

May Auction Fundraiser A Huge Success

Despite the floundering economy, this year's auction fundraiser held on May 14, 2009 was a huge success! **The Fox Valley Sierra Group raised over \$1800!** A hearty thank you to all who participated: to our talented members, local businesses and area artists who contributed services and gifts for the raffle and live and silent auctions; to the best auctioneer around, Randy Connour; and a special thank you to woodcarver Bob McCurdy for donating our main raffle item! The auction is our only fundraiser and pays the bills for our meeting space at Bubolz, printing and mailing our newsletter, and helps to sponsor or support various projects throughout our region. Whether you brought a dish to pass or an item to auction, bought raffle tickets, placed your bids, or just enjoyed the lively atmosphere, we thank you for making the auction a huge success! ♣



Artist Bob McCurdy at his home studio in Baileys Harbor with the carving he donated to the FVSG raffle. KELLY KRUPKA

Support Our Donors!

Fox Valley Sierra Group raised over \$1800 at our May auction!

Please support these local businesses who generously donated goods to be auctioned:

- In Appleton: **Cobblestone Market, The Free Market, Globally Sound, The Green Card, Just Act Natural, Kindred Spirits Organics, Outdoor Outlet, "You're Special" Gifts & Collectibles**
- In Greenville: **The Bulk-Priced Food Shoppe**
- In Menasha: **Art Affair, The Wreath Factory**
- In Neenah: **Greg Bracken Pet Portraits, Botanical & Nature Art by Christina Roberts**
- In Oshkosh: **The Golden Goat, Herger's Sporting Goods, Salon Mode**



Auctioneer Randy Connour works his magic. MONNY HJERSTEDT



Ruthann Hetzler helps display items up-for-bid during the live auction. MONNY HJERSTEDT

WINTER FUN

7:00 PM
December 10th

Bubolz Nature
Preserve, Appleton

Holiday Party

Please bring:

- Dish to Pass
- Drinks & Table Settings
- White Elephant Gift
Something from your home that you no longer want. Do *NOT* buy a gift: recycle one!
- Money Donation for Bubolz Nature Preserve
This year we will again collect donations as financial help to Bubolz Nature Preserve.
- Good Spirits & A Friend

Save the Date...

The next Fox Valley Sierra Group Auction Fundraiser will be held on May 13, 2010. We hope you can join us!

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Waupaca Coalition for Public Response Wins 2009 FVSG Environmental Award

by Dale Schaber

Charlie Paine, Environmental Award Coordinator for the Fox Valley Sierra Group, presented the FVSG's 2009 Environmental Award to the Waupaca Coalition for Public Response during its September 10, 2009 meeting at the Gordon Bubolz Nature Preserve in Appleton, Wisconsin.

The Fox Valley Sierra Group honored the Waupaca Coalition for Public Response for their efforts to limit sustained toxic industrial emissions into the air in Waupaca, Wisconsin. The Coalition is primarily concerned with long term exposures to toxic air pollution created by industrial emissions. They plan to demonstrate ways and means of capturing, storing, refining and recycling local industrial wastes. These wastes could be captured, pooled and stored; then refined on-demand for resynthesis into organo-bio-chemical staples designed for agricultural, infrastructural and various other applications.



Left to Right: Charlie Paine, FVSG Environmental Award Coordinator, Jon Baltmanis, Patricia DuChene, Michael Orr, Phil Nolan and Alan Lawrence, FVSG Chair. DALE SCHABER

The current status of the Waupaca Coalition for Public Response is that of "watch-dogging" a permit process that affects our health and well-being. They plan to advance and develop their work into a strategic enterprise for broader environmental conservation. ♣

THE SPLENDOR

by Andy Froelich

*The sea, it tells of all the wonderful journeys,
And reminds its goers to have no worries.
The waves dance as though no one is watching,
The birds sing as though no one is listening.
The seas blue-sky only dreams,
But as it seems,
It won't last forever,
As a storm will rumble in soon,
And it will hide the beauty of the moon,
That brings light to the night sea.
But the fish are the key,
To keeping the sea alive,
And helping it derive,
All the beauty to me,
That reminds me of the sea.*

FROM THE CHAIR

Earlier this year I had the opportunity to watch the movie, "Hotel Rwanda", which is about genocide in Rwanda in 1994. I'm embarrassed that I cannot vividly remember the news stories that ought to have been the daily headlines. A million people were murdered during the 100-day massacre of Tutsis and Hutu moderates by Hutus under the Hutu Power ideology.

The rest of the world was not ignorant about what was happening but, amazingly, decided not to intervene. The U.S. government was reluctant to involve itself in the "local conflict" in Rwanda and refused to label the killings as "genocide", a decision which then-President Bill Clinton later came to regret in a Frontline television interview. In the interview Clinton stated that he believes if he had sent 5,000 U.S. peacekeepers, more than 500,000 lives could have been saved. Listening back to some of the discussion it is embarrassing how our government tried to avoid labeling the killings as "genocide" since then we would have been obligated to intervene.

My point with the Rwanda story is that we often debate issues yet pretend they aren't serious problems. Years later those debates can seem ridiculous. Why can't we understand the problems while there is still time to react? For several years the world has been debating whether global warming (abrupt climate change) is real, despite a lot of supporting evidence. Reluctant believers then debate whether we need to do anything about the problem. Many people want to believe that the problem is overstated and that action is not needed at this time. We do not want to look back from the future and be embarrassed about the silly excuses we are currently making. If we would label the problem for what I believe it is, a serious problem that will effect (and is effecting) the lives of plants, animals, and people around the planet, then we would be obligated to act immediately.

