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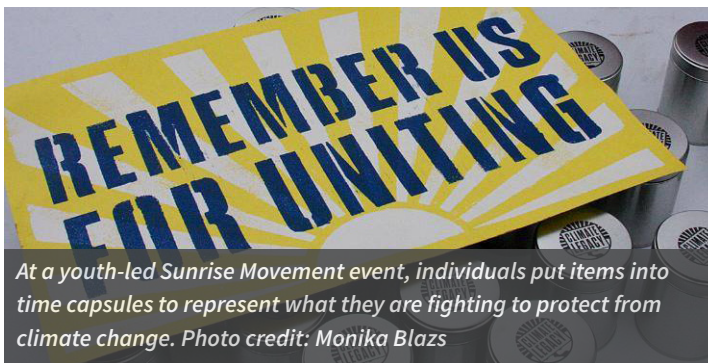
Moments to Celebrate in 2017

2017 was a challenging year for many -- environmental and climate activists included. However, despite the onslaught of rollbacks to environmental protections, the Sierra Club and our allies have been able to achieve several victories nationally, statewide and locally. Here are some especially worth celebrating.

Statewide

Transportation Priorities: The wasteful I-94 highway expansion was stopped! After years of our organizing, the U.S. Department of Transportation rescinded the approval for the project, officially stopping it! More details about this victory can be found in the transportation update on page 4 of this Muir View.

Youth Leadership: Across the nation, including in Wisconsin, young people have been rising up to lead the fight against climate change and fossil fuel interests. This year, young leaders in Wisconsin have attended an Enbridge Line 3 public hearing and rally in Minnesota, coordinated a massive Stop the Mines speaking tour and submitted countless public comments and calls to elected officials. High school and college students and alumni have banded together to work with the national Sunrise Movement to call on elected officials to uphold the Paris Climate Agreement and hold elected officials accountable for taking money from fossil fuel interests. Students at Madison West High School have raised money to put solar panels on their school. Young people across the state have also taken leadership in our Sierra Club Chapter by leading on issue committees and our executive committee. With the energy, skills and passion of these leaders, the climate movement will continue to gain momentum.



At a youth-led Sunrise Movement event, individuals put items into time capsules to represent what they are fighting to protect from climate change. Photo credit: Monika Blazs

Nationally

Keystone XL: On November 20, the Nebraska Public Utilities Commission unanimously rejected the preferred route for the Keystone XL and instead approved an alternate route that the pipeline company TransCanada has called “unworkable” due to the additional easements that they will need to secure. A press release issued by the Sierra Club states, “Keystone XL will never be built.”

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A More Positive New Year for All

The New Year is not only a time to look forward, but to reflect on where we're at and how we got here.

Growing up, I often felt most at ease and at peace out in nature. While occasionally harsh and ominous, nature was never judgmental or vindictive. It simply was – a place to be open and receptive, and to explore, learn and delight in what it offered. My exposure to nature nourished and enhanced my growth in many ways.

Being outdoors meant freedom and being unencumbered. I could revel in the colors, textures and scenic vistas, the critters I chanced to meet (or was it vice-versa?), the warm sun, cool breezes, and rain and snow pellets dotting my face. I clambered over rocks, ascended to new levels, rounded bends to reveal the next vista, and sometimes stood silently in immersion.

I had no part in creating these wonders, but was grateful for their being. Many of the special features others had seen fit to preserve or safeguard, I felt an obligation to protect so future explorers could access the same untrammelled places and experiences.

But the privileges I had are too often denied to many others. Access to the nourishment of nature is constrained for too many, whether by lack of proximity to parks or natural areas, transportation constraints, limited time or funds, or feeling a lack of belonging in these places. The same underlying causes that limit many people's rights to share equally in society also deprives them of access to explore and enjoy the outdoors.

Our democracy is founded on principles that all people deserve equal access to life's basic necessities. However, the ability to make a decent living, have access to good health care, receive a formal education, live in a clean and safe environment, or have the right to vote and their voice heard by those elected to represent them, are denied to many. Some are further diminished by the color of their skin or personal identities.

When money and corporations have an undue influence in politics, media and decision-making, individuals are marginalized. When the primary basis of success and setting public policy is measured in dollars, not quality of life and the planet's well being, people and the environment assume a lower priority.

We can't restore and protect our environment without restoring our democracy. I take heart that the Sierra Club and others have increasingly recognized that exploring, enjoying and protecting the planet is inextricably linked to all people having a say in our and its future, and that equity, inclusion and justice must be part of our credo.

I hope you will join me in ensuring everyone has access to the same freedoms I had growing up, and will have the opportunity to get out, explore and enjoy not just our planet, but all systems we live in. To achieve this, we will need everyone.

To a more positive New Year for all.

Don Ferber
Chapter Chair



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A Busy Year for Tar Sands Pipeline Fighters

People Over Pipelines was a big success!

In October, the Sierra Club-John Muir Chapter and dozens of allies, including 350-Madison, 80 Feet is Enough!, the Wisconsin Safe Energy (WiSE) Alliance, and Save our Illinois Land (SOIL) worked together on an event showcasing the impacts of Enbridge’s potential Line 66 or Line 61-Twin pipeline, called People Over Pipelines: Protecting Our Homes and Water.

The Line 61 twin pipeline (or “Line 66”) would travel from Superior into Illinois and impact landowners and tribes, jeopardizing the safety and environment of hundreds of communities and waterways, including the Namekagon River, Wisconsin River and Rock River. The audience was filled with 180 environmentalists, landowners, indigenous people, young people, climate activists and other concerned community members. Paul DeMain, the publisher and editor of News from Indian Country, and Mark Borchardt, the founder of 80 Feet is Enough! and landowner along the pipeline, emceed and hosted the event. As Borchardt said, “We are here tonight to build alliances and coalitions, bring together property rights advocates, landowners, environmentalists, and tribes in Wisconsin. We are banding together to protect our homes and water.”

Speakers included former Ho-Chunk President Jon Greendeer; a panel with people who could be directly impacted by the pipeline; three members of the 13 Youth Climate Intervenor who have gained formal legal status in the Line 3 Replacement process in Minnesota on the grounds that their generation will be directly impacted by these decisions, including Akilah Sanders Reed, Brent Murcia, and 16-year-old Sophia Manolis; and concluded with Bold Alliance founder Jane Kleeb speaking about Bold Nebraska’s history of stopping the Keystone XL Pipeline twice and their plans to make it a third.

Go to sierraclub.org/wisconsin to read more about the event or to watch the whole thing (recorded and livestreamed by IndianCountryTV).

Following the summit, about 70 people stayed for the rest of the weekend to meet and learn from each other, strategize how to stop the Line 66 pipeline and have fun! Participants

discussed media campaigns, possible safeguards, the eminent domain process and other ways to stop the pipeline. Participants identified opportunities to collaborate on key campaigns and issues. The whole group identified key projects that the group will work on moving forward, so stay tuned!



Eminent Domain Reform Campaign Moves Forward

80 Feet is Enough!, WiSE Alliance and other groups and landowners are moving forward on a campaign to reform Wisconsin’s eminent domain laws that would prohibit eminent domain for private gain for oil pipelines. Right now, Enbridge could potentially use eminent domain (traditionally used for highways and other public projects) to take Wisconsinites’ land for their pipeline, so that Enbridge can make money off of the oil transport, possibly to the Gulf where it will be exported with little to no benefit to Wisconsin. Building on the momentum created in August when the Wood County Board passed a resolution calling on the State Legislature to reform the eminent domain law, Walworth County passed the same resolution.

Contact Elizabeth Ward at Elizabeth.ward@sierraclub.org or (608) 256-0565 if you would like to push your community or county to pass a similar resolution.

Victories for Transportation Advocates

The State Transportation Budget

At the end of September, the state budget was finally passed. The transportation debate had held up the budget for months. Happily, many reasonable transportation outcomes were included in the final budget. The state has allocated \$400 million for spending in the transportation budget. This budget signified a step in the right direction for re-prioritizing transportation needs. Most notably, the I-94 East-West highway expansion did not receive funding. This allowed for money to go toward more important local priorities. Local road and bridge funding saw an increase, as did funding for specialized transportation for seniors and people with disabilities.

While there were many victories in this budget cycle, there were areas for concern as well. A clause will make building walkable and bikeable communities more difficult by eliminating the ability for local governments to condemn property, which makes it easier for one property owner to halt a project to build a sidewalk or bike path. Furthermore, despite reducing air pollution, hybrid and electric car owners will have to pay extra fees to register their vehicles, including \$75 for hybrid owners and \$100 for electric vehicle owners.

