



Shawnee Trails

News of the Shawnee Group — December 2003

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Hummingbirds in Southern Illinois

The December membership meeting will allow us to revisit the fascinating topic of hummingbirds in Southern Illinois. Few birds have been as little studied and as misunderstood as Hummingbirds (Trochilidae). They are the smallest of all birds with a length ranging from 2" to 8". Males of most species are identified by their iridescent feathers.



Program presenter, Cathie Hutcheson, will present a film called "Hooked on Hummingbirds" produced by Thomas Kaminski that reveals hummingbird behaviors that the eye can't see without using close-up footage in slow motion and stop motion. This film will also show a hummingbird building her nest, feeding her chicks, and the chicks themselves. This film was shot in southern California, southeastern Arizona, and Costa Rica, and shows 13 hummingbird species along with other species of birds. Hummingbirds are birds of the Western Hemisphere. They are found as far north as Southeastern Alaska and the Maritimes of Canada and as far south as southern Chile. The majority of the approximately 320 species are found in the tropics. Only 15 species have been known to breed in North America.

The pre-meeting dinner gathering at 5:45 PM will be at the Saroor Indian Restaurant.

- Hummingbird Photos: <http://www.hummingbirds.net/gallery.html>
- How to Create a Haven for Hummingbirds!: <http://www.learner.org/jnorth/unpave/hummer.html>
- Attracting Hummingbirds: <http://pavlov.psyc.queensu.ca/~davids/hummers.html> #

Annual Stone Soup Gathering on January 1st

Every year Shawnee Group members and friends gather in Giant City State Park to celebrate the new Year, explore nature, eat good food, and hear the results of the annual ExCom election.

Please join us no matter what the weather as we gather at Shelter #2 (in the valley) starting at 11:00 AM on January 1st and begin to eat around noon. There will be two big pots of boiling water in which we place the contributions of those attending. One pot will be for vegetarians and the second will contain some meat. Please bring something for either pot, something to share (such as salad, dessert, bread, etc.), any necessary utensils and something to drink. We typically have plenty of everything so if you're running late, just bring yourself. We always have a roaring open fire burning in the two fireplaces, but dress for the weather in any case.

During the afternoon, the ballots from the 2004 ExCom election will be opened [You have voted haven't you?!] and counted and the winners will be announced. Over the course of the afternoon small groups often wander off to explore the park in early winter, toss a Frisbee, or play other games. After the meal there will be a short group hike. You may want to bring a walking stick for the hike, but none of the trails in the park are too strenuous. Please come and bring a friend or possible new member of the Sierra Club in Southern Illinois. #

Event Calendar

December 1 ~ Group EXCOM at the Carbondale Township Office, 217 E Main.

December 11 ~ Membership Program, 7:30 PM at Unitarian Fellowship, 301 W. Elm, C'dale. Pre-meeting Dinner at Saroor Indian Restaurant at 5:45 PM.

December 27 ~ Noon Deadline for January Newsletter content.

December 31 ~ Deadline for receipt of all election ballots.

January 1st ~ Stone Soup Gathering at Noon, Giant City State Park, and Newsletter Folding @ Don's, 5:30 PM.

The public is welcome to attend the membership meeting & all other Sierra Club meetings and outings.

Explore, enjoy and protect the planet.

Outings Calendar

See outing updates at <http://illinois.sierraclub.org/shawnee/outings.htm>

SHAWNEE GROUP OUTINGS

December 8 (Monday) ~ Riverto-River Trail Hike. This moderate hike will take place on the south side of Fern Clyffe State Park and consist of a three mile lop on the River-to-River Trail. Highlights include a natural bridge, rock shelter and assorted vistas. To make trip [reservations](#) call Bob Tyson at 684-5643. Participants will carpool Monday morning at 9 AM from the Murdale Shopping Center sign and rendezvous at 9:30 at the Marion Wal-Mart before heading to the park. If time and energy remains, a short hike may also be taken at the Round Bluff Preserve.

