Top Story: Holcomb Reborn?

By Tom Thompson, Legislative Coordinator

The above heading is funny but it isn't funny. It is the heading I used for the KLN #1 last year. I knew I was entering the Twilight Zone when I drove into Topeka. As I crossed 6th and Kansas, Avenue, just north of the Capitol Building, I saw a guy dressed as the Statue of Liberty advertising on one corner, and Fred Phelps and his crew protesting on the other. I was then reminded of the fantasy world I was entering.

On Wednesday, the House Republican Leadership held a press conference and presented their agenda. As a reporter left the conference, he showed me the list. Sure enough, there was the item to build a power plant in Holcomb, Kansas.

There are a number of ideas about how this will play out. One is that a bill concerning the permitting of Holcomb will come up early in order to beat any new regulations that might arise because of a new Presidency. The other is that a number of pieces of somewhat green legislation will be passed in the House, sent to the Senate and combined with something allowing Holcomb to be permitted. There are other possibilities. One can only guess at this point.

The Capitol is being remodeled big time this year. More legislators have been moved to the Docking Building just west of the Capitol. Most House Committees also meet there. Senate Committees are mostly in the Capitol. The First Floor of the Capitol Rotunda is closed, as is most of the south side on all floors. There will be no large events, nor will groups be allowed to set up buffets for the legislators in the Capitol Building this year. On the first couple days of the session there were no names on the doors of legislators and no reliable directories. The legislative web site directory would not be updated until after the first week. Hopefully that will have been corrected by this writing. Paper signs began to pop up on the first Wednesday but legislators were still being moved around.

Part of the chaos had to do with the fact that we just had new elections where both the House and Senate were elected.

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Explore, enjoy and protect the planet
Eating Away at the Land that Feeds Us

by Robin Mittenthal

Robin Mittenthal has worked on farms, taught high school biology and now pursues a doctorate in entomology at the University of Wisconsin. He wrote this comment for the Land Institute’s Prairie Writers Circle, Salina, Kan.

I recently brought a cake to a friend’s party, and several people asked me if I had made it from scratch, which I had. In an age dominated by manufactured, pre-prepared foods, the ability to make a cake from raw ingredients seems to inspire awe in some folks.

Back when I farmed, the ability to grow food from scratch — just seeds, soil and tools — earned me similar admiration. I appreciated this then, but now that I do agricultural research, growing food from scratch seems more than a little troubling.

Let me explain.

Nature rarely mixes interdependent plants and animals from scratch. Instead, the Earth is carpeted with complex communities of organisms that don’t change much over time. These communities are stable, partly because they’re built around perennial plants: trees, shrubs and grasses that live for many years.

Perennials typically have deep roots. Both the roots and the aboveground parts are present year-round, keeping wind and water from carrying soil away. Perennials also can capture more — and waste less — water and nutrients.

Unlike most of nature, our food depends largely on annual plants, which grow, make seeds and die in one year. The typically large and numerous seeds of annuals like rice, wheat, corn and beans are what

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Kansas Sierra Club Joins State Blue Green Alliance

By Stephanie Cole

This winter a coalition of labor, farm and environmental organizations joined forces to represent the enormous economic opportunities Kansas stands to gain if we pursue a clean energy economy. Kansas ranks third nationally for wind energy potential, which means we could revitalize our economy and curb global warming emissions if we use our wind resources.

“Some of the biggest issues facing Kansas — rising unemployment due to a struggling economy, our overdependence on imported fuels, and global climate change— can be tackled all at once,” said Emil Ramirez, of the United Steelworkers.

At a press conference in Wichita, the Blue Green Alliance held its official launch. Representatives from the United Steelworkers, the Communication Workers of America District 6, Kansas AFL-CIO, The Land Institute, Kansas Rural Center, Kansas Farmers Union, the Great Plains Alliance for Clean Energy, Sierra Club, Greenpeace, and Kansas City Jobs with Justice are all members of the coalition, and other organizations are invited to join. Members of the alliance will advocate for a green economy.

“We can work together to provide good, family-supporting jobs - helping future generations of Kansans to enjoy good careers close to home,” said Donn Teske, President of Kansas Farmers’ Union.

According to a recent report issued by the Renewable Energy Policy Project, Kansas stands to gain more than 11,000 family-supporting manufacturing jobs in the renewable energy industry.