Huge Victory: Wasteful I-94 East-West Expansion Canceled

After a very long saga, the John Muir Chapter and allies in the Coalition for More Responsible Transportation can officially declare victory on the I-94 expansion in Milwaukee. Expanding the I-94 East-West Corridor between the Zoo Interchange and Marquette interchanges has been proposed multiple times, but in October the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) rescinded approval on the project.

The Coalition for More Responsible Transportation was opposed to this project because Milwaukee didn't want it,

Wisconsin couldn't afford it, and the future didn't need it. The cities of Milwaukee and Wauwatosa both passed resolutions opposing the I-94 East-West expansion. Milwaukee County called for the funding for the project to be used on improving transit and fixing potholes instead of unnecessarily widening a highway, which would disproportionately impact communities

of color and individuals who cannot drive. The billion-dollar expense of the project misplaces limited transportation funds at the expense of Wisconsin's transit systems and local roads. With Wisconsin's young adults preferring to drive less and seniors outliving their ability to drive, it is essential to invest in a 21st century transportation system that offers more diverse modes of transportation than driving a personal vehicle. For years, Sierra Club and the Coalition for More Responsible Transportation highlighted what was wrong with the I-94 project and proposed alternative solutions to address Southeast Wisconsin's transportation needs. That hard work paid off!

The cancellation of this highway is a step in the right direction, but there is still a lot that must be done to address the misplaced priorities in Wisconsin's transportation system. For the

environment, for the health of Wisconsinites, and for equitable access to jobs and other opportunities, better transit systems are essential.

What's Next?

With the state budget and several victories behind the coalition, it is time to start working toward a transportation system that works for everyone. The Chapter and its allies are working locally to build up powerful coalitions working toward forward-thinking transportation systems that work for everyone, regardless of ability to drive or ownership of a personal vehicle.

Cassie Steiner

Chapter Public Relations and Outreach Associate



Members of the Coalition for More Responsible Transportation host a press conference announcing the I-94 victory.

AWARDS

Honoring our environmental champions

On October 7 the Sierra Club-John Muir Chapter celebrated the many volunteers who have contributed to our efforts to explore, enjoy and protect in 2017. In addition to thanking the volunteers who are the foundation of our organization, we took the opportunity to recognize a handful of individuals, elected officials and organizations with chapter awards. Photos from this inspirational event can be found on the Sierra Club Wisconsin Facebook page.

The 2017 Sierra Club John Muir Chapter award recipients include:



Jim Kerler, current chapter Executive Committee Member, received the JJ & Pat Werner award. This award is given to leaders who show an undying commitment to the goals and mission of the chapter. Kerler was recognized for his commitment and accomplishments both within the club and the community. He has volunteered time,

talent and treasure at all levels of the Sierra Club and has held multiple offices on both the Chapter and Great Waters Group Executive Committees.

The Merit Award recognizing valuable leadership within the environmental movement was presented to **Kendl Kobbervig**. Kobbervig has proven to be a diplomatic and strategic leader within the club. She has been instrumental in forming the chapter's equity committee and brings her passion and vision to the Executive Committee, water team and Sierra Student Coalition.

The Wildflower award is given to volunteers who exemplify all that is wonderful within the environment and the club, and act as mentors and inspiration to new and existing activists. Three Wildflower awards were presented to individuals who each bring their own unique strengths to the club. **Carol "Lee" Balek** represents the northwestern part of our state on the chapter Executive Committee. She is a true "Ambassador of the Sierra Club" forming relationships with members in her region, on the board and within our Mining and Tar Sands campaigns. **Heather Wittrock** was recognized for the ongoing high-level, professional support she provides to the fundraising, membership and nominating committees as well as the chapter treasurer. These behind-the-scenes activities provide the foundation that our campaigns are built on. **Laura Donovan** was recognized for her impressive accomplishments as a student leader including leading the statewide charge for student government resolutions to support clean energy, becoming

active in the Wisconsin Youth Network and her advocacy work for transit and tar sands campaigns, to name a few.

Wauwatosa Alderman **Jason Wilke** received the Torchbearer Award for lending his time, talent and leadership to several important environmental projects in Wauwatosa and Milwaukee. His vision for the development of Hartung Park led to the incorporation of unsprayed prairie and green space that includes a playing field, playground, a labyrinth, a detention pond, and an inter-generational recreational area. His actions and commitment demonstrate how to be a good steward of the environment.

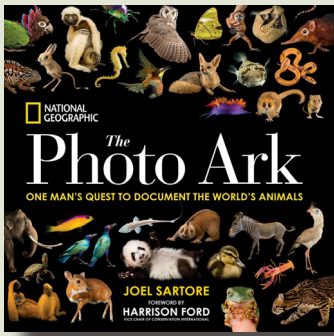
Chapter Political Chair **Dave Blouin** received the LD Rockwell award for his years of exceptional leadership of the chapter's political committee. Blouin spearheads the state endorsement process, the development of a legislative scorecard and the creation and distribution of political communications during each election cycle. Thanks to Blouin's leadership and expertise, the Chapter is able to offer members these tools to help them understand where their leaders and candidates stand on environmental issues.

Tonya Petrick was awarded the New Activist award for her outstanding work on the John Muir Chapter Water Team. Tonya took the lead on planning successful press events for the release of the team's Water White Papers in Stevens Point and Eau Claire. Her willingness to take on new challenges, make calls, reach out to people, and take care of logistics on the ground are the ingredients for volunteer success at the local level.

Members of the group **80 Feet is Enough!** were awarded the Good Citizen award for their advocacy on behalf of landowners who would be negatively impacted by tar sands pipelines. The group has brought together people from diverse political and social backgrounds and has built a strong foundation of trust with one another and with the Sierra Club through transparency, authenticity and the common values these individuals share, including protecting their homes, families and property from the pipeline.



Special thanks also go out to **Community Shares of Wisconsin** for sponsoring the event to honor our volunteers and awardees.



GREEN REVIEW

THE PHOTO ARK: ONE MAN'S QUEST TO DOCUMENT THE WORLD'S ANIMALS BY JOEL SARTORE 399 PP. NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

"Look," Contributor Douglas Chadwick implores us. Five decades after the first Earth Day the human population has more than doubled to 7.5 billion. Consequently, we have less space and fewer resources for other earthly inhabitants. The total population of large wildlife fell by half. The biomass of all land-dwelling vertebrates is now composed of 90 percent humans. We are a heavy toll on the planet and have squeezed out other species. Extinction rates are one thousand times higher than past averages. Sartore makes us look at what is left.

Sartore wants you to care about these animals, and he presents them to you using a personal artistry that compels you to see each specific being. Color photos on black or white canvas emphasize the individual. Meet a mandrill. Hazel eyes—all iris and pupil stare past you as if they understand something you have lost. A long red nose bisects a white shell to form a face that sounds an alarm. Across the page a white, red and green derbyana flower beetle is presented in full page, as if this beetle is as important as the large mammal. Could this be?

A pink-tipped anemone surpasses the beauty of any Chihuly glass

sculpture with its tangled mass of white and pink spires. Across the page, an East African crowned crane wears his own spires and brilliant colors and seems to address the anemone in an artistic artifice of relationship.

A caracal luxuriates on a white surface and stares into your eyes. Across the page a silver marmoset considers you. What are you? What will you do?

Each set of pictures is a study in respect. A common garden snail stretches out regally. The facing page cheetah looks back to the snail, creating a directional force that forbids us to dismiss the snail as we consider one of the most majestic animals in the animal kingdom.

Readers are sure to spend hours in wonder in a visual feast of biophilia. Wonder can spark action. The forward by Harrison Ford (yes, Indiana Jones) suggests that if we consider species one by one, we can make a difference. The Photo Ark is more than a book; it's a project we can participate in. There are more pictures to take and more relationships to spark. See more pictures and videos at <https://www.nationalgeographic.org/projects/photo-ark/>. Spend time with this important book. Look, then act for the animals that share our ark. As Harrison Ford says, "We are in the boat together."

Amy Lou Jenkins

Jenkins is the award-winning author of Every Natural Fact: Five Seasons of Open-Air Parenting. If you have a book to consider for review, contact Amy Lou Jenkins at www.JackWalkerPress.com. See her review of It's My Country Too in the current issue of Consequence Magazine.

POLITICAL

Looking Ahead to 2018 Election

The John Muir Chapter is looking ahead to a busy election year in 2018 with major races including US Senate and Congress, Wisconsin's full state Assembly and odd-numbered Senate districts, plus a statewide race for Governor. The Chapter will be making endorsements in many of these races to give us the opportunity to reshape Wisconsin's political landscape. That landscape – unchecked one-party control of state and federal policy—has worked against the Sierra Club's interests in Wisconsin for several years, so the organization is excited about the prospect of making real electoral progress next year.