- Sixteen people participated in the November hike at Tyson Canyon and Fountain Bluff.
- Bob Tyson is seeking some assistance with installing ladders along portions of the Tyson Canyon trail. #

Adventures with Uncle Bob

See <http://illinois.sierraclub.org/shawnee/unclebob/>

Your Monthly Guide to Self-Adventure with Bob Tyson

Have you seen the Columbia River Gorge in Oregon? Its well worth the trip if you get out West. You find the region is rich in interesting history and marvelous scenery.

In the early 1800s, the magnificent resources of the Gorge lured explorers and fur traders westward. Lewis, Clark, botanist David Douglas and ornithologist John Townsend, "the bird chief," explored and documented geology, geography, plants and animals. When they were in the western region of the Gorge, they recorded they had difficulty sleeping at night because the many birds in the area were so loud. From their reports and illustrations of their travel, people's curiosity of moving westward developed.

In 1843, about 900 people braved the 2,000 mile Oregon Trail to reach the Willamette Valley. By 1849, approximately 11,500 pioneers poured into Oregon, forever changing life in the Columbia Gorge. As steamboats, railroads and highways replaced canoes and rafts, the Columbia Gorge remains a major transportation route through the Cascade Mountain Range. Improved infrastructure has led to economic development. Lumber, wool and flour mills, as well as fish and fruit canneries have dotted the landscape. The river continues to carry grain, livestock, lumber, fruit and vegetables grown and processed in the Columbia Basin. Remnants of fish wheels, arrowheads and pictographs are visible to history buffs, as well as Oregon's first steam locomotives and cultural influences of Chinese cannery workers

To this day the Columbia River Gorge is a spectacular river canyon cutting the only sea-level route through the Cascade Mountain Range. It's 80 miles long and up to 4,000 feet deep with the north canyon walls in Washington State and the south canyon walls in Oregon State. There are approximately 35 waterfalls in a forty mile stretch east of Portland. For those with limited time or physical ability, there are easily accessible destinations. For example, take I-84 to the town of Cascade Locks, OR. Cross to the Washington State side of the river and travel 6.5 miles west to highway 14 on the way to Beacon State Park. There is a \$5 park entrance fee that grants you access to Beacon Rock, the second largest free-standing basalt monolith in the world. Towering at 848 feet, it is surrounded by a one mile long trail that hugs the side of the monolith as it ascends using switch-backs and the occasional wooden and metal ramps. Guardrails protect the walker all the way to the top. On the summit, vistas over the gorge are abundant. If this climb is not to your liking, the park also has a strenuous trail up to Hamilton Mountain with a view of two waterfalls.

Beyond the park about 15 minutes away on Interstate 84 can be found the Starvation Creek Trailhead at Exit 55. From the parking lot you need only walk about 100 yards to Starvation Creek Falls, a 190 foot, two-tiered cataract. Also from the same parking lot on the west is a sound barrier protected trail that parallels the Interstate that offers great views of the nearby mountains. As the trail continues into the woods it begins climbing where more spectacular views are available of more waterfalls and the top of Starvation Falls. At the top a path leads to Cabin Creek Falls that is about 50 feet tall. Further on past the footbridge is an unrestricted view of Warren Falls that is about 100 feet tall. In less than 1.5 miles the visitor will have seen at least three waterfalls and some wonderful views. "Go West Young Man"...

For more info, call Bob Tyson at 618-684-5643.

SEE: Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/columbia/home.htm> #



2004 OUTDOOR LEADER WORKSHOP

By Bob Pauls

JUST ANNOUNCED: The Sierra Club's Outdoor Activity Training Program is bringing its highly successful Core Outing Leader Workshop to the Illinois Chapter. If you're a Sierra Club outing leader or you want to become a Sierra Club outing leader, join us for the 2004 Outing Leader Workshop in the Midwest. Leader training is a never-ending process, so whether you're an old hand or have never led any kind of outing before, this workshop is for you. It's part of the Outdoor Activities Training Program (OATP) – a Club-wide training initiative -- being offered in Illinois. Join us for a weekend of interactive learning, networking with leaders from all outing programs, and of course, lots of fun.

