

## Global warming 'plan' inadequate

**President Bush's proposals are more a 'sham' than a plan; Gore offers a much better alternative**

*By Carl Pope, Sierra Club Director,*

"After years of doggedly refusing to acknowledge the existence of global warming, the Bush Administration today unveiled its latest scheme to side-step the climate crisis that threatens us all.

Unfortunately, this plan appears to be little more than political hot air. It seems that the plan fails to require any specific reductions in global warming pollution at all. The report released in September by the Department of Energy's Climate Change Technology Program is merely a laundry list of technologies – many of which do not exist today at all or in any practical form – that could allow us to reduce our emissions if they are adopted.

As former Vice President Al Gore said in a recent speech: 'Merely engaging in high-minded debates about theoretical future reductions while continuing to steadily increase emission represents a self-delusional and reckless approach.

"When it comes to cutting our global warming emissions, voluntary reductions simply don't cut it."

Contrast this nonsense with the real solutions and visionary leadership offered by Gore. Also in that same speech, he also offered us hope and a way out by calling for:

- An immediate freeze on emissions
- A smart electrical grid, with vastly increased use of renewables
- Greatly increased efficiency in the transportation sector
- Additional incentives for efficiency in homes and buildings
- Better management and protection

for the world's forests

"The Sierra Club's own energy policy is based on what scientists tell us is both possible and necessary to protect ourselves: 2 percent annual reductions in emissions each year.

"The President's plan, or lack thereof, would cause us to far exceed a dangerous threshold of CO2 concentration in the atmosphere before even attempting to reduce emissions – a gamble that risks exposing us to the worst effects of global warming and will make achieving reductions even harder. It's like someone announcing a plan to lose 20 pounds, but only after gaining another 100 first.

"Once again the President has identified a threat, and refused to protect us from it. He promised to regulate CO2 from power plants during the 2000 campaign, but then walked away from

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## No trash, just treasures at Sierra Club Garage Sale

In the market for a new garage?

Well, we can't help you there, despite the name of the big sale, but you're likely to find just about any other treasure you could possibly want at this month's big Garage Sale.

Proceeds from the sale of items donated by members of the Fort Worth Group of the Sierra Club will go toward supporting the activities of the Club.

The big sale will be held Saturday, Oct. 21, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Items to be donated to the sale can be brought to the general meeting, Oct. 18. Immediately following the meeting a car-

avan of cars will make the short trip to Glenn Ford's house (just over the hill from the Botanical Gardens) to drop them off.

Help the Club by dropping off some unwanted items to be sold or by finding and buying that special find on the day of the sale.

"I will be happy to accept items the week of the event, and also the weekend before," Ford said. It would probably be a good idea for people wanting to bring items at those times to call my cell beforehand to be sure someone is home," he added.

Ford's cell phone number is 817-675-

3467.

Here's how to get to Glenn's Place, at 4020 Bunting Ave. From IH 30 exit Montgomery and go north one mile to Camp Bowie. Turn left (west) on Camp Bowie and go four blocks to Virginia Place. Turn right (north) and go two blocks to Bunting, then left (west).

Glenn's house will be the sixth house on the right.

For more information on the Oct. 21 Fort Worth Sierra Club Garage Sale call event coordinator Todd Nichols at 817-937-5217.

Or, the day of the event, call Glenn Ford at 817-675-3467.

### **Club asks that court force EPA to address lead in toys problem**

The Sierra Club has taken action to protect children from toxic toys by asking a federal court to force EPA to address the problem of lead in toy jewelry. Despite the common use of lead in toy and costume jewelry and the serious dangers posed by its exposure to children, the EPA has refused responsible measures to solve the problem. After a child in Minnesota died as a result of eating a pendant containing lead on a pair of Reebok shoes, the Sierra Club petitioned both EPA and the Consumer Product Safety Commission urging preventative action.

# Visit our website and link to some on-line shopping

Most of you know by now that you can read the newsletter a week or more before it gets delivered to your home by going to the website of the Greater Fort Worth Sierra Club. Many of you also know that you can always find the latest up-to-date information on outings, conservation, and other topics

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### Mission statement

The purposes of the Sierra Club are: To explore, enjoy and protect the wild places of the earth; to practice and promote the responsible use of the earth's ecosystems and resources; to educate and enlist humanity to protect and restore the quality of the natural and human environment and to use all lawful means to carry out these objectives.

of interest at that site.