The 2018 elections are shaping up to be a referendum on the current divisive rhetoric and policy; additionally recent special election results are very encouraging. Progressive candidates, including a high percentage of women, won recent elections in states including Virginia, Oklahoma, Georgia and Washington. Those results demonstrate that voters are rejecting President Trump and his followers' vision for the country and are encouraging activists to work hard to grow the momentum for change.

Sierra Club members can and will affect election outcomes next year, but only if they participate.

The John Muir Chapter will need you to help grow and foster the political changes needed to halt and even reverse the extremist policy changes made by Wisconsin's state government. Sierra Club members can and will affect election outcomes next year, but only if they participate. The Chapter is looking for motivated members all across the state to participate in the Political Committee to help with candidate evaluations, recruitment and organizing member support for campaigns. Please contact Dave Blouin at burroak15@gmail.com to learn more.

Summarizing 2017 Legislative Session

Addressing Wisconsin's Lead Pipe Problem

Thanks to pressure from the Sierra Club and many, many other groups and municipalities, the Senate and Assembly have passed different versions of a bill that will make it easier for municipalities to support homeowners in replacing lead pipes in their homes. Though the Senate and Assembly still have to work together to reconcile the bills, it will likely pass early in 2018 and become law.

Budget

Months late, the state's budget was passed in early September. There were a few upsides, including the elimination of the wasteful I-94 highway expansion project in Milwaukee. Additionally, though originally discussed, the final budget did not cut funding to the Department of Natural Resources or the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program.

Unfortunately, the budget did not include expanded funding for county conservation staff, who are integral for addressing non-point pollution issues around the state. Also, the final budget removed an important forestry tax, decreased funding to manage state forests, and did not restore funding for state parks, leaving the system with a structural deficit.

Local Take-Over

The legislature has passed a bill that limits the authority of municipalities to regulate activities in their communities by eliminating the ability to reject conditional use permits and other zoning options.

Take Action!

There are a number of bad bills that have been proposed but have not passed yet. The legislative session will be wrapping up early this year, but there is time to stop them! Contact your Assemblyperson and Senator and ask them to oppose these detrimental bills. Visit sierraclub.org/Wisconsin for more information.

Wetlands Destruction Bill (AB547): This bill would strip protections for all state wetlands. State wetlands make up 20 percent of the remaining wetlands in the state, approximately 1 million acres. They are vital for flood control, water purification, habitat and much more.

Poor Air Quality Package (SB466, SB457, SB463, SB459): This package of bills would weaken our air pollution protections. The worst would eliminate all of the Wisconsin-specific air protections—about 90 percent of our current standards.

Administrative Rules: Agencies tailor and enforce laws through administrative rules. These rules are created through long processes to ensure public comment, and considerations of science and best practices. There is a bill that would make all administrative rules expire on a nine-year rolling timeline. This will slow down rule making and potentially eliminate important protections until new rules have been established.

Bill Davis
Chapter Director

Elizabeth Ward
Chapter Conservation Programs Coordinator



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Forest and Wildlife Team Launches

A group of 15 members from across the state has reconstituted our Forest and Wildlife Team and has started working together. The team is compiling information to disseminate through a variety of means to educate and counter misconceptions about ecosystems and wildlife management. The team has identified several policy-related issues to focus on, including the rational management of wolves, increasing state park funding, ending payments for wolf-on-hound depredation, and reducing the potential for dangerous user conflicts on public lands. If you are interested in working with this team contact Bill Davis at bill.davis@sierraclub.org.



‘Mining Giveaway Bill’ Passed

Thank you to all of the John Muir Chapter members who fought so hard to preserve the Prove It First law for metallic sulfide mining. The introduction of Senator Tom Tiffany’s special interest bill this summer gave us little time to organize against the repeal of the law, yet we still came very close to keeping the bill from passage in the Senate. Unfortunately, a handful of last-minute minor amendments were enough to move four state GOP Senators off the fence in favor of the bill.

The result – the repeal of Prove It First plus the addition of other special favors for the mining industry—for now, only benefits a single foreign mining company, Aquila Resources. Aquila acknowledged it helped draft Tiffany’s legislation. Aquila has conducted exploration drilling in recent years at two deposits (“Reef” in Marathon County and “Bend” in Taylor County) that we continue to watch closely for any developments. A second foreign company, Keweenaw Copper, also helped draft the bill and its interest in our mineral resources is as yet unknown.