“Kansas workers would also be employed retrofitting homes, businesses and commercial buildings with high-efficiency heating and cooling systems and insulation, and creating the next generation of fuel-efficient vehicles,” said Scott Allegrucci, executive director of the Great Plains Alliance for Clean Energy (GPACE).

“This is recovery for Main Street,” said Nancy Jackson, executive director of the Climate & Energy Project.

The Blue Green Alliance is a national partnership initially formed between the United Steelworkers and the Sierra Club. For more information on the Blue Green Alliance, visit www.bluegreenalliance.org.

New Journey To Planet Earth Episode

Screenscope, Inc. is pleased to announce that “The State of the Planet’s Oceans,” the next episode in the award-winning environmental series, Journey to Planet Earth, will be broadcast on PBS on March 18, 2009 at 8 p.m., with Academy Award winner Matt Damon returning as the on-camera host/narrator. Produced by Emmy Award winning filmmakers Hal and Marilyn Weiner, the Journey To Planet Earth series reports on the most important environmental and sustainable development issues of the 21st century.

“The State of the Planet’s Oceans” investigates the health and sustainability of the world’s oceans, with a special emphasis on issues affecting marine preserves, fisheries, and coastal ecosystems in the United States and worldwide. Some of the stories and issues that are featured include: the collapse of the cod fishery in New England and Portugal, rapidly increasing glacier melt in Greenland and its affect on sea level rise in Bangladesh and India, the impact of glacial melting on the fisheries of Peru, the success of marine preserves in the Florida Keys and off the coast of Belize, and a first person essay by world-renowned oceanographer Sylvia Earle.

An educational outreach campaign makes the program, an edited 25 minute version, and leaders guides, available to
Southwind Holiday Party

Mary Cather Hefley welcomed Southwind Sierra Club members to her home for the holiday party. She gave a special thanks to Mary Kirkbride for her hospitality at the annual Gyp Hills Hike at the ancestral Kirkbride ranch with its old home (dating back to the late 1800’s) set amid the red mesas. The author’s mother and host of this year’s holiday party said the moon glowing over their lake was “Awesome” and is pictured here in front of a Christmas Tree between Mary and Dave Kirkbride. Also, special thanks to Bobbie Keltner (and husband Bill) who assisted with the table setting. Former hostesses Grace Kneil and Karin Cowdrey brought special entrees. The stars of the show were Andrea Stimpson, age 5 and Corbin Stimpson, age 4; grandchildren of executive member Kathryn Buck. Our children and grandchildren are the reason for Sierra’s concern about our future and the future of the planet. Kansas Chapter Chair Yvonne Cather and granddaughter Hailey, age 7, photographed the celebration.

Special guests and newly elected State Board of Education member Walt Chappell and his wife Valentina were present and pictured here on the right hand side of Grace and Tom Kneil. The food was great and conversation lighthearted, about hiking, paddling and wind farms. Our hopes and wishes are with our governor and the president elect.

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environmental organizations schools and colleges throughout North America. An interactive web site is located at www.pbs.org/journeytoplanetearth

Journey To Planet Earth is one of the most successful environmental series in the world, with episodes broadcast in most major overseas television markets, including Western and Eastern Europe, the Middle East, China, Japan, Australia, Singapore, Brazil and Canada. The series currently yields a worldwide television audience of over 75 million viewers per year. There are also over 5,000 videos of the series in educational media libraries yielding an annual audience of approximately 1.2 million students. The State of the Planet’s Oceans is made possible by a major grant from the National Science Foundation and the Arthur Vining Davis Foundation, with additional funding from the Munson Foundation and the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation. Downloadable photos from are available at www.pbs.org/pressroom

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Eating as Though the Earth Matters

Ideas and Recipes for a Changing Diet

By Beth Lily Redwood

Editor’s Note: The following is part of a new series of articles and recipes dedicated to helping us all change our diets. Of all the actions individuals can take, our diets will make the most impact in reducing greenhouse gases while causing no or minimal impact on our family budgets. Feel free to submit your earth friendly recipes to the Planet Kansas at info@kansas.sierraclub.org.

“When our personal connection to what is wrong becomes clear, then we have to choose: we can go on as before, recognizing our dishonesty and living with it the best we can, or we can begin the effort to change the way we think and live.”

