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## Voice of the Kansas Sierra Club

### KC's Bad Air Returns

By Craig Volland

Kansas City enjoyed relatively clean air in 2004 when we enjoyed one of the coolest summers in a decade. But this year, when we had a typical hot summer, KC's bad air came back with a vengeance. Monitors in Mid America Regional Council's eight-county ozone maintenance area recorded 24 exceedances of the 85 parts per billion ozone standard on 15 days. Eight of these values were over 90 ppb. As bad as this is, it still doesn't constitute a violation of the federal ozone standard because of all the fudge factors that the EPA has figured in.

EPA counts only the 4th highest value at each monitor and then allows these values to be averaged over three years. Since last summer was unusually cool and there were no exceedances, the three year average is still below 85 ppb. Thus there is no official violation that would mean area authorities would be required to mandate improvements.

During the original rulemaking, the EPA's Science Advisory Board said that adverse health effects become significant at 80 ppb, but EPA allows authorities to round down any result up to 84 ppb. The real deal is that Kansas Citians breathed in a lot of unhealthy air this summer.

So did the down-winders. Three monitors down wind of the KC maintenance area showed 6 exceedances on six days. Of particular interest is the new monitor at Trimble in southern

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### Clean Renewable Energy: It's Our Turn to Lead

By Frank Drinkwine, Chapter Energy Committee.

We live in a world of "smoke and mirrors" energy policy perpetuated by self-serving politicians and regulators, opportunistic energy and utility corporations, a complicit media, and a largely disinterested public. It seems to be a system that supports the avoidance of the truth. Politicians tell us what we want to hear. Regulators often are beholden to a political or industry agenda or both. Utilities are pros at playing the game, "we're here to help you." News sources, sometimes politically biased, often don't provide sufficient facts to help us uncover the truth. Finally, what about the rest of us who are too busy, running like a hamster on his wheel, to learn the truth and instigate change? Surely we can't all be happy with the path down which our energy future is headed. Have we given up hope that someday truth and integrity will prevail and a new energy future will emerge?

I often wonder whether politicians and regulators are leaders or followers. I submit that many are the latter, followers of the money trail that got them elected or appointed. They are merely supporters of actions that serve their self-interests and the special interests that helped get them where they are. Politicians and regulators that are leaders work on solutions that are in the best interest of the common good: they serve

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## What Part of "Global Warming" Do We Not Get?

By Bill McKibben

Forget about the hurricanes. Put them out of your mind. We'll never know for sure that any particular hurricane is caused by global warming, so just don't think about them. Instead, concentrate on the other evidence for climate change that's appeared recently:



In August, Russian researchers reported that an area of tundra larger than France and Germany combined was rapidly turning into bog as the permafrost melted.

In early September, British researchers reported that warmer temperatures were causing the soil to heat up and dramatically increasing rates of decay. The temperate forests and fields of the United Kingdom are becoming, in essence, semitropical.

In mid-September, researchers reported that arctic sea ice had shrunk by 20 percent. "The feeling is we are reaching a tipping point or threshold beyond which sea ice will not recover," one scientist told reporters.

And in late September, European researchers reported on the biological effects of 2003's record heat wave, the one that killed 15,000 people in France alone. In Italy, they said, corn yields dropped by about 36 percent. Oak and pine also grew more slowly, the study found. In fact, overall there was 30 percent less plant growth that year.

What do numbers like these -- all from the best peer-reviewed journals -- show us? That global warming is not some distant problem waiting to appear, some hypothetical trouble we should start preparing for. They show us that the world is already changing with deadly speed. Every time we burn coal and gas and oil, we send carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, and now that carbon dioxide is trapping enough heat to create a new planet.

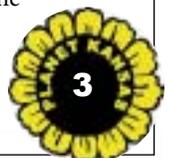
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# No Joke, It's the Timing

By Joe Spease, Executive Director of Kansas Unbound

Jack Benny, George Burns, George Carlin, Steve Martin, and other great comedians all understand the importance of great timing to their success. Bill Gates has admitted the part that timing played in the success of Microsoft. Now, finally, environmentalists and business interests can raise their hands together, triumphantly, to announce, "The timing is right to clean up our environment and give a huge boost to the economy."

Businessmen and government leaders have complained since the beginnings of the environmental movement in the 60's that the costs to be "green" were too high. Thankfully, environmentalists can say today that being "green" is better business than supporting fossil fuel based sources of energy and better than supporting old, wasteful building design.

A convergence of factors has made the time right to clean up our act. In fact, if we don't act now it won't be a laughing matter. The rising cost of oil, and it will only stay up and rise higher from now on, is doing great harm to our economy and to our national security. At the same time, advances in technology have made wind turbines, solar panels, hydrogen production, geothermal heat pumps, biodiesel, and other practical renewable sources of energy not just affordable, but more efficient and effective than the fossil fuel alternatives.

Wind power is now the cheapest form of new electric power we have<sup>1</sup>. The coal industry, and this would make me laugh if it weren't so tragic, makes the claim that old coal plants produce electric power that is cheaper than wind power, just barely, but cheaper. That is true since the old coal plants aren't required to have the pollution controls required on new coal plants that account for the higher cost in power produced. Factor in the enormous costs to our environment, health, lost job time, and other costly problems caused by those old coal plants and wind is less expensive. Remember too, that even new coal plants are permitted to spew deadly mercury into our air and water and onto our land. The point is, the time has come to break down all barriers to wind power development. The U.S. congress must sign into law Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS) that will require local utilities to provide certain percentages of their power from renewable sources. The U.S. Senate has approved it before, but the U.S. House of Representatives is still under the corrupt influence of big oil and coal lobbyists. Write your representative today and tell them wind is cheaper, better for our economy, better for our environment, and there are no longer any excuses for not turning the Midwestern United States into the Saudi Arabia of wind.

Arabia of wind.

The timing is absolutely right for the development of wind power in the U.S.A. The best wind sites in the Midwest could produce enough electricity to power the whole U.S.A. grid 8 times over<sup>2</sup>. Of course we don't need

that much so what could we do with all that extra energy? As luck would have it, the timing is right for another idea involving hydrogen.

In his book, "The Clean Power Revolution," author Troy Helming suggests a terrific idea that has equally great appeal to business people, military leaders, and environmentalists. He suggests that we produce hydrogen the renewable way, using electricity from wind turbines at night (during the day the power would be used to help reduce peak demand needs) to power electrolyzers that would split water molecules into hydrogen and oxygen. The hydrogen would be injected into, what once was, the world's largest natural gas field in Hugoton, Kansas. That field is down to its last 10% of natural gas and is expected to run dry sometime in the next 10 years. Mixing hydrogen with natural gas is no problem because natural gas is over 70% hydrogen anyway. From this site we could produce enough hydrogen to power every car, truck, plane, and train in the United States, with clean, renewable power sources. We would never need to import a drop of oil again. We could become a net energy exporter again, all while cleaning the environment of the disastrous toxins that fossil fuels produce. Thousands of jobs would be created to accommodate the new technology and military tensions connected to Middle East oil suppliers would be relieved.

Timing is everything and every renewable solution offered above can be accomplished with technology available right now. The same goes for the incredible benefits gained from LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified buildings. In a paper written for the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, titled "Green Building Costs and Financial Benefits," Gregory Kats illustrates that the time has come for all buildings to incorporate sustainable environment elements. The small additional costs for LEED certified buildings is recouped in just a few years, leaving decades of savings for the owners, and a cleaner environment for its neighbors. We must demand that our legislators require all new buildings to be LEED certified. Write your legislators, after reading the Kats study, and share the information with them. It makes sense for taxpayers because LEED design absolutely saves money.

I asked some legislators why we haven't developed wind and hydrogen power, and required LEED certified buildings, and here are some of their responses: "I hate to confuse myself with the facts;" "I deny the allegations and defy the alligators;" "Candidly, I cannot answer that. The question is too suppository." I'm joking of course, but I'm serious about you contacting your legislators. If you don't the joke will be on us. Did you hear about the environmentalist who didn't contact their legislators? The punch line to this depends on you.

*More information can be found at [www.kansasunbound.org](http://www.kansasunbound.org)*

<sup>1</sup> "The Clean Power Revolution" by Troy Helming, p. 77

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., p.71 



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# Chimney Swifts' Tower

By Mike Campbell, Wakarusa Group Chair

November 5th was a day with a lot of action in Lawrence. On campus, the goal posts came down as jubilant students celebrated KU's first football victory over Nebraska in 36 years. South of town, something even better was going up. The Wakarusa Group gathered in the Baker Wetlands and put up a chimney swift town on the main north-south path, maybe a quarter-mile from the 31st St entrance.

The tower stands 14 feet tall. It's about a foot-and-a-half square and painted pussy willow grey. The swifts are long gone for the year, but we put it up now so it could season over the winter. Birds often don't care for brand new houses. Our hope is to have it well broken in when they return in the spring.

Dr. Roger Boyd, who did most of the construction, built a periscope into the tower to help see the birds roosting inside. The periscope is a little tricky to use, so you might also try getting underneath and peering up through the vent holes in the floor. In a perfect world, we'd have a wireless webcam to mount inside for remote viewing. If you think you know how to do this, please drop me a line at [shamsoup@yahoo.com](mailto:shamsoup@yahoo.com). Otherwise, plan to make a trip to the wetlands next spring to see the swifts.

See article by Mike Campbell in the October/November '05 edition *Planet Kansas*. The article describes why the chimney swifts are struggling for survival and how this habitat enhancement will help. 



Wakarusa Group leaders Mike Campbell (left) and Daniel Poull (center) joined Haskell Baker wetland steward Dr. Roger Boyd (right), his wife Jan, and "Abby" Saturday November 5, 2005. The team installed this chimney swift house in the Haskell Baker wetlands.

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the public interest.

I don't get it. Even politicians and regulators need clean air, clean water and a safe food chain and so do their children and grandchildren! Yet they continue to look the other way on matters that, without question, are jeopardizing their health and the health of the public they are obligated to serve. Say it ain't so!

Be aware that a common response to efforts to develop clean renewable energy alternatives is that they are more costly than current fossil and nuclear fuel technologies. Don't accept this response at face value. At best it's a half-truth that preys on our natural instinct to want to pay as little as possible today for the electricity or fuels we consume. In order to advance their interests, advocates for fossil or nuclear-fueled power plants rarely mention the subsidies and incentives (i.e., our tax dollars) paid to energy companies and utilities. They also willingly ignore the cost of repairing environmental damages and blatantly disregard the cost of permanent loss of ecological resources. When we consider the true cost of extracting and consuming fossil and nuclear fuels we can only conclude one thing – we can't afford not to develop clean renewable energy sources!

It's time for us to lead! It's time to stop accepting the same old energy policies that are destroying our ecological infrastructure (i.e., air, water and food chain) that sustains all of us! It is time to break the self-destructive cycle of energy policies that seek to destroy more and more natural places, that do nothing meaningful to create energy self-sufficiency, and do everything to advance the self-interests of politicians and pad the bottom-lines of energy and utility companies. It's time to expect leadership, real action, on clean renewable energy development and implementation. Here's what each one of us can do:

- Recognize we are part of the problem. Everything we consume requires energy in its production and/or its use. We can consume less.
- Ask our local, state and national political representatives to support energy efficiency programs, renewable energy standards, and incentives for consumers and producers to adopt clean renewable energy sources. In the spirit of Ben Franklin, a barrel saved is a barrel discovered.
- Read and research beyond the headlines and persuasive ad campaigns to learn about the true costs of continuing the same old energy ways. Learn about the costs and lasting benefits of clean renewable energy. Be informed. (Note: "clean coal", oil shale, tar sands, and nuclear are neither clean nor renewable alternatives.)

- Clean renewable energy is here now. Tell our utilities we want to purchase electricity generated by wind and solar energy. Insist on choices.
- Urge our local government to improve the energy efficiency of all public buildings and vehicles and to consider local electricity

generation using wind or solar energy.

- Make personal choices that save energy at home, work and everywhere we can.
- VOTE in the next election.

Have you ever accomplished something meaningful in your life that required an investment of time, sweat and personal sacrifice and then you were rewarded for many years to come? Isn't that the way most meaningful and lasting change occurs? I challenge each of us to take the lead in the effort to create a future fueled by clean renewable energy – we can't afford not to! 



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### **Global Warming, continued from page 3**

And what's really scary is that each of these developments will in turn trigger more global warming. They're what scientists call feedback loops. For instance, as the Siberian permafrost melts it releases huge quantities of methane -- at some spots last winter the gas was bubbling up so fast that the bogs didn't freeze in even the coldest weather. And methane is an even more potent greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide.

Meanwhile, as British soils heat and decay speeds up, that decay releases carbon -- enough to offset all the energy-saving changes that Britain has made since 1990. Meanwhile the reductions in plant growth that the Europeans found during the hot summer of 2003 mean fewer trees and plants to soak up the carbon from the atmosphere.

And up north? White sea ice reflects the sun's rays back to space; when it melts to blue water that heat is now absorbed, increasing warming yet again.

So far human beings have increased the planet's temperature about 1 degree Fahrenheit. Unless we do everything possible, as quickly as possible, to shift away from fossil fuels, scientists say we will warm the planet another 5 degrees before the century's end. So imagine all those numbers multiplied by five.

It's about time for denial to come to an end. We're no longer talking about theory, about computer models of what might happen. We're talking about what is happening, all around the world, with almost unimaginable speed. Other countries have at least begun to try to deal with the problem, implementing small first steps like the Kyoto Protocol. But here in the United States, there's only a scattering of state and local measures. Washington is governed by a bipartisan consensus that somehow the laws of physics and chemistry don't apply to us.

But they do. I said I wasn't going to talk about the hurricanes, but I lied. In early August a paper by a Massachusetts Institute of Technology researcher in the journal Nature showed that hurricanes were 50 percent stronger and lasted 60 percent longer than a generation ago. In early September a Georgia Tech team showed that the number of category 4 and 5 storms had doubled. You've seen the results on every TV screen and magazine cover.

Exactly how much more do we need to know? Exactly when are we going to roll up our sleeves and get to work?

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### **Bad Air, continued from page 1**

Clinton County, Missouri which is more than half way to St. Joseph. This monitor recorded 4 exceedances, one as high as 93 ppb. This result fits closely with the results of MARC's new mathematical ozone model. This model predicts that, on bad days in the year 2010, unhealthy air will extend all the way to Atchison and St. Joseph.

Exceedances were also recorded this summer in Leavenworth (96 ppb) and Lawrence (88 ppb). . Thus we can say that KC's regional ozone plume extends west to Lawrence and at least as far north as St. Joseph. There is no question but that state air quality regulators should install ozone monitors in St. Joseph and Atchison to seek the outer edge of the plume. Both of these cities have some significant sources of pollution that could add to the problem.

Despite the bad numbers for 2005 it's unlikely that KC will violate the ozone standard until the low, year 2004 numbers flush out of the three-year average... in other words, not until 2007. In the meantime we'd better hope MARC's voluntary ozone management program does some good.

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**Hope to See You There!**



# Where's the Beef From?

By Matthew L. Miller, Prairie Writers Circle

Living in the Rocky Mountain West, I am used to breathtaking views. None takes my breath away as much as a 150,000-cow feedlot in southern Idaho. Even before I see it from the road, its stench overpowers me. Then I crest the hill and cattle in bleak pens sprawl to the horizon.



It is a depressing sight, and I feel horrified at a food system that can allow animals -- living beings -- to be raised in such a manner.

I see the products of this food system every time I visit the supermarket: rows of fatty, hormone-injected, often colorless meat -- straight from a factory, not a farm. I'll pass.

But I do eat meat.

This isn't hypocritical. I buy my meat from farmers and ranchers committed to raising animals in humane and healthful ways -- steaks from grass-fed cattle, roasted free-range chicken, elk chili, lamb chorizo, smoked duck -- and so celebrate the lands and the animals of my Idaho home.

And I want at least part of the responsibility for getting meat to be strictly my own. Each fall I hunt and stock my freezer for the year with elk, deer and duck. For eating, nothing better connects me to the cycle of life and death.

I call this being a mindful meat eater.

Becoming a mindful meat eater means acknowledging that life feeds on life, that regardless of our diet, all of our food has costs. Even those who shun animal products cannot escape

this, whether in the loss of wildlife habitat to grain fields, poisoning by pesticide use or animals killed for crop damage on organic farms.

Becoming a mindful meat eater also means getting to know farms that produce animals while being respectful of their nature. At a farm market I buy lamb, chicken and turkey from a farmer just down the road. Unlike industrial agriculture's huge feedlots, her farm is grassy pasture and a spacious barn. The chickens roam freely. These animals aren't pets, but she knows each one.

Even large farms and ranches can raise livestock mindfully. I know another rancher with free-range sheep and cattle on thousands of acres. His animals will never see a feedlot. Herders stay with the animals all day to ensure they don't damage wildlife habitat. The ranch also won't harm wolves, coyotes and mountain lions of the area -- a practice labeled "Predator Friendly."

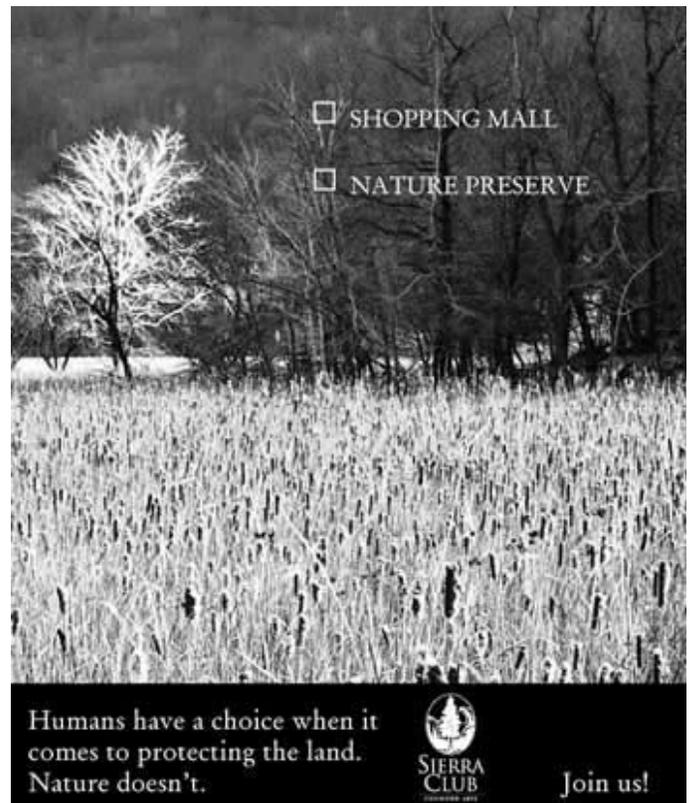
By supporting these kinds of farms, and knowing them, I connect with the meat I eat in a better, saner way. The supermarket disconnects us, from chickens crammed into tiny, indoor cages, and from acre after acre of cattle packed into feedlots.

Invest some time in learning how your steaks and burgers are produced. Support labels that certify animals are raised in ways healthful to them and the land, and avoid factory farm products. Restore mindfulness to meat eating.

*Matthew L. Miller, director of communications for The Nature Conservancy of Idaho, writes frequently on sustainable agriculture, conservation and outdoor recreation. He wrote this for the Land Institute's Prairie Writers Circle, Salina, Kan.*



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# General Meetings

**General public is welcome to attend**

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## **Flint Hills Group (Manhattan)**

### **General Information**

For information please call Scott Smith at 785-539-1973 anytime or email wizard13@cox.net.

## **Kanza Group (Kansas City)**

### **General Information**

Come early at 7:00 pm, share some snacks, and enjoy meeting your Kanza Group leaders and members, followed by our General Meeting at 7:30. Watch for our postcards in your mailbox for our upcoming General Meetings. Our meetings are every other month at the Overland Park Lutheran Church, 7810 W. 79th Street.

Directions map at [www.kansas.sierraclub.org/kanzadirections.htm](http://www.kansas.sierraclub.org/kanzadirections.htm), Craig Wolfe, (913) 299-4443, [info@kansas.sierraclub.org](mailto:info@kansas.sierraclub.org)

## **Kanza Group**

**Jan 10, 7:00 pm**

### **Oil Depletion and Its Impacts**

**7:00 pm** - Come early, and we will have snacks and good conversation at 7:00 pm followed by our general meeting

**7:30 pm** - As we approach the reduction in oil supplies, the debate on exactly how this will impact our lives and lifestyles has begun. We will present a short film and discuss this highly controversial topic. Overland Park Lutheran Church, 7810 W. 79th Street. Directions map at: [www.kansas.sierraclub.org/kanzadirections.htm](http://www.kansas.sierraclub.org/kanzadirections.htm). Craig Wolfe, (913) 299-4443, [info@kansas.sierraclub.org](mailto:info@kansas.sierraclub.org)

## **Southwind Group (Wichita)**

### **General Information**

Southwind Group General Meetings (Wichita) are held the second Friday of each month at The Great Plains Nature Center, 29th N at Woodlawn, Wichita. Social hour with pizza and pop at 6:30 p.m., announcements of local events 7:00 p.m., programs begin at 7:30 p.m.

## **Southwind Group**

**Dec 10, 7:00-9:00 pm**

### **Southwind Group's Annual Holiday Potluck Party**

Bring your favorite side dish and enjoy a wonderful evening with your fellow Sierrans. Ham, turkey, roast beef and pop will be supplied. Tom or Grace Kneil, (316) 744-1016, [thomas.kneil@kansas.sierraclub.org](mailto:thomas.kneil@kansas.sierraclub.org)

## **Southwind Group**

**Jan 13, 6:30 pm Social Hour; 7:30 pm Program**

**Wichita Air**

John Stark, Wichita Department of Environmental Health, will speak about air quality in the Wichita Area. Bill Cather (316) 522-4741, [bill.cather@kansas.sierraclub.org](mailto:bill.cather@kansas.sierraclub.org)

## **Topeka Group.**

### **General Information**

The Topeka Group has regular monthly meetings on the fourth Tuesday each month (except December) at 7:00 p.m. at the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library (unless otherwise noted). The library is at 1515 SW 10th Street.

## **Topeka Group.**

**Jan 24. 7:00 pm.**

### **Organic Food and Sustainable Agriculture: Part I**

Organic Food and Sustainable Agriculture: Part I, will feature local farmers and producers, as well as a presentation from the Kansas Rural Center. Part II is next month. Paul Post, (785) 354-1972, [paulpost@paulpost.com](mailto:paulpost@paulpost.com)

## **Topeka Group**

**Feb 28. 7:00 pm.**

### **Organic Food and Sustainable Agriculture: Part II**

Organic Food and Sustainable Agriculture: Part II will feature local retailers and outlets, including the Topeka Natural Foods Co-op, as our speakers. Paul Post, (785) 354-1972, [paulpost@paulpost.com](mailto:paulpost@paulpost.com)

## **Wakarusa Group**

**(Lawrence)**

### **General Information**

The Wakarusa Group is limiting its general meetings in order to concentrate on holding special events. Please contact Mike Campbell at (785) 542-3885 or [shamsoup@yahoo.com](mailto:shamsoup@yahoo.com) for more information. To get the most up-to-date announcements on our events, please add your name to our e-mail list. You can add your name to the list by contacting Carey Maynard Moody at [careymm@sunflower.com](mailto:careymm@sunflower.com).

## **Wakarusa Group**

**Jan 18. 7:00 pm.**

### **Protecting Yellowstone's Grizzlies.**

Meet at the old Union Pacific depot to see a video about the Bush administration's efforts to strip endangered species protection from the grizzly bears at Yellowstone Park. Also, learn what you can do to fight for the Grizzlies. Food, soft drinks and beer provided. Mike Campbell (785) 542-3885, [mike.campbell@kansas.sierraclub.org](mailto:mike.campbell@kansas.sierraclub.org)



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# Sierra Club Outings

**General public is welcome to participate**

Below is the combined list of all outings by the Kansas Chapter and Groups. The number in [brackets] indicates the area of the outing as shown on the map. Please contact the outing leader listed after the description by phone or e-mail before attending any of these activities. For trips requiring physical exertion, leaders need to know your ability and condition. Sierra Club policy also requires participants to sign a liability waiver or acknowledgement of risk prior to departing the trailhead.



**[1] Dec 2. 7:00 pm. Holiday dinner at China Inn**

Holiday dinner at China Inn, 2010 N. Central (off N. Topeka Blvd.), 7:00 p.m. On Friday, December 2. (No host dinner/cash bar) Come and celebrate the holidays and the Topeka Group's first year of success. Topeka. Paul Post, (785) 354-1972, paulpost@paulpost.com

**[1] Dec 3. TBA. Indian Creek Day Hike**

A leaf off day hike through the woods along Indian Creek in southern Johnson County Kansas. Kanza. Anne McDonald, (913) 384-6645, anne.mcdonald@kansas.sierraclub.org

**[1] Dec 9-11. TBA. Backpacking by Moonlight**

Join us in backpacking by moon light to our first camp site Friday night. Kanza. Bryan Ohrman, (816) 214-7875, bohrman@247expresscourier.com

**[2] Dec 17-18. 12:00 pm. Eagle Watch**

Come spend the night at the Goat Ranch, near Mulvane, and see the eagles along the Arkansas River.. Southwind. Bill Cather (316) 522-4741, bill.cather@kansas.sierraclub.org

**[4] Jan 8. 2:00 PM. Trolley Track Trail**

Winter hike along the old trolley track in Brookside.. Kanza. Ellen Brenneman, (816) 213-2415 mobile, ebrenn1@yahoo.com

**[4] Jan 15. TBA. Burr Oak Woods Conservation Area**

Cure your cabin fever with this 4-5 mile hike.. Kanza. Dave Patton, (816) 461-6091, dave.patton@missouri.sierraclub.org



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**[2] Jan 20. 6:30 pm. Restaurant Outing – Il Vicino**

Each month, January–April, we will visit a new restaurant. Payment for dinner is left to the individual. Il Vicino is located at 4817 E. Douglas in Wichita.. Southwind. Stuart Bolt, (316) 685-3492, stuartbolt@earthlink.net

**[4] Jan 21. 9:30 AM. Settles' Ford Conservation Area**

Low temperatures won't keep us indoors but slick roads will.. Kanza. Bob Wilshire, (913) 384-6645, bob.wilshire@kansas.sierraclub.org

**[1] Jan 28. 8:00 am. Kansas Museum of Natural History**

Outings Chair Jack Smith will lead us as we travel to Lawrence to visit the Kansas Museum of Natural History and view the new exhibit, "Explore Evolution" Meet at the parking lot of the Topeka and Shawnee County Public Library at (9:00 a.m.to caravan/carpool.. Topeka. Jack Smith (785) 273-3138, jkjsmith@aol.com

**[4] Jan 28-29. TBA. Lake of the Ozarks State Park**

Our night's lodging will be in a yurt, if they're ready.. Kanza. Bob Wilshire, (913) 384-6645, bob.wilshire@kansas.sierraclub.org

**[1] Feb 5. TBA. Day Hike (TBA)**

It's bound to be a good one. Kanza. Paul Gross, (816) 228-6563, paul.gross@missouri.sierraclub.org

**[1] Feb 11. Perry Lake Trail Maintenance, Perry, KS**

Help us install mile markers on the Perry Lake Trail

***more outings next page***

# Committee Meetings

## Kanza Group (Kansas City)

### Executive Committee

**Dec 8, Jan 26 - 7:00 pm,**

Contact: Craig Wolfe, (913) 299-4443,  
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### Joint Action Committee

**Dec 8, Jan 26 - 7:00 pm,**

Conservation, legislative, political and  
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## Southwind Group (Wichita)

### Executive Committee

**Dec 4, Jan 8 - 6:00 pm**

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### Conservation Committee

**Date TBA - 6:00 pm**

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## Wakarusa Group (Lawrence)

### Executive Committee

**1st Sunday of month, 7:00 pm,**

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### Conservation Committee

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## Topeka Section, Organizing Meetings, (time and location TBA)

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## Kansas Chapter: (State), Executive Committee, Jan 28 (location TBA)

Bill Griffith, (913) 772-8960, bill.griffith@kansas.sierraclub.org

## *more outings*

www.perrylaketrail.net. Learn to use a GPS receiver to locate sites for mile markers, then set them in the ground.. Kanza. Steve Hassler, (913) 707-3296, steve.hassler@kansas.sierraclub.org

### [4] Feb 18. TBA. Backpacking 101

Learn the basics of backpacking. Class will be taught at Burr Oak Woods.. Kanza. Paul or Melody Gross 816-228-6563, paul.gross@missouri.sierraclub.org

### [4] Feb 25-26. TBA. Backpacking 101 Lab

Backpacking trip designed to use the skills taught in Backpacking 101 (all skill levels welcome).. Kanza. Bryan Ohrman, (816) 214-7875, bohrman@247expresscourier.com

### [1] Mar 4. Perry Lake Trail Maintenance, Perry, KS

Help us prepare the trail www.perrylaketrail.net for the spring hiking season. We'll remove fallen obstacles and cut back overgrowth along the trail.. Kanza. Steve Hassler, (913) 707-3296, steve.hassler@kansas.sierraclub.org

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# Calendar of Events

## Summary of all Kansas Chapter Events

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