In the meantime, we have joined the Michigan Chapter of the Sierra Club in opposition to Aquila’s Back Forty open pit copper and gold sulfide mine next to the Menominee River. Resistance efforts are growing in Michigan and Wisconsin counties near the extraction site. Aquila has stated that gold ore mined at the Reef deposit could be shipped to and processed using cyanide at the Back Forty mine processing plant in Michigan. The use of cyanide plus millions of tons of acid-causing wastes are unacceptable risks to the Menominee River.

Let’s remember that Sen. Tiffany may have repealed the Prove It First law, but the fact remains that there are still no successful examples of metallic sulfide mining that the industry can use to support their claims of safe operations. As such, the John Muir Chapter is committed to continue to fight back against disastrous mining that threatens Wisconsin.

Dave Blouin
Chapter Mining Committee Chair

Locally Grown, Nationally Known:

Celebrating in Milwaukee

More than 50 Sierrans and friends gathered at Anodyne Coffee Roasters in Milwaukee on November 2 for a chapter fundraiser. In addition to enjoying delicious, locally sourced appetizers, guests learned about Sierra Club efforts in the Milwaukee area including Beyond Coal Campaign organizing efforts in Oak Creek and the new Nearby Nature program. We also celebrated the halting of the I-94 expansion project and honored Wauwatosa Alder Jason Wilke with the chapter's Torchbearer award.



Celebrating our Volunteers!

Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds gathered on October 7 at the John Muir Chapter Volunteer Appreciation Party and Awards Ceremony. Volunteers are the foundation of our grassroots organization.



UW-Madison Sierra Student Coalition

The UW-Madison Sierra Student Coalition chapter has had a busy and productive start to the semester. With nine student coordinators, a variety of exciting events and a consistent turnout of 15-20 students per meet-

ing, we have successfully engaged our members in conservation issues while developing leadership and exploring the human relationship to the planet and each other. Highlights include a lunch discussion with Carolyn Finney, the

author of *Black Faces, White Spaces*, a trip to Devil's Lake State Park, and our "adoption" as caretakers of the Muir Woods section of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve.

Nebraska Public Utilities Commission Slows Down Keystone XL Pipeline

In November the Nebraska Public Utilities Commission (PUC) made its decision on the Keystone XL Pipeline. This would have been the final approval for TransCanada before they could move forward on the construction of the pipeline (President Trump gave the federal approval in January).

In a 3-2 vote, the PUC voted to approve the Keystone XL Pipeline if built next to the existing pipeline. On the surface, this looks like a big loss for activists and victory for pipeline company TransCanada. However, this puts up a big (possibly insurmountable) barrier for TransCanada. They will have to

go back to the drawing board and get easements from landowners, get state and federal water and wetland permits, and go through the full process again to get Presidential approval. This could take years, and it's possible TransCanada or its investors will not want to wait for it.

This is a victory for the Keystone XL fight and everyone who participated in sending public comments, joining a march, sharing information online, or participated in any other way, made it possible.

OUTINGS

2018 Paddling Adventures in Quetico and Wisconsin

Don't miss the opportunity to enjoy the wild Northwoods on canoe outings offered by the John Muir Chapter. In addition



to our annual outing to Quetico Park, offered since 2004, we have additional offerings in Wisconsin.

Our outings leaders are experienced wilderness veterans with Wilderness First Aid training and Sierra Club's Outings Leadership Training approvals in addition to their own personal outings, life and leadership experiences. For participants, no experience is required, but a friendly personality, positive attitude and good physical fitness are invaluable assets.

Outings fees include all group supplies, equipment, food and lodging—including park permits and taxes. Not included are personal pre/post outings travel costs, passports, permits and fishing licenses. You supply your personal camping gear and clothing. Contact outings leaders for additional information about registration – including where to send your deposit to reserve your spot.

All outing fees allow participants to offer support to the John Muir Chapter Outings Program and its ability to continue offering these outings annually. Additional contributions to this fund are always welcome.

BOUNDARY WATERS WILDERNESS/QUETICO PROVINCIAL PARK CANOE TRIPS

Spanning the international border between Northeast Minnesota and Southwest Ontario, Quetico Provincial Park, a gem in the heart of North America, offers the largest expanse of wild, public access lands in the region. With more than 2,000 lakes and almost 1.2 million acres of remote wilderness, Quetico

offers travelers picturesque scenery while navigating the rugged beauty of its towering rock cliffs, majestic waterfalls, and virgin pine and spruce forests.