A public radio story caught my attention recently. The Australian town of Bundanoon voted to ban bottled water. Water mining in Wisconsin was an issue for us several years ago, and I still follow the issue. (<http://www.news.com.au/story/0,27574,25754710-5019059,00.html>)

The voluntary ban was triggered by concerns about the carbon footprint associated with bottling and transporting the water. Australians spent about \$500

million on bottled water in 2008. At a community meeting, Bundanoon locals overwhelmingly supported the ban on commercially bottled water. Almost 400 people turned up to the town meeting, with only two casting dissenting votes.

Said one Australian, "Plastic bottles are everywhere. It's not just the direct plastic bottle that causes the physical reality in our local environment. You take a 600ml plastic bottle, 200ml of oil has gone into its production. That's leaving aside the CO2 that comes from transporting it around the place."

He added that it made no sense for people to pay twice as much for a litre of bottled water than for a litre of petrol. "The bottled water industry has managed to convince people that bottled water is somehow pure or better for you than water you drink out of the tap. But we have amongst the best tap water in the world."



Diana Lawrence and Jennifer Reschke take in the view from an observation tower in the Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge.

and alligators, but it also has cypress tree swamps, Spanish Moss, and other air plants.

My family occasionally gathers for a family reunion in Florida. While there, we always make a point of visiting several nature preserves. Florida's environment is much different than ours. The Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge is representative of the Everglades with large expanses of marshes

and alligators, but it also has cypress tree swamps, Spanish Moss, and other air plants.

On our most recent trip we explored the Wakodahatchee Wetlands. This is a nature preserve managed by the Palm Beach County Water Utilities Department. It is the final stage of the sewage water treatment process. Treated water is pumped into man-made lakes creating a thriving wetlands habitat. Natural filtration further cleans the water. Furthermore, an abundance of wildlife is attracted to this wetland and the park-like setting is valuable to neighbours and tourists.

These Florida nature preserves are examples of how government can appreciate the environment. Caring for nature is valuable to local citizens and is good for tourists and the economy.

Thanks for reading my comments. As leader of our group I welcome your feedback.

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Health Care and the Environment

by Alan Lawrence

We've been hearing a lot about health care reform this year. The arguments typically are about whether we can afford it or not, and whether we like the idea of socialized medicine. Although many people favor single-payer universal health care this doesn't seem likely to be adopted soon. I would like to imagine what it could do for our country. I believe it would be good for the health of our people, but I think universal health care would also be good for our environment.

Universal health care implies that everyone contributes to the total cost of health care. When everyone knows that society is paying for the health of your neighbors then everyone has a financial stake in helping their neighbors stay healthy. Keeping your neighbor healthy reduces the cost of health care. People will realize that pollution is unhealthy and is therefore expensive. Toxic mercury and other contaminants from coal burning will be seen as contributors to higher cost health care. Society will demand a cleaner environment. Clean air and clean water will become important to everyone. A clean environment is healthy, and saves money on health care. ♣

Upcoming Programs...

January 14, 2010 • 7:00 PM

Mysteries of the Great Lakes

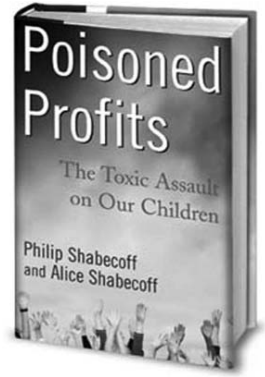
Dr. Mike Lizotte from the Lake Winnebago Lakes Council will tell us what is going on in our nearby lakes and will share the film "Mysteries of the Great Lakes." This is an award-winning film featuring sturgeon of the Winnebago system and local fish biologist Ron Bruch. It tells of the many challenges the great lakes face as they move from pristine to polluted to recovering. Originally produced for IMAX theatres, it is also a beautiful film on the small screen (40 minutes).

Programs are held at the wheelchair accessible Gordon Bubolz Nature Preserve, 4815 N. Lynndale Drive (County A) in Appleton, Wisconsin and are open to the public. Please join us!

<http://www.bubolzpreserve.org/>

"Poisoned Profits" Review

by Marie Fargo, Green Bay



Poisoned Profits: The Toxic Assault on Our Children by Philip Shabecoff and Alice Shabecoff could very well become one of the most important books of our time. The Shabecoffs have collected a tremendous amount of evidence proving that we are harming our children with the chemicals we use on a daily basis. Their journalistic style reports the facts without bias, and then their passion for the topic shines through with paragraphs regarding the dire outcomes we face if we do not change our ways. This balance of scientific facts with personal conviction gets the Shabecoff's message across clearly.

Poisoned Profits also gives readers personal accounts of those affected by pollutants. These heart-wrenching stories bring the reader past the alarming facts and right to the root of the terror: these children could belong to anyone.

But *Poisoned Profits* does not simply startle readers with horrifying facts. The Shabecoffs provide alternatives and solutions to these problems. Chapter Five lists common household products that have dangerous chemicals, and those that are free of poisons. They also provide an appendix with plenty of resources to find further information about all of the topics covered.

The Shabecoffs clearly did extensive research for this book, and their knowledge of the complex science behind environmental problems is evