2@yahoo.com](mailto:tysoe2@yahoo.com) or Rich Balis at 773-254-2383.

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# Sierra Club Sports: A Perfect Fundraising Combo Chicago Bulls vs. Utah Jazz

Tuesday, March 11, 7:30 p.m.

Join fellow Sierrans for a night of indoor fun as the (hopefully) play-off bound Bulls battle the Jazz at the United Center on March 11. The game starts at 7:30 p.m., but everyone is invited to come to one of the United Center pubs for pre-game food, drink and socializing beginning at 6:00 p.m.

What better way to help root for Chicago's basketball team and also support the Chicago Group of the Sierra Club? Your \$50 per ticket price includes a modest donation to the Chicago Group to help fund our many conservation, outings and educational activities.

To R.S.V.P, snail mail the number of tickets you want (limit six per household), the names of those attending, your address, phone number and e-mail address as well as a check for \$50 per person made payable to the Sierra Club to: Take' Yamamoto, Apt. 301, 555 W. Cornelia Ave. Chicago, IL 60657.

Please indicate whether you will join us beforehand for food and socializing. There is a limit of 40 attendees.

For more information or to check on ticket availability by contacting Take' at [ch-socials@illinois.sierraclub.org](mailto:ch-socials@illinois.sierraclub.org) or 773-528-7812.

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## Sierra Club Outings and New Member Party

Sunday, March 30, 1:00 p.m., Cabin in the Woods, Glencoe

All members are invited to attend the Chicago Group's annual Sierran's Outings and New Member Party to socialize with active and wannabe participants of outings past and to come.

The event will be at the cozy Little House "cabin in the woods" in Glencoe Forest Preserve, which features a great fireplace. The event begins at 1:00 p.m. with an optional short walk. A brief What-We-Do and How-To-Get-Involved presentation will be given around 3:00 pm. This is a perfect opportunity for all members, especially those new to the club, to learn more about the Chicago Group, meet leaders and fellow outdoor enthusiasts, and discover outings as fun and educa-

tional experiences that support Sierra Club's motto: "Explore, enjoy and protect the planet." Participants are asked to bring their favorite dish to share at this potluck event.



*Sierrans relax in the warm cabin after a woods walk. Photo by George Kollar.*

For information, contact George Kollar, Outings Chair, at 773-935-3058 or [gkollar@aol.com](mailto:gkollar@aol.com). Visit the Chicago Group website to register online starting in February.

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## Daytime Sierra Club Socials

Are you retired, a stay-at-home parent, unemployed or work nights? If so, you'll be interested in Chicago Group social events during the day! Similar to evening events, we hope to offer luncheons, special get-togethers and possibly an Environmental Book Club.

Don't stay home: Come out and have fun with other environmentalists. For more information, contact Sandy Rumbler at [srumbler@hotmail.com](mailto:srumbler@hotmail.com), Take' Yamamoto at 773-528-7812, or check out the website at [illinois.sierraclub.org/chicago/outings](http://illinois.sierraclub.org/chicago/outings).

### Chicago Group Information

For information about the Chicago Group of the Sierra Club, check the web site often: <http://illinois.sierraclub.org/Chicago>. Contact details for group leaders who can answer questions about activities and how you can get more involved can be found on the home page. You may also subscribe to e-News for e-mail delivery of a monthly calendar of activities. To subscribe, click on the Chicago Group e-News box in the right column on the home page.

Chicago Group's newsletter, *Wild Onion*, is a quarterly publication with in-depth news and discussion of local issues. *Wild Onion* — traditionally available in print — now can be sent electronically, saving printing expenses and paper. To receive *Wild Onion* by e-mail, send your name, Sierra Club membership number and e-mail address to [editor@illinois.sierraclub.org](mailto:editor@illinois.sierraclub.org).

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# 2008 The Year of Living Responsibly Calendar

**January 12 — Volunteer Appreciation Party, Chicago** (See detailed listing.)

**February 4 — Primary Election Palm Card Hand-Outs** (See detailed listing.)

**March 9 — ICO Spaghetti Hike Fundraiser** (See detailed listing, below)

**March 11 — Chicago Bulls Fundraiser** (See detailed listing, below)

**March 30 - Outings & New Member Party** (See detailed listing, below)

**April 5 - Earth Month Massive Sierra Club drop-off at Chicago Household Chemical and Computer Recycling Facility.** This will include a facility tour

**April 19 — Earth Day Public Education Tabling Events**

**May 17 - Endangered Species Day/Lincoln Park and Lake Calumet Biodiversity Blitz, Rally and Party.** Participate in a “treasure hunt” to find the every diverse species of wildlife we can on foot and by bike in Lincoln Park. We'll tally our species count over lunch at Lincoln Park Zoo, followed by a lecture about the impacts of global warming on wildlife all over the world.