Women's Quetico Outing 1 – Clear

JULY 27 – AUGUST 5 (8 DAYS, 7 NIGHTS; PADDLE/PORTAGE/CAMP)

- Leader: Janet Clear - 608-833-1339, janetclear@gmail.com
- Outing Departure Point: Moose Lake - Ely, Minn. area.
- Outing Cost: \$700 including \$300 deposit

Women-only trip. Experience the fun and adventure of Quetico. You will paddle and portage lakes and streams while enjoying the beauty of this vast wilderness. Two layover days are planned, so while you will be challenged, there will be time to relax. Limited to nine participants.

Angler's Quetico Outing 2 – McDermott and Stahl

AUGUST 3-12, 2018 (8 DAYS, 7 NIGHTS; PADDLE/PORTAGE/CAMP)

- Co-Leaders: Nancy McDermott 608-238-1421 njmcderm@gmail.com and Will Stahl 920-725-9185 wrsy55@sbcglobal.net
- Outing Departure Point: Either Moose Lake - Ely, Minn. area or Gunflint Trail, Minn.
- Outing Cost: \$700 including \$300 deposit

Fishing enthusiasts will enjoy one or two base camp days sandwiched between canoe travel days in and out of the park to maximize fishing and cooking delicious fresh fish meals. Limited to nine participants.

Paddler's Quetico Outing 3

LATE SUMMER (8 DAYS, 7 NIGHTS; PADDLE/PORTAGE/CAMP)

- Outing type: paddle/portage/camp
- Leader: TBD
- Outing cost: \$700 including \$300 deposit

Dates and a leader will be arranged if there is enough interest in a co-ed trip. Limited to nine participants. Contact Nancy McDermott 608-238-1421 njmcderm@gmail.com with your preferred dates in late August – September.

OTHER WISCONSIN OUTINGS

Women's Namekagon River Trip

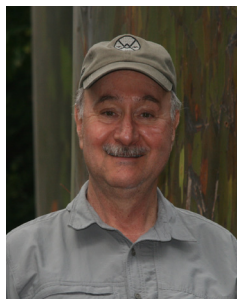
JULY 12-15, 2018 (4 DAYS, 3 NIGHTS; PADDLE/CAMP)

- Co-Leaders: Vicki Christianson 715-827-0379 vicki.christianson@yahoo.com and Nancy McDermott 608-238-1421 njmcderm@gmail.com
- Outing Departure Point: Trego, Wis.
- Outing Cost: \$175 including \$75 deposit

Enjoy all summer has to offer on this women-only leisurely

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Meet The Elected Executive Committee Members!



The John Muir Chapter welcomes John Engel to the Executive Committee this year. John became involved with the Sierra Club approximately five years ago when he joined the Fox Valley Group after retirement. Currently, John serves as the Fox Valley Group Vice-Chair and Conservation Chair, and he won the New Activist of the Year Award in 2015. He looks forward to reaching out and providing

members more opportunities to become engaged in the Club's mission, especially by protecting water resources and challenging polluters.



Kendl Kobbervig has been elected to serve on the Executive Committee this year. Kendl became involved with the John Muir Chapter as an intern with the Water and CAFO campaign team in 2016, and she hasn't looked back. She served the Executive Committee as an at-large member in September 2016, led efforts to found

the Equity, Inclusion and Justice Committee in February 2017 and was elected Chair of the UW-Madison Sierra Student Coalition in May of 2017. She looks forward to building and championing for environmental justice, grassroots connections, and equity within the organization and communities.



The John Muir Chapter welcomes Abby Lois to the Executive Committee. Abby became involved with the Sierra Club during the organizing of the Madison People's Climate March in 2017, when she played a large role in campus and community involvement through contacting student leaders and professors, posting flyers, chalking sidewalks and speaking in classes. She is a recent UW-Madison

graduate and is excited about the club's work in pushing for a transition from coal to clean energy.

Heather Wittrock
Chapter Volunteer

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paddle covering 35 miles of the Namekagon and St. Croix Rivers (from County K Landing to Riverside Landing on the St. Croix river) which are part of the Saint Croix National Scenic Riverway in Northern Wisconsin. The Namekagon section of the trip offers a combination of gentle rapids and smooth flowing current, but the last day near the confluence of the St. Croix river will bring several small rapids. Some paddling experience recommended. Limited to eight participants.

LIABILITY WAIVER & CARPOOLING

While no experience is required, all participants must complete a medical history and canoe experience form, and then be approved by their outing leader before participating on any outing. Liability insurance coverage is provided by Sierra Club for all participants. All forms are available for viewing by any prospective participant upon request.

In the interests of facilitating logistics for some outings, it is customary that participants make carpooling arrangements to the outing's starting point. Sierra Club outings insurance does not cover the time prior to, or following, the outing



when the crew may still travel together. Therefore, carpooling, ride sharing or similar activities are a private arrangement made among participants and not part of the offering.

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Nancy McDermott
Outings Leader

Moving Beyond Coal: Oak Creek, Madison, and More!

Clean Power Coalition - Southeast Wisconsin

Sierra Club's Beyond Coal Campaign in the Milwaukee-Racine area is making steady progress. We are working with other environmental and health groups under the name Clean Power Coalition-Southeast Wisconsin. In October, we held a beach clean-up event at Bender Park, pictured below, which was a great success. Our volunteers did an excellent job working to keep Bender Park clean and accessible while helping to raise awareness about pollution from the Oak Creek Coal Plant next door. Then, in November, we held a screening of Cheshire, Ohio: A Question of Power, a film about a town next to the Gavin Coal Plant in Ohio that was polluted, bought-out and bulldozed by American Electric Power. The producer of the film, Eve Morgenstern, joined us for a discussion afterwards on the negative impacts of coal on local communities, including Oak Creek and Caledonia. Interested in getting involved? Email miranda.ehrlich@sierraclub.org or like our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/cleanpowersoutheast/>

Miranda Ehrlich
Beyond Coal Organizing Apprentice



Madison Beyond Coal

2017 marked some major victories for local renewable energy activists, including the city of Madison's 100 percent renewable energy goal and the approval of a new wind farm for Madison Gas and Electric. But with your help, 2018 is going to be even more exciting! With the support of students, businesses, neighborhood associations in Madison and grassroots leaders like you, we can build a movement that won't stop until we have 100 percent clean energy for all. What ideas do you have to help us get to a future of energy justice and democracy, good jobs, and a healthy climate? Let the Madison Beyond Coal team know by sending an email to devin.martin@sierraclub.org, or contact us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/WIBeyondCoal.

Devin Martin
Beyond Coal Organizer

Students Lead the Way

A number of student organizations, including the Sierra Student Coalition, joined forces beginning in September 2017 to commit the University of Wisconsin-Madison to 100 percent clean energy by 2030. Using the principles of democratic and grassroots organizing, they have spent the semester empowering and organizing students to conduct informational interviews, lead strategy sessions, and forge alliances with key stakeholders, administrators, and faculty members. Ultimately, they hope to develop a Clean Energy Committee, with representation from UW staff, faculty and students that will guide the University's transition to renewable energy.

Kendl Kobbervig
Chapter Executive Committee Member

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Locally

100% Clean Energy: With activism from Sierra Club members in Madison, the city council unanimously supported a resolution for a community-wide 100 percent clean energy goal. With its passing, Madison became the first city in Wisconsin and one of the largest in the Midwest to pass a goal for 100 percent clean energy!

Water Protection: In November, the Kewaunee County Board

passed an ordinance that regulates the application of liquid manure, hoping to reduce water pollution. The board unanimously supported this resolution, which lays the groundwork for other counties impacted by manure runoff to pass similar resolutions.

All of these victories come in a larger context. In 2017, millions of Americans have taken action to protect health-care, immigrants, and LGBT and women's rights. This year demonstrated the power that mass movements hold, and the John Muir Chapter hopes the momentum to protect people and the planet continues through 2018.

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River Touring Section
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Broadway St., Baraboo. Ad-
vance registration not required.
For details, contact Kevin Olson,
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Renewable Energy
Summit 2018

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FEBRUARY 2

World Wetlands Day

FEBRUARY 9-11

Madison Garden Expo

Alliant Energy Center, Exhibition
Hall, Madison, [www.wigarden-
expo.com](http://www.wigarden-expo.com)

FEBRUARY 20

Spring Primary Elections

elections.wi.gov

MARCH 6

The Big Share!
An Online Day of Giving

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MARCH 9-11

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Hall, Madison, canoeopia.com

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Sierra Club member Don Hammes was one of many members who testified against the 'Mining Giveaway Bill.'