DETAILS: Where: Camp Tu-Endie-Wei, located between Elgin and St. Charles, IL in the Fox Valley area about 45 miles northwest of Chicago. Members will carpool from Carbondale to the training.

WHEN: May 14 – 16, 2004. (Friday – Sunday). Opening program on Friday at 7:30 p.m. sharp. Check-in and dinner from 6 p.m. The workshop ends with lunch on Sunday at 1:15 p.m.

COST: \$45. Includes all meals (Friday dinner – Sunday lunch) and bunk-style lodging.

GOALS AND PURPOSE: The goals of the workshop are to learn and enhance leadership skills, bring people and programs together to share and exchange ideas, to welcome new outdoor leaders, to learn what it takes to lead for other outings programs of the Sierra Club, and once again, to have a lot of fun.

The purpose of this workshop is to bring together new and seasoned leaders from ICO (Inner City Outings), GCO (Group & Chapter Outings), and NO (National Outings). The agenda for the workshop will encompass an extensive array of leadership topics presented in both group and breakout formats.

REGISTRATION: To register after January 1st, learn more about the workshop, and check for available space, go to the Sierra Club's Training website at <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/training/>. There are three other ways to register. Be sure to include your name(s), address, telephone #, email address, club membership #, and the workshop #: 04992A

1. MAIL a \$45 check/money order for to Sierra Club Outings, 85 Second St., 2nd Flr, San Francisco, CA 94105
2. CALL – credit cards only: 415 – 977 – 5588, Monday-Friday, 8:30 – 5, PST.
3. FAX – credit cards only: 415 – 977 – 5795.

Be sure to include your Card Number, Expiration Date and Signature.

Availability limited to 50 people – first come, first served. Questions? Contact Steven Shewach, Sierra Club Outdoor Activities Training Manager, at <mailto:steven.shewach@sierraclub.org> or at (415) 977-5711



Shawnee Group Member to be Appointed as the Illinois Outings Program Chair

In January of 2004 Shawnee Group member Bob Pauls (left end in photo) will assume new, volunteer duties as the Outings Chair for the Illinois Chapter of the Sierra Club. Fran Caffee from the Valley of the Fox Group is stepping down from the Chair position which she has held with distinction for the last six years.

The Chapter Outings Chair provides general oversight and guidance for all outdoor activities conducted in Illinois by the Sierra Club, particularly group-sponsored outings. The delivery of outdoor leadership training opportunities is another major responsibility of the position. More stringent national outing leader standards are expected to be implemented in 2004. The Chair works to

assist and encourage the development of outing programs, particularly those concerned with promoting the responsible use of wilderness and wilderness advocacy, and attracting new members. The Chair is also responsible for ensuring that all outing programs are carried out in accordance with all relevant Club policies and goals.

A Perfect Gift for the Student: Sustainable Involvement.

By Ron Schmeck, Membership Chair

At this time of the year, we are all trying to think of “perfect gifts” for friends and loved ones. High school and college students often pose a special challenge, because we may not know what they need most in their current occupation, (i.e. being a student). Might I suggest giving them a membership in the Sierra Club. One thing they need is “involvement” and “connectedness.” Education isn’t simply the study of abstract ideas to satisfy an instructor, it’s active involvement in the learning process, active involvement in life. These days I am most familiar with the environmental organizations on the campus of Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. The SIU Student Environmental Center (SEC) recently assisted in bringing Winona LaDuke (the Green Party’s Vice Presidential candidate in the last Presidential Election) to SIU’s campus on Indigenous Peoples Day (also known as Columbus Day).

The SEC is currently working to bring the Lost Film Fest to campus. This film festival is a traveling showcase of rare, independent political, social, and environmental shorts and movies. They are also planning a trip to an eco-village in Missouri in November and are gearing up to work on some Shawnee Forest protection issues and to create a sustainable demonstration house in Carbondale.