**June — Alternative Transportation Month**  
Special Prizes for everyone who gets to work or play every day this month without a car or carpools it every time.

**June 12 — Clean Car Educational Forum, with Will Reynolds, Chapter Clean Car Campaign Chair**

Will gets down to the basics of clean car standards and how you can choose a vehicle that meets them. Information about alternative transportation will be offered from using an iGo/Zipcar to bike commuting to mastering public transportation.

**June 23 - Car-Free Monday.**

Chicago Group wants to lead Illinois in making one day a year car-free. Monday is the week's heaviest commuting day, but we challenge everyone in the state to find another way to get to where you're going from riding a bike or a horse to walking, running or roller blading. If you can, work at home. If you must use an auto, car pool.

**July 19 - From Farmers' Market to Picnic Table**  
Eating locally, organically and simply will be the focus of this outing. A professional chef will go to Chicago's Green Market with us, help us select food that we'll take back to a kitchen for a cooking demonstration. Then, we'll picnic!

**August 10 — Dog Days of Summer Celebration: Ravinia by Bike or Public.**

The concert program hasn't been announced yet, but we know the evening will be wonderful and relaxing. That's because we're having the event catered with local, sustainably grown products along with organic wines, beer and soft drinks. All you have to do is get yourself to the park, which we're asking you to do by taking a Metra train right to the gates or by bike. A bike contingent will be leaving Chicago and taking the North Shore path to and from Ravinia.

**September. 20 — Montrose Beach International Coastal Clean-Up.**

Join more than 100 other Sierrans and friends in cleaning up Montrose Beach as a part of a worldwide coastal clean-up day. There is an opportunity to work on a habitat restoration project in the dunes natural area of the beach. There is great potential for good bird watching during this period of fall migration.

**October 11 — Bike to the Botanic Gardens.**

Enjoy a long (25-miles each way) green way within a number of Cook County Forest Preserves. The bike trail parallels the North Branch of the Chicago River for a good portion of the journey and you'll soon see why this urban river is so important to migrating birds and terrestrial wildlife.

**October 22 — Air/Energy Issues Night**

Members of Chicago Group's Air/Energy Committee will host an evening of discussion, education and action about global warming and energy issues over good food and drink.

**November 8 — Greening Your Life: Home, Garden, Workplace**

This day-long event will feature a series of presentations about great solutions — from Sierrans and green tech professionals — that will help you maintain a responsible, sustainable lifestyle. From your health to your home to your garden and your office, this celebration will give you concrete ways to improve your life.

**December 6 - Holiday Service Outing and Party at the Illinois Chapter Office.**

We'll start early in the day and do whatever's needed at the Chapter office from computer data entry to painting, filing, and making phone calls to volunteers. By noon, we'll need some holiday cheer and lunch and drinks will be provided.

We'll be awarding prizes to member volunteers who have been active all year in living their lives more responsibly and will finally draw the winning ticket for the fabulous \$1,000 Sierra Club trip raffle prize.

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# Sierra Club Leads the “Step It Up” Chicago Global Warming Leadership Forum

by Verena Owen and Tony Fuller, Chicago Group Air/Energy Committee

The Chicago Group of the Sierra Club was a lead sponsor of a major global warming forum in Chicago at the end of October last year.

The event attracted more than 150 participants and was part of the “Step It Up 2: Who’s a Leader?” nationwide initiative to train activists to obtain specific, meaningful political action to address global warming.

The event was held at the High Risk Gallery, whose bright, art-lined interior was the perfect backdrop to a series of speakers from the environmental community and local politicians.

Among environmental organization speakers were Jack Darin, director of the Illinois Chapter of the Sierra Club, Tim Montague from Climate Justice Chicago and Anthony Star of the Center for Neighborhood Technology. Each speaker emphasized the science behind global warming and the need to take specific action.

Star, for example, examined global warming in a local context, using data from the soon-to-be-released Chicago Climate Action Plan. He demonstrated how the large goal of reducing the city’s greenhouse gas emissions to below 1990 levels could be tackled by dividing it into smaller “wedges,” representing different aspects of city operation. “The longer we wait [to take action on global warming], the harder it will be. All new growth needs to be carbon-neutral,” Star said.

Darin discussed the Sierra Club’s four key Illinois legislative initiatives to combat global warming: Clean Cars, Clean Energy, Cool Cities, and Cap Carbon. He highlighted recent legislative victories, such as establishing a new renewable energy standard, which requires that Illinois utilities obtain 25 percent of their power from renewable energies by 2025.

Local and state officials including State Representative Greg Harris (D-Chicago), Cook County Commissioner Mike Quigley, and Debra Shore, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, offered their insights on global warming solutions. The Step It Up events also generated responses from U.S. Congressman



Chapter Director Jack Darin (far left) and Air/Energy Committee Co-Chair Tony Fuller (center) join local politicians (from left) Greg Harris, Mike Quigley and Deb Shore in combating global warming.

Jesse Jackson Jr. and Senator Barack Obama, who both supported the event.

In addition, the Sierra Club, as part of its Illinois Clean Cars campaign, asked participants to sign postcards petitioning the state legislature to adopt California’s stricter fuel economy standards for vehicles. Hundreds of energy-saving compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs), donated by the city of Chicago, were distributed.

The event was organized in part by the Chicago Group’s Air/Energy Committee which meets monthly at the downtown office of the Illinois Chapter of the Sierra Club. Please contact Tony Fuller for more information about the committee’s activities at [arfarf13@sbcglobal.net](mailto:arfarf13@sbcglobal.net) or 773-728-6164.



Sierrans and other environmentalists step up to fight global warming.

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# Chicago Inner City Outings Back on Track

by Colin Tysoe, ICO Chair

The Chicago Inner City Outings (ICO) program is blossoming once more.

For those of you who don't know us, ICO is a Sierra Club community outreach program that provides opportunities for urban youth and adults to explore, enjoy and protect the natural world. ICO groups exist throughout the United States and it's only fair that Chicago should have one to be proud of.

As ICO Chicago's long-time stalwart organizers Barb Reed and Karen Kalichman focused their energy in other areas and key leaders moved away, the group was dormant for a short while. Now with nearly 30 volunteers signed up and an ever-growing list of agencies to work with, ICO is out there getting kids into the woods, the dunes and the prairies.

We continue to work with Su Casa a homeless shelter for single women in Back of the Yards neighborhood. With all ages from nursing babes to parents these trips are real family outings and great fun for all. Over the last year we've petted huskies at Winterfest, tapped maple syrup, hiked and played in the Indiana Dunes.

Boys and Girls Clubs have a variety of sites around the city and we have been working with the James Jordan Club doing hikes and service trips. Now with support from Doug Chien at the Chicago office we have been able to reach out to other Clubs and help them bring outdoor adventures into their programs.

Chicago Youth Centers do similar work and we have started working with them in the past year. Recently we had nearly 25 children in Palos Park hiking, scavenger hunting and cooking out under Rich Balis' expert guidance. We also did some compass navigation for the budding backpackers and bird identification for the naturalists.

We are partnering with Chicago Public Schools and local habitat restoration groups for service work in the same forest preserves that we enjoy with the children. This builds appreciation of the challenges as well as the delights of these treasured areas. REI recently recognized this work with a grant to help us expand the program.

We will be using materials from National Audubon Society to help children explore the preserves and Friends of the Forest Preserve materials to encourage them to come back to the preserves with their families and spread the word.

We strive to put to use the great work being done in



*James Jordan Boys and Girls Club join ICO to remove invasive buckthorn at LaBagh Woods in Chicago. Photo by Colin Tysoe.*

the Chicago area by other agencies. ICO readily embraced the principles of the "Leave No Child Inside" campaign in Chicago, doing our best to give children outdoors adventures as well as quiet reflective time with nature.

Our website is now up and running where you can learn more about us and see pictures from our trips: <http://ico.sierraclub.org/chicago>

## Get Involved

Would you like to get involved with the ICO? We are always looking to our fellow Sierrans for support. Motivated volunteers are always welcome. Help with trips and especially leading is appreciated, but we also need aid with fundraising, equipment management or general administration.

If you don't have the time (or even if you do), donations also are much appreciated. Costs, especially transportation, are always rising and a day trip to the Indiana Dunes can cost \$500. The national group covers insurance and helps with some grants but we depend on help from our local supporters for our program to succeed.

Tax-deductible donations (payable to Sierra Club Foundation) should be sent to Chicago ICO, 1719 West Weathersfield Way, Schaumburg, Illinois 60193.

For more information, please contact Colin Tysoe at 847-985-7313 or [tysoe2@yahoo.com](mailto:tysoe2@yahoo.com).

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# A Moonlit Trip on the Chicago River: Shine On Harvest Moon!

On Saturday, October 20, 2007, a group of 17 joined the Outings and Socials groups for a delightful evening on the Chicago River.

We put in at Rockwell and Addison while it was still daylight with several rented canoes and kayaks and paddled up to Argyle where we had a great Middle Eastern meal.

Paddling is a unique way to see the city of Chicago. We spotted birds that you normally don't see unless you are a bird watcher, including a Great Blue Heron and a Belted Kingfisher.

On the return journey, we had a very pleasant paddle in the moonlight. We looked for wildlife, but only had confirmed sightings of large city rats! The temperature remained at a comfortable 70 degrees most of the night.

To learn more about other exciting outings and social activities, check out Chicago Group's outings and social calendars online at <http://illinois.sierraclub.org/>



*Sierrans ready for their moonlit canoe cruise. Photo by Take' Yamamoto.*

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## I Just Quit Trading in Pollution Credits

*by Take' Yamamoto, Social Chair*

Like most environmentalists, I felt I did my job in protecting the environment. I don't drive much or use air conditioning unless it is really unbearable. But I have one vice: I'm an electronics geek and have a rack of stereo and video equipment. This in itself wouldn't be bad, except when one gets to a certain level where the sound quality of the system sounds better if you leave it all running 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

I tried once to turn everything off, but the sound quality afterwards was bad enough that it drove me back to leaving everything on all the time.

How did I justify this usage of electricity? In my mind, I was trading my not using air conditioning or driving a car to be able to keep my stereo equipment running 24/7. On a very personal level, I was trading in pollution credits to pollute elsewhere.

Now some people think trading in pollution credits is a good thing. I personally do not and thus was in a moral dilemma. After much soul searching, I decided to make a small personal sacrifice to help save the environment: Now I turn off all my stereo equipment.

What were the results? My last electricity bill went from 6.6 average daily kWh to 4.7 kWh, a savings of 620 kWh

a year. This translates into a quarter of a ton of carbon dioxide a year! Wow!

That little sacrifice made a big difference. It got me thinking of other ways to save energy. Today, I rearranged all the power strips for my computers so I can easily turn off everything and eliminate what's known as phantom or "vampire" usage by the monitors. Phantom usage is when an appliance draws electricity even though it is turned off. Televisions are a prime example of phantom electricity users as they draw power continuously to start up more quickly or drive internal clocks.

Where else can environmentalists can make a difference in our personal lives? Like many of you, I am a fan of the outdoors. Unfortunately, here in Chicago, that means driving a long way to get away from it all. I used to drive every other weekend to northern Wisconsin during the winter in search of snow for cross-country skiing. I no longer can justify that energy expenditure and am looking for other winter sports activities that demand less energy to participate in.

So, where are you trading your own personal pollution credits? Better yet, where can you lessen your carbon footprint?

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# HELP WANTED!

Additional assistance is needed for many activities during Chicago Group's exciting Year of Living Responsibly.

Chicago Group is seeking members with specific skills or the energy and willingness to take on new projects. The specific jobs to be filled include:

**Water Committee Chair and Members** — Chicago Group's Water Committee is multi-faceted. Committee members do hands-on work like water quality testing in Lake Michigan and beach clean-up monthly from April through October at Montrose Beach. The biggest event of the year is in September, when as many as 150 members and friends work to clean-up Montrose Beach and assist in habitat restoration in the dunes, all part of International Coastal Clean-Up Day. The Water Committee also follows political/regulatory developments and acts as a clean-water advocate on a wide variety of water issues in Chicago. A chair is sought to coordinate the committee's work and members are needed to perform a variety of tasks. The time commitment for the chair is several hours per week; for members, several hours per month.

**Print and Web Graphic Designers** — Chicago Group will be redesigning its communications with members and the outside world in all media this year and talented graphic designers are needed to accomplish the goal. Ideally, we'd like to find several professional designers who want to volunteer their talents to create graphics that will make Chicago Group's conservation message both inspiring and compelling. The time commitment may be significant initially and scale back to several hours per month in the second half of the year.

**Fundraising Committee Chair and Members** — Chicago Group's ambitious 2008 agenda requires additional fundraising. Several fundraisers are planned for this year that need coordinators, including two or three Cubs games (a total blast to plan AND attend!), a non-motorized outing to a summer



*Join in planning another successful Montrose Beach Sweep in Sept. See ad for Water Committee vacancies! Photo Credit: Robert Coon*

Ravinia concert and a year-end raffle to win a fabulous Sierra Club outing. A chair is needed to coordinate money-raising activities and party-loving, ipeople people are needed to handle logistics for these and other fun events. The time commitment for the chair is several hours per week; for committee members, several hours per month, depending on the activities happening during a given period.

**Membership Committee Members** — Volunteers are needed to assist in welcoming new members as well as in developing activists from within Chicago Group's 9,000 membership base. Duties include contacting new members by mail, e-mail or phone to welcome them to Sierra Club, providing them with information about forthcoming activities and gauging their interest in becoming more active in conservation, outings, political, lobbying or administrative activities. Time commitment: several hours per month.

**Got your attention yet? Ready to pitch in? Please contact Christine Williamson, Chicago Group chair, if you're interested in volunteering at 773-935-8439 (evenings) or birdchris@aol.com.**

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