Wendell Berry

Planet Earth needs YOU. Our environment is at a critical tipping point, and never before in the history of the world has the fate of individual people and that of all humanity been so directly intertwined. Through the lifestyle choices we make every day, we are rapidly over consuming and depleting the Earth’s finite resources, warming the planet with dangerously high emissions of greenhouse gases, and threatening the very survival of life as we know it. With our profligate use of fossil fuels, the United States is responsible for over 20 percent of global emissions of CO2, and the average U.S. citizen has an ecological footprint more than five times their fair share compared to the rest of the world.

For progressive, forward-thinking people, who are taking the news about global warming seriously, a profound transformation of consciousness is occurring in which we are evolving from a consumer to a conserver mentality. As we increasingly seek ways to lower our ecological footprint and “walk our talk,” it’s more important than ever to make connected choices that reflect our values. Of the three primary areas in which individuals can lower their use of fossil fuels—transportation, household energy, and food—some people are surprised to learn that eating lower on the food chain is the most effective action an individual can take.

As Michael Pollan, author of In Defense of Food, describes it, “When we eat from the industrial-food system, we are eating oil and spewing greenhouse gases.”

In its landmark 2006 report, “Livestock’s Long Shadow,” the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change reported that animal agriculture generates nearly 20 percent of all greenhouse gases, more than all the cars, airplanes, ships, trains, and SUVs in the world combined. The ten billion farmed animals raised for food in the U.S. every year produce enormous amounts of methane, a gas that has 25 times the global warming impact of CO2, and nitrous oxide, which has 298 times greater impact. In addition, animal agriculture significantly pollutes our air and water, degrades the land, destroys the rainforest, and has led to water shortages, food shortages, and the loss of biodiversity throughout the world.

Among the highlights of the recently released Worldwatch Institute “State of the World 2009” report is that “land-use changes and fossil fuel burning are the two major sources of the increased CO2 in the atmosphere that are changing the global climate. Overall, land use and land-use changes account for some 31 percent of human-induced greenhouse gas emissions. Livestock now account for 50 percent of emissions from agriculture and land-use change.” The report also states that “half of the CO2 emitted today is expected to remain in the atmosphere a century from now, and much will remain even 1,000 years in the future.”

Reducing or eliminating meat, dairy, and eggs, and switching to a plant-based, whole foods diet is the healthiest, most sustainable, environmentally-friendly choice you can make. My family is vegan, which means we do not consume animals or animal byproducts. While we continually look for more ways to lower our ecological footprint, it has been a great relief to have connected our daily food choices to our values. What matters most to us is to live in such a way that our choices do not diminish another human’s or animal’s potential for happiness now or in the future.

We’ve discovered countless delicious, healthful earth-friendly recipes, both online and in cookbooks, and I will be sharing some of our favorites with you in future columns. If you’d like to get started trying vegan food, one place to begin is with your own recipes. Instead of using cow’s milk products, you can substitute non-dairy versions, including soy milk, soy yogurt, Tofutti or Follow Your Heart brand vegan cream cheese and sour cream. Follow Your Heart also makes a delicious Monterey Jack non-dairy cheese. In place of butter, Earth Balance makes wonderful organic “buttery spreads” in both whipped and stick varieties. For baked recipes, use Egg Replacer in place of chicken’s eggs (just be sure to whip it to a creamy consistency before you mix it with other ingredients). There are also tasty plant products that imitate the taste of meat, which can be substituted in many recipes, available at Whole Foods and many other grocery stores.

As you experiment with new foods and more environmentally-friendly ways of eating, just remember that it often takes 40 days to change a habit. While changing deeply entrenched habits may take some getting used to, there’s a great feeling of satisfaction from making choices that are connected to your highest values.

Of the three primary areas in which individuals can lower their use of fossil fuels—transportation, household energy, and food—some people are surprised to learn that eating lower on the food chain is the most effective action an individual can take.
I hope you and your family will enjoy the following recipes, which are longtime favorites in our home.

**Sweet Ginger Tofu**

This Asian-style dish is great served with soba noodles or brown rice, plus a green vegetable such as kale, broccoli or spinach.

- ¼ cup naturally brewed soy sauce
- ¼ cup mirin
- ¼ cup rice vinegar
- 2 tablespoons agave nectar or pure maple syrup
- 2 tablespoons minced gingerroot
- 2 tablespoons light sesame oil
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1 pound firm tofu, rinsed, patted dry, and sliced ½ inch thick

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.
2. In a bowl, combine the soy sauce, mirin, rice vinegar, agave (or maple syrup), ginger, oil, and garlic. Lay the tofu slices in a baking dish that can hold them in a single snug layer. Pour the marinade over the tofu.
3. Bake for 45 minutes, or until the tofu is well browned.
4. Serve hot or cold.

YIELD: 4 to 6 servings

**Almond Cookies**

FOR THE DRY INGREDIENTS:
- 1 cup whole wheat pastry flour
- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1 cup whole almonds
- ¼ teaspoon baking soda
- 1 pinch sea salt
- ½ cup sliced almonds

FOR THE LIQUID INGREDIENTS:
- ½ cup pure maple syrup
- ½ cup canola, safflower or sunflower oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- ¼ teaspoon almond extract

Preheat the oven to 375 degrees. In a food processor fitted with a steel blade, combine all of the dry ingredients, except for the sliced almonds. Process until the mixture resembles coarse cornmeal. Empty into a large mixing bowl. Add all of the liquid ingredients to the food processor and blend to emulsify the oil. Pour into the dry mixture, along with the sliced almonds, and stir to form a wet dough.

Dust your hands with a little flour and form the dough into walnut-sized balls. Place balls two inches apart on lightly oiled or non-stick cookie sheets, and gently flatten into two-inch rounds. Bake on the middle rack for 12-15 minutes, or until golden brown. Cool on trays, and store in airtight containers for up to one week at room temperature.

YIELD: About 2 dozen cookies

Tofu recipe adapted from The Modern Vegetarian Kitchen by Peter Berley, HarperCollins Publishers Inc. Cookie recipe created by Peter Berley. Both recipes used by permission of the author.

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we eat to provide most of our calories. This almost certainly was an important reason our ancestors worked at learning how to grow annuals. These plants also must have attracted attention because the extra energy in their large seeds gives them a head start in growth over smaller-seeded perennials, especially — as early farmers discovered — if the starting line is bare soil.

But in the wild, bare soil is rare. This means that if we want to grow particular annuals, we have to get out there and clear lots of ground, and we have to do it every year. The huge, recurring expanses of bare earth that result is something I call “unnatural disturbances.”

To be fair, there are natural forces that leave soil bare. But even what we call natural disasters change things on a tiny scale compared with growing annual crops. The eruption of Mount Saint Helens in 1980, one of the largest recent natural disturbances, buried 6 square miles outright and dusted ash over another 22,000. But American farmers clear 500,000 square miles with machines and chemicals every year.

What’s so bad about bare soil? A quick recipe for soil erosion would say, “Expose soil, then wait for wind or rain.” In the upper Midwest, we follow that recipe to the letter not only every spring at planting time, but also from October through May, when the annuals are all dead and gone. Even during the growing season, annuals shield too little of the soil with their leaves and hold too little of it with their roots. This means that any significant amount of rain washes soil from every field. This soil is irreplaceable, and our supply of the stuff is running out.

We don’t rely on them nearly as much as we could, but there are time-tested ways to get more of the food we need without relying so much on annual plants. One would be to grow more alfalfa, grass and other deep-rooted perennials that we can’t eat but which animals like cows, sheep and goats make into meat and milk. We also could shift annual cropland to fruit and nut trees.

Another option would be to coax perennial plants into making more, larger seeds than they do in the wild. This way we can continue our reliance on grains but without the faults of annuals. Plant breeders are progressing toward this, but achieving competitive yields with perennials will take decades. Such sustained effort will require big commitments from government and the private sector.

However we end up “perennializing” our agriculture, one thing is clear: While cooking from scratch may be great, growing food that way is not. Eating Land, continued from page 3

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It should be noted that every two years, coinciding with when the House is reelected, all bills from the previous year are dead. New bills are written which can include old ones with new numbers. Also with new elections you have shifts in seniority and leadership resulting in everyone moving to new offices. Incumbents keep their old phone numbers so if you have a directory from last year you can still look up incumbent phone numbers. All the emails for legislators have changed. Typically they are FirstName.LastName@senate(or house).ks.gov

To add to the shifting, Rep. Dale Swenson from Wichita changed parties during the first week. As a result of that Republicans lost an office space and Democrats gained one. Rep. Swenson got a new office and secretary. This also shifted the balance of power on committees giving Democrats a couple more seats on certain committees. Rep. Swenson opposed the Holcomb bill last year. Furthermore, the new Democratic leader in the House, Rep. Paul Davis supports the Governor’s position opposing Holcomb. This means that Holcomb supporters can no longer claim that it has the support of leaders in both parties.

Another item that is uncertain is the legislative calendar. Rules say the legislature meets for 12 weeks and a tentative calendar is set. However, as last year, this schedule is expected to be shortened by at least a week. One can go on line and download the tentative schedule by clicking on “2009 Legislative Deadline.” Most of the deadlines will reportedly be about a week sooner than shown on this schedule.

To shorten things further, it is expected that the legislature will have what are called pro forma days on most Fridays. This essentially means that committees won’t meet and except for a ceremonial striking of the gavel, won’t go into session. Legislators in all likelihood will head home Thursday night.

That being said, the House Utilities Committee will be busy with at least 35 bills being lined up for hearings in the next few weeks. These will need to have hearings and be passed by the House before turn around day on about February 21st (when bills passed in the House go to the Senate and vice versa). It is expected that about 8 bills a week will have hearings in this committee. It looks like most of them have to do with energy. The Senate Utilities will primarily work on telecom bills until then.

One can download bills by going to http://www.kslegisla
ture.org/legsrv-legisportal/index.do and filling in the box with the bill number where it says, “Full text of Bills.” This page will also allow one to find information about their legislator and other information about the legislature. Hopefully it will become more accurate soon.

Tom Thompson
Legislative Coordinator
Satterthwaite Wildlife Preserve Trail Maintenance

By Yvonne Cather

It was a cold day for trail maintenance at the Satterthwaite Wildlife Preserve which is the home of Southwind Group’s Geoff Peggs Memorial Trail near Udall, Kansas. This wildlife preserve is an 80 acre gift to the Sunflower Land Trust left by the Satterthwaite family. What a wonderful family legacy this gift of a wildlife preserve is to memorialize the family’s love for their land!

Southwind members gathered on the morning of December 13, the day after Southwind’s holiday party, to pick up sticks and wood left behind from 2008’s floods. Members present were Dave Kirkbride, Chair of the Southwind Group, Kathryn Buck, executive member of Southwind, Bill Cather, executive member of Southwind, Yvonne Cather, Chair of the Kansas Chapter, Bruce Fuelling, Ann Zogelman, Ron Morris, Dan Carpenter and John Henderson.

Sierra Club thanks to the Sunflower Land Trust and the Satterthwaite family for letting us hike and preserve the environment. Jim Michael, CEO and Bruce Frost, Chairman of the Board of the Sunflower Land Trust were hardy participants at this conservation outing and are good stewards of the land.
Eat Local!
The 11th Annual
Exhibition of Farmers

The Exhibition of Farmers will consist of two events this year

March 28, 2009: Eat Local - 11th Annual Exhibition of Farmers at Shawnee Civic Centre 13817 Johnson Dr., Shawnee, KS (2 mi. east of I-435), 9 AM to 2 PM.

April 4, 2009: Eat Local - 11th Annual Exhibition of Farmers at Roger T. Sermon Community Center, Truman & Noland Rd, Independence, MO (1 1/2 mi. west of US 291), 9:15 AM to 2:00 PM.

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The event is co-sponsored by the Sierra Club

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Sierra Club Activism
Reaps Results

A quick thank you to all of the Sierra Club members who wrote letters and submitted comments to the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC). The response to those letters is below. The KCC has recently considered two very important issues: transmission and energy efficiency. Hundreds of Sierra Club members submitted comments on dockets the KCC was considering regarding these issues.

Sierra Club members also produced an overwhelming response to the KDA's recent consideration of new milk labeling rules. Specifically, the KDA proposed new rules that would place increased restrictions on milk produced without the use of the genetically engineered (rBGH) hormone. A similar measure failed to win approval from a legislative committee last year, and rBGH users and industry supporters tried the regulatory route instead. After significant public protest, KDA has decided for now to take no further action on the proposed rule.

This is a great example of how public participation and activism should work. Thank you for all that you do! Your efforts are invaluable to our cause!

Kathleen Sebelius, Governor
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December 10, 2008

Dear Sierra Club Member,

On behalf of the Commission I want to thank you for your recent comments on Docket Nos. 08-GIMX-441-GIV and 08-GIMX-442-GIV. Due to the legal nature of the Kansas Corporation Commission process, the Commissioners could not personally respond to you. Your individual comments were added to the official file and considered by the Commissioners and staff during their review of this matter.

Docket No. 08-GIMX-441-GIV has been concluded. A summary of this docket in press release form can be viewed at http://www.kcc.state.ks.us/pj/pjpress/08-19.htm . Docket No. 08-GIMX-442-GIV will have further review during December 2008. Current information and dates of activities on this docket are available at http://www.kcc.state.ks.us/docket/cal.cqi?docket=08-GIMX-442-GIV .

I hope you continue to express your views on matters that come before the Commission.

Sincerely,

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**General Meetings**

**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)**  
**February 3. 7:00 pm**  
**Wild Alaska - Joint General Meeting**  
Sierra Club Alaska Task Force staffer Vicky Hoover will present a program on Wild Alaska for a joint meeting of the Kanza (KS) and Thomas Heart Benton (MO) groups of the Sierra Club. Alaska’s vast and magnificent public lands have been a Sierra Club priority since 1967, and Vicky’s pictures, many historic from Sierra club advocacy campaigns, will help show why. The presentation starts with a very brief historical review of Sierra Club involvement in Alaska, and then gives a photographic overview of the state’s prominent wild places. Discovery Center, 4750 Troost Avenue, KCMO. Steve Baru, (913) 814-0583, steve.baru@sierraclub.org

**Topeka Group**  
**February 24. 7:00 pm.**  
**Legislative update**  
Tom Thompson, Kansas Chapter Legislative Coordinator, will be our speaker. Tom's duties include lobbying for the Kansas Chapter in the Kansas Legislature. He will bring us up to date on bills before the Legislature which affect the environment. The annual Legislative Update program has been popular with members of the Topeka Group. A “no host” dinner will be at Annie’s Place Restaurant before the meeting at 5:30. Paul Post, (785) 354-1972, paulpost@paulpost.com

**Southwind Group (Wichita)**  
**February 13. 6:30 pm**  
**Wind Energy**  
Food & Conversation will begin at 6:30 pm and the program will start at 7:30 pm at the Great Plains Nature Center. Pete Ferrell, one of the land owners for the Elk River Wind Farm will present a program on wind energy... Dave Kirkbride, (316) 522-4741, david.kirkbride@kansas.sierraclub.org

**Southwind Group (Wichita)**  
**March 13. 6:30 pm**  
**Water Conservation**

**Wakarusa Group (Lawrence)**  
**General Information**  
The Wakarusa Group is limiting its general meetings in order to concentrate on holding special events. To get the most up-to-date announcements about these events, please add your name to our e-mail list by contacting Carey Maynard-Moody. Carey Maynard-Moody, (785) 842-6517, careymm@kansas.sierraclub.org
General public is welcome to participate

Sierra Club Outings

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.

This short 4.5 mile loop passes through wooded hills and fields with good views of the lake. Afterwards we will meet for an early dinner in Lawrence. $5 donation requested. Kanza. Eileen McManus, (816) 523-7823, eileen4250@sbcglobal.net

[2] Feb 9. 5:30 pm. Southwind at Caffé Moderne
Drinks and Conversation at the Café Moderne, 300 block of Mead in Old Town. Southwind. Kathryn Buck, (316) 789-0739, justkathrynb@hotmail.com

[2] Feb 15. 2:00 pm. Pawnee Prairie Hike
Post Valentine's Day outing at Wichita's Pawnee Prairie Park. 4 – 5 mile hike. Discuss management of Cowskin Creek and other issues affecting the park. Meet at parking lot at 2625 S Tyler (Sedgwick County Environmental Services). Southwind. Ellie Skokan, (316) 744-0033, elli_skokan@yahoo.com

We're getting a group together to go to one of the All Nature Sings concerts presented by the Fine Arts Chorale. The Valentine's Day concert is The Birds and the Bees. Kanza. Bob Wilshire, (913) 384-6645, rjwilshire@kc.rr.com

We'll remove overgrowth and improve the trail where it follows the shoreline of Perry Lake. Bring lunch & work gloves. Kanza. Steve Hassler, (913) 707-3296, hassler@planetkc.com

Friday night we will hike by the light of the stars and the luminous assistance of our head lamps to our first camp on a ridge overlooking a valley. Saturday we will have an easy 6 mile hike to our next camp by a creek with a short hike out on Sunday. $10.00 donation requested. Kanza. Bryan Ohrman, (816) 215-3376, pbandj14@comcast.net

This time, we'll work on the northern section of the trail. Bring lunch & work gloves. Kanza.
Steve Hassler, (913) 707-3296, hassler@planetkc.com

In this 6-hour information and hands on class, we'll cover; gear, shelter, food and getting started within your budget. Sign up early, as class size is limited to 25. $5 donation requested. Kanza. Paul or Melody Gross (816) 228-6563, wildwoodp@hotmail.com

We'll try to take in Richland Falls, Twin Falls, Rose Hollow and Jack Jones Hollow. Group size is limited to 10 people. $10 donation requested. Kanza. Paul Gross, (816) 228-6563, wildwoodp@hotmail.com

[1] Mar 28. 9:00 am – noon. Tour of the KU Field Station and Ecological Reserves northeast of Lawrence
Visit oak-hickory forest and tallgrass prairie habitats, streams, and ponds. Observe prairie restoration research tracts and learn about ecological succession in the natural history reservation. We will briefly explore the new McColl Nature Reserve and trail, and the new research facility at the Nelson Environmental Study Area. Our guided tour will be followed by an optional hike on the Henry S. Fitch Nature trail. The trail consists of two loops of 1.5 and 0.8 miles through mostly forested terrain. Plants and vegetation are identified and twelve “stations” provide information about history and ecology. Participants on the hike should be able to walk 1.5 miles on a grassy trail that includes moderate elevation up and down over half of the distance. Other activities should be less strenuous. Refreshments will be provided. Those interested may bring a picnic lunch to eat at the picnic shelter at the trailhead. Water and a composting toilet are available at this location. Wakarusa. George Brenner, (785) 393-3828, gbrenner@sunflower.com

## Committee Meetings

### Kanza Group (Kansas City)

**Executive Committee**  
Feb 26, Mar 26 - 7:00 pm,  
Frank Drinkwine, (913) 385-0385,  
frank.drinkwine@kansas.sierraclub.org

**Joint Action Committee**  
Feb 26, Mar 26 - 7:00 pm,  
Conservation, legislative, and political  
Craig Lubow, (913) 299-6620,  
craig.lubow@kansas.sierraclub.org

**Executive and Fundraising Committee**  
Feb 1, Mar 1 - 6:00 pm  
Equity Bank Building  
Dave Kirkbride, (316) 655-8299,  
david.kirkbride@kansas.sierraclub.org

**Conservation Committee**  
Feb 17, Mar 17 - 6:30 pm  
5825 Memphis St, Bel Aire Wichita  
Ellie Skokan, (316) 744-0033  
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- **Kansas Chapter: (State), Executive Committee, Mar 21 (location TBA)**  
  - Yvonne Cather (316) 522-4741, yvonne.cather@kansas.sierraclub.org

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- **Apr 11. Bike Ride, Smithville Lake,**  
  **Smithville, MO**  
  We'll ride 10-15 miles on the level, paved bike trails alongside Smithville Lake. $5 donation requested. Kanza. Dave Patton, (816) 461-6091, davedahiker@yahoo.com

- **Apr 17-19. Hike Proposed Wilderness Areas, Madison County, MO**  
  We will car camp at the Silver Mines Recreation Area and day hike two proposed wilderness areas in the Mark Twain National Forest; Van East Mountain and Lower Rock Creek. Your advocacy requested. Kanza. Eileen McManus, (816) 523-7823, eileen4250@sbcglobal.net

- **Apr 20-22. Backpacking**  
  For those folks who can't get away on weekends due to work or family obligations, this will be an easy backpacking trip to an Ozark location. $5 donation requested. Kanza. Bob Wilshire, (913) 384-6645, rjwilshire@kc.rr.com

- **Apr 25. Day Hike, Kill Creek, DeSoto, KS**  
  We will hike an easy 3-1/2 mile combination of short segments of grass, wooded trails, asphalt, and horse trail at Kill Creek Park. Bring water and snacks to share after we are done. $5 donation requested. Kanza. Tom Kutscher, (913) 383-9351

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### Wakarusa Group (Lawrence)

**Executive Committee Planning**  
TBA - 7:00 pm  
Location TBA. Carey Maynard-Moody, (785) 842-6517, careymm@kansas.sierraclub.org

**Conservation Committee**  
Contact Carey Maynard-Moody, (785) 842-6517, careymm@kansas.sierraclub.org

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### Topeka Group, ExCom meets quarterly, TBA.