What you may not know, however – since it's a brand new feature – is that you can help the Fort Worth Group in its fund-raising efforts by utilizing the website for some of your shopping needs.

There are now links to several shopping options on the Fort Worth Group site and the best part of all is that it doesn't cost you any more money to help the local group by going through the Group site than if you went directly to these shopping sites.

To join the Sierra Club, if you're not already a member; or to shop at the Sierra Club store; or even to shop at

Amazon, all you have to do is click the words "Support Us" at the bottom of the main page.

Or, you can go directly to that page by typing <http://texas.sierraclub.org/fortworth/support.html> in your browser window.

It's as easy as that. And when you do so a portion of what you spend at these sites will be rebated to the Fort Worth Group.

You may want to book mark that site for easy access (and so you won't forget). While you're at it, don't forget to book mark the main Fort Worth Group site at <http://www.sierraclub.org/chapters/tx/fortworth/>.

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that promise and Kyoto shortly after assuming office.

"From refusing to take meaningful action on fuel economy standards to an EPA that refuses to use its existing authority to regulate CO2, this is an administration that has done everything it can to stymie real action on global warming.

"Worse, it continues to add to the

problem by allowing more gas guzzlers on the road and calling for dozens of new coal-fired power plants, among other things.

"We need strong, concrete action on global warming and we need it now. Another program designed around voluntary action to fight global warming would be about as effective as a voluntary income tax system."

## More club outings

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### November 8-12, Wednesday-Sunday

Big Bend National Park Van Trip. Join us for a long weekend in one of the nation's most scenic national parks, about 9 hours away from Fort Worth. We'll travel by van, leaving early Wednesday morning and arriving before sunset. Todd Nichols will lead a car camping (van-camping) trip from the Chinos Basin campground. This year we will be exploring several hiking trails in the Big Bend Ranch State Park and various trails in the western part of the National Park. James Moody will lead a variety of day hikes throughout the park, including the rarely visited Apache Canyon. Other possibilities, depending on the preferences of the group, could include Dog Canyon, Devil's Den, The Chimneys, Red Rock Canyon, Top of Burro Mesa Pouroff, Pine Canyon, Mariscal Mine, and other beautiful areas within the park. For details on this trip contact him-817-295-1623 or (cell) 817-688-3656. The cost remains at \$175 per person – a real bargain with the price of gas. Mail checks prior to Nov. 1, payable to Fort

Worth Sierra Club, to Todd Nichols, 200 Hibiscus Dr. Arlington 76018. For more information contact Nichols at 817-937-5217.

### November 19, Saturday

Join Sierrans for a docent led tour of a special exhibition at the Amon Carter Museum: Regarding the Land: Robert Glenn Ketchum and the Legacy of Eliot Porter Experience the breathtaking beauty of landscape photography through the lenses of two of the art form's most important color artists: Eliot Porter (1901-90) and Robert Glenn Ketchum (b. 1947). Eliot Porter was a Sierra Club member, author of many Sierra Club books, and an advocate of many of our conservation campaigns including opposition to the flooding of Glen Canyon in 1964. Meet at 9:45 AM on the steps to the entrance of the Carter Museum which faces east toward downtown Fort Worth. Tour begins promptly at 10 a.m. Organizer: Charge for exhibit: \$6.00 per person. Organizer: Claudia Blalock, 817-924-6242. Please contact Claudia if you plan to attend by Monday, Nov. 13.

*No pets, firearms or radios are allowed on Sierra Club outings. All children (17 years or less) must be accompanied by a parent on any outing. All overnight trips require preregistration with the trip leader. A donation of \$5 per person to the Fort Worth Sierra Club is requested for all overnight trips.*

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### **October 21, Saturday** (Sierra Singles)

Walk & Wag at Winfrey Point on White Rock Lake. We're working on details. Want to help out? Contact Ginger. See [www.walkandwag.org](http://www.walkandwag.org).

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# Club Outings

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CONTACT: Ginger Bradley, 469-223-7902 or [gingercanyon@usa.net](mailto:gingercanyon@usa.net).

### **November 1-3 Friday-Sunday**

Canoe and camp at Caddo Lake's Goat Island Wildlife Management Area. On Friday if you arrive before dark, you can canoe over to the island where some of us will be camping. If you arrive after dark, car camping is available at Caddo Lake State Park, with advance reservations. The drive from Fort Worth to the State Park is 3-4 hours. Goat Island is about one mile from the put-in at Pine Needle Lodge (see their web page).† There is a parking fee and canoe launch fee at Pine Needle, which also has a limited number of canoes for rent. Camping on the island provides seclusion and a beautiful setting on Texas' only natural lake. There will be a potluck dinner Saturday night, and everyone should plan to bring a dish to share. We will have a group breakfast on Sunday morning. This trip is suitable for families, and the canoeing is considered easy. Trip will end Sunday mid-morning and you can either get together for a cat-

fish lunch or go to Jefferson to explore the town. Leader approval required. Make reservations with leaders: Tolbert Greenwood at 817-737-8698 or email [tgreenwood@canteyhanger.com](mailto:tgreenwood@canteyhanger.com) or Marilyn Turnage at 214-533-2481 or email [marilynturnage@msn.com](mailto:marilynturnage@msn.com). Call Texas Parks and Wildlife for camp site reservations at the State Park: telephone 512-389-8900. You will have to purchase a \$12 Wildlife Management permit to camp on the island, or access any of Texas WMA. Call Pine Needle Lodge to reserve a canoe at 903-665-2911. If Pine Needle canoes are booked up call Cindy at Old Port Caddo Rentals 903-679-3073 or 903-930-0075.

### **November 4, Saturday**

Dayhike in the woods at River Legacy Park, Arlington. 9 am. Enter at new park entrance on west side (right coming from Hwy 183; left coming from I-30) of Hwy 157 (N Collins) about 1 block north of Green Oaks. Meet us by bridge over Trinity River. We will hike for about two hours in the woods, seeing ponds, wooded trails, and some wildlife, then have an optional lunch/brunch in Arlington. Leader: Don Callaway 817 312-4657 [don.callaway@comcast.net](mailto:don.callaway@comcast.net) Co-leader: Terry Jensen 972 988-8687, ext 3101, [ss@dfwnetmall.com](mailto:ss@dfwnetmall.com)

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## Coming Events

### October 17, Tuesday, 7 p.m.

Sierra Singles Dinner. Gather at Thai Jasmine, 3104 Harwood at Hwy 121, SW corner, Bedford, in shopping center with Tom Thumb. Best Thai cuisine in Tarrant County with ample vegetarian selections. Come early for wine or beer. Contact: Terry Jensen 972-988

### October 18, Wednesday

Newsletter deadline. Submit articles, ads, letters, or other information by mail or email. Photos of club activities encouraged. Mail submissions to Newsletter Editor, P.O. Box 1874, Burlleson, Texas 76097-1874, bring to the general meeting, or email jmoody166@mac.com.

### October 27, Friday

Noon meeting for Sierrans unable to attend the evening general meeting. This group meets the last Friday of each month at 1 p.m. at Cup a Joe, 602 W. Abram, Arlington. Contact Bonnie Bowman, bfbg@comcast.net

### November 29, Wednesday

## General Meeting Wednesday, October 18

7:00 Azalea Room of the Fort Worth Botanic Garden Center Complex. Going north on University, take the 2nd entrance into Botanic Gardens. The Garden Center is straight ahead.

Newsletter folding party at Braum's, 6770 Bridge St. at 6:30 p.m. Call Steve Turner, 457-7131.

### November 7, Tuesday, 6 p.m.

Fort Worth Sierra Club ExCom Meeting, 6:30 p.m., at Spiral Diner, 1314 W. Magnolia. For more information, contact Susan Haney, 254-582-8228.

### November 7, Tuesday

Outings Meeting immediately following the ExCom meeting. Contact Claudia Blalock, 817-924-6242.

### Conservation Committee Meeting

The Conservation Committee meets on an as-needed basis. Contact: Chair Dewayne Quertermous 214-558-1407, or Bob Scott, 282-1372.

## '07 Sierra Club calendars here

The 2007 Sierra Club calendars are now available and a good thing got even better. The new calendars celebrate nature with such beautiful color photographs, you'll almost hate for each month to end because you won't want to turn the page.

Fortunately, though, the photo for each month provides equally impressive scenic shots and you'll wish you could display them all at once.

In addition to the superb photography, there's something else appealing about the new calendars: you can get them for a dollar off from now until Oct. 18.

Until then, the wall calendars are only \$11 and the engagement calendars, just \$12.

Procrastinate and you'll pay \$12 for the wall calendars and \$13 for the engagement calendars.

Pick up several at the October general meeting. You'll want them for Christmas gifts that give the year round.

The Greater Fort Worth Group of the Sierra Club