A nice subtle way to encourage students to become involved in environmental initiatives such as those pursued by the SEC at SIU is by giving them the gift of a membership in one of the largest, foremost, best-known environmental activist organizations in the world, the Sierra Club. Once they are official members of the Sierra Club, they are more apt to identify with environmental activist activities in general. We all know that sometimes the best way to influence another person is by taking a subtle, or indirect, approach. Give a student a gift membership and they won’t feel like you are “trying to tell them what to do” (which we all tend to resent). It’s more subtle than that. The recipient experiences gratitude, and suddenly “they are involved!”

When the student is ready to get involved with the SEC, have them contact Laurie Hanselmann, the current President of SEC at <mailto:lola840@yahoo.com>. They can also attend any Shawnee Group membership meeting, program or outing.



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THE UNCOOKED FACTS OF THE BUSH ASSAULT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

"We hear the Bush Administration is ordering flags flown at half mast at every Exxon station, Ford dealership and power plant."

- Daniel Becker, Sierra Club's director of Global Warming and Energy on how the Bush administration might be handling the filibuster that has blocked passage of their energy bill.)

Maybe they're not really going to lower the flags at your local Exxon station, but there's no doubt that the Bush administration is more than a little bummed that the Senate blocked passage last week of the Republican-drafted energy bill -- which Fox News called "the biggest defeat for President Bush since he was elected." Despite the fact that it was written in secrecy with energy lobbyists, it looks like enough people got the word about just how bad this energy bill would be for America's environment, consumers and public health.

Don't get us wrong, the fight is not over yet -- the Bush administration and some Senators are still trying to breathe life back into this misguided bill and will try to force another vote. While we're waiting to see what happens, the staff of Sierra Club thought they should remind you where this ugly energy mess originated.

Back in early 2001, President Bush called for an Energy Task Force headed by Vice President Cheney to draft a national energy policy. Numerous media outlets reported that members of energy industry lobbyists participated in these meetings, while consumer and environmental groups (not to mention Democrats) were shut out. No one outside of the Task Force knows for sure who attended and what kind of influence they were had -- but looking at the plan produced by the Task Force, it's pretty easy to guess that polluting industries basically got their entire wish list. To find out more, please visit http://www.sierraclub.org/energy/bush_plan/

As a result of these shenanigans, the Sierra Club sued the Bush administration over the secret methods of the Cheney Energy Task Force, and we're expecting a decision any day now on whether the Supreme Court will hear the case. The Club sued Vice President Cheney and the Task Force under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), seeking an account of the meetings. Initially, the U.S. District Court ordered the administration to provide information about participation from energy industries and the Bush administration refused, claiming constitutional immunity from such inquiries. The District Court rejected that contention, pointing out that the administration was attempting to "cloak what is tantamount to an aggrandizement of Executive power with the legitimacy of precedent where none exists." The administration appealed, asking the D.C. Circuit to make a new law that would effectively shield the administration and its secret task force from any legal scrutiny. The Circuit Court and Appeals Court denied the request, setting up the Supreme Court review.

Regardless of what the Supreme Court decides, the real issue will remain the Bush administration's attempts to shut the public out of major policy decisions that affect millions of Americans. Let the Bush administration and your elected officials know that Americans deserve better! #

Environmentalists Claim Victory in Illinois Against Irresponsible ATV Use

The organization ABATE (A Brotherhood Aimed Toward Education) (<http://www.abate-il.org>), a motorcycle issues organization with 13,000 members, failed to get the Illinois House of Representatives to override Governor Blagojevich's veto of SB 1521. The bill was defeated on November 21st when House sponsors of the bill failed to call it for a vote. This defeat was a major victory for common sense and the protection of Illinois' recreation areas across the state. The bill would have allowed money to be diverted from the Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Trust Fund in order to build ATV trails on state land. If the bill had passed, it would have allowed ATVs to use prime recreation areas, Illinois nature preserves, conservation areas, state parks such as Giant City and other state lands. Had the bill passed into law, dirt-bikes, 4-wheelers and other all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) could have destroyed the tranquility of the very areas Illinoisans go to avoid the roar and pollution of urban areas. This bad bill was co-sponsored by several southern Illinois legislators: Rep. Brandon W. Phelps, Rep. Gary Forby, Rep. William J. Grunloh, Rep. John E. Bradley, and Rep. John O. Jones.

Environmentalists fought hard to block the veto override. On November 4th, the Illinois Senate overrode Governor Blagojevich's veto, effectively scrapping the compromise that his amendatory veto had made to the bill. (The veto would have created specially designated areas for ATVs, while protecting most of our natural treasures). The Governor's veto refined the bill to only allow the funds to be spent in state "recreation areas acquired after the effective date of this ... Act."

Read about the bill and the Governor's veto at:

<http://www.legis.state.il.us/legislation/billstatus.asp?DocNum=1521&GAID=3&DocTypeID=SB&LegID=4526&SessionID=3> #

Remember to Vote! Annual Sierra Club Shawnee Group Executive Committee

Last month all members received ballots and an envelope to vote in the EXCOM election. Two ballots are provided in case your household has more than one voting member. Send your ballot in any envelope to: **Shawnee Group, Sierra Club, P.O. Box 117, Carbondale, IL 62903. *The envelope must have on the outside a return address and the member name(s).*** This ballot must be received in the Group's post office box by 3 PM on December 31, 2003. Alternatively, you may bring your sealed ballot to the December 11th membership meeting, or bring it to the Annual Stone Soup Picnic at Giant City State Park on New Years Day by no later than Noon. You can vote for no more than three candidates.

Have you seen



<http://www.themeatrix.com/>

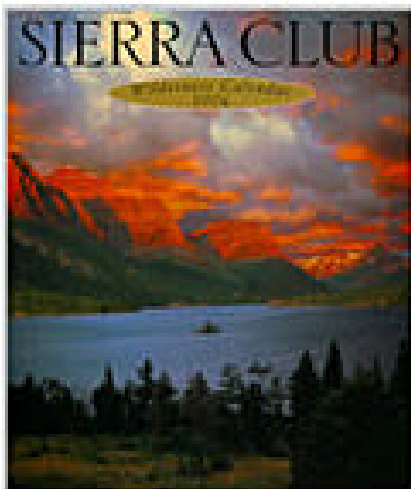
The Meatrix is an animation that spoofs the popular Matrix movies. But instead of Keanu Reeves, the Meatrix stars a young pig, Leo, who lives on a pleasant family farm... or so he thinks. Leo is approached by a wise and mysterious cow, Moopheus, who shows Leo the truth about modern farming -- the truth about the Meatrix! The animation describes the problems with factory farming and offers viewers a solution.

Its Calendar Time

The new year will be soon upon us, so now is the time to purchase one or more of the Sierra Club's beautiful annual calendars.

Calendars can be purchased in several ways:

1. Attend the next monthly membership meeting. The next meeting will be on December 11th at 7:30 PM.
2. Call Shawnee Group Treasurer, Bill Boman, at 995-9976, and he'll mail the calendars to you.
3. Visit the Shawnee Group website at the URL below and securely pay for your calendars using the PayPal Service.



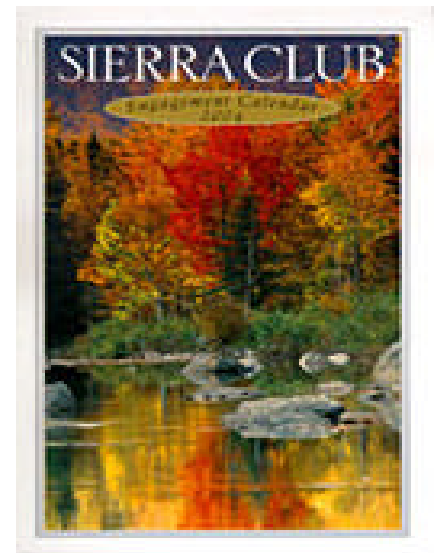
2004 Wall Calendar

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Engagement Calendars are being sold at below retail cost for \$12.00.



2004 Engagement Calendar

Website:

<http://Illinois.sierraclub.org/shawnee/calendars.htm>

A Wake Up Call! Stop the Bush Administration's Decimation of Environmental Laws!

By Barbara McKasson, Conservation Chair

With terrorism, Iraq and the economy grabbing most of the headlines, many people do not realize that President Bush, with the help of the Republican members of Congress, is quietly dismantling our basic federal environmental protections. Repeatedly, Bush is rewriting environmental regulations so that they afford less protection for our environment from pollution and destruction. Repeatedly, the Republican members of Congress are exempting federal agencies and private corporate actions from our fundamental environmental laws. The National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA), the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, and the integrity of all our environmental protections are at stake. We must let our federal elected officials know that this is totally unacceptable!

The Bush administration strategy has been to first announce some new method to make our environment cleaner, and then the turn around and weaken existing regulations or laws that roll back environmental regulations. For example, Bush's "Clear Skies Initiative" cancels out the "new source review" regulations that normally require new coal fired plant construction and significant renovations of existing industrial and power plants to install the newest technology to remove more pollutants. So, even though there is an epidemic of childhood asthma, the Bush administration is willing to let industry further degrade our air.

The Republican dominated Congress is no better than Bush. Environmentally unfriendly senators and representatives have been busy inserting language into agency reauthorization bills that allege to "streamline" environmental review. The effect of "streamlining" has been to 1) limit public input, 2) limit the public's right to appeal or sue an agency's decision, 3) limit the amount of environmental study required before approval of a project, and 4) even allow agencies and states to exempt projects from any environmental review at all! A prime example of this is the "Healthy Forests Initiative" that was just passed by Congress. This bill will allow the Forest Service to totally exempt certain timber sales from the requirements of the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA). Under the guise of protecting communities from forest fires, logging companies would be allowed to cut old growth trees in exchange for cutting some brush around homes that are close to a National Forest. The Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management are not required to consider any alternatives other than the 'proposed action alternative' if the project is located within 1.5 miles of a community. This cuts out the very heart of NEPA protections.

The list of attacks by the Bush administration on our fundamental environmental protections could go on and on. The House Energy Bill would exempt oil and gas activities from certain Clean Water Act requirements. The bill also includes a proposal to exempt the oil and gas industry from requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act, allowing them to inject diesel fuel and other harmful chemicals into the ground without regard for their impact on drinking water. The Federal Aviation Administration Bill, Transportation Bill, and many others have provisions that would shorten the environmental review period to 14 days, and even allow states to exempt many projects from environmental review.

WHAT YOU CAN DO:

Please call or write our two Illinois U.S. Senators and your U.S. Representative. Tell them that you oppose provisions in federal authorization bills that are weakening our environmental laws, especially NEPA. Urge them to support amendments to remove the language in these bills that would weaken our environmental review process, and also vote NO on the bills that still retain that language.

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~ William Murdoch and Joseph Connell,
The Role Of The Ecologist (1970)

White House Study: Benefits of Environmental Regulation Far Outweigh Costs

Environmental protections aren't only crucial to ensuring cleaner air and water, they're also cost-effective, according to the most comprehensive federal study ever performed on the costs and benefits of regulatory decision-making. The White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) found that the benefits of some major environmental rules outweigh the costs to industry by several times. For example, the OMB determined that the health and social gains resulting from tough new clean air regulations during the past decade were five to seven times greater than compliance costs. Even with the most conservative assumptions, the OMB reported, each dollar spent on environmental regulation returned more than six dollars in health care savings and improved worker productivity. The OMB also admitted that it erred in last year's annual assessment by underestimating the benefits of environmental protections.

"Let's hope the truth shall set the Bush administration free from trying to weaken and undermine our nation's environmental laws," said Wesley Warren, NRDC's senior fellow for environmental economics.

~ September 29, 2003, NRDC, http://www.nrdc.org/bushrecord/other_regs.asp#1429

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