- Paul Post, (785) 354-1972, paulpost@paulpost.com
- Energy Committee, Feb, 12, Mar 12, Classic Bean, Fairlawn Plaza Shopping Cntr, 2225 SW Fairlawn Plaza Dr  
  - Phil Morse (785) 273-3614, p.morse@sbcglobal.net

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- Yvonne Cather (316) 522-4741, yvonne.cather@kansas.sierraclub.org

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**[4] Apr 9. Loose Park Champion Tree Compass Course, Kansas City, MO**  
Bring your compass and we will learn to set bearings to find unique trees in one of the most beautiful parks in the city. $5 donation requested. Kanza. Eileen McManus, (816) 523-7823, eileen4250@sbcglobal.net

Bicycle travel can be very safe provided that you know a few rules of the road. This workshop will teach you how to travel by bike for commuting or other types of errands. We will begin with a discussion of bike safety and will then go for an easy ride. Please bring your bike and a helmet. $5 donation requested. Kanza. David Anderson, (816) 678-4359, kobecobra76@gmail.com

We'll stay at the YMCA's scenic Camp Wood in Elmdale, KS, where your choice of accommodations range from your own tent to a wellappointed cabin. On Saturday we'll hike and explore at the beautiful Tallgrass Prairie National Preserve. Campfires and horseback riding, too! $10 donation (per family) requested. Kanza. Renee Andriani, (913) 341-4753, pbandj14@comcast.net

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**[4] May 9. Day Hike, Kill Creek, DeSoto, KS**  
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## Calendar of Events

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<td>General Membership Meeting, Southwind. Dave Kirkbride, (316) 522-4741, <a href="mailto:david.kirkbride@kansas.sierraclub.org">david.kirkbride@kansas.sierraclub.org</a></td>
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<td>Class</td>
<td>Beginner Backpacking, Blue Springs, MO. Kanza. Paul or Melody Gross (816) 228-6563, <a href="mailto:wildwoodp@hotmail.com">wildwoodp@hotmail.com</a></td>
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<td>Conservation Committee Meeting, Southwind. Ellie Skokan, (316) 744-0033, <a href="mailto:elskokan@yahoo.com">elskokan@yahoo.com</a></td>
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<td>Meet the Prairie Packers. Topeka. Paul Post, (785) 354-1972, <a href="mailto:paulpost@paulpost.com">paulpost@paulpost.com</a></td>
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<td>Conservation and Joint Action Committee. Kanza. Craig Lubow, (913) 299-6620, <a href="mailto:craig.lubow@kansas.sierraclub.org">craig.lubow@kansas.sierraclub.org</a></td>
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<td>Kanza ExCom meeting. Kanza. Frank Drinkwine, (913) 385-0385, <a href="mailto:frank.drinkwine@kansas.sierraclub.org">frank.drinkwine@kansas.sierraclub.org</a></td>
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<td>Backpacking</td>
<td>Richland Creek Wilderness, Dickey Junction, AR. Kanza. Paul Gross, (816) 228-6563, <a href="mailto:wildwoodp@hotmail.com">wildwoodp@hotmail.com</a></td>
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<td>Out</td>
<td>Mar 28</td>
<td>9:00 am – noon</td>
<td>Tour of the KU Field Station and Ecological Reserves northeast of Lawrence. Wakarusa. George Brenner, (785) 393-3828, <a href="mailto:gbrenner@sunflower.com">gbrenner@sunflower.com</a></td>
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<td>Out</td>
<td>Apr 4-5</td>
<td>Beginner Backpack</td>
<td>Pigeon Roost Trail, War Eagle, AR. Kanza. Renee Andriani, (913) 341-4753, <a href="mailto:phandj14@comcast.net">phandj14@comcast.net</a></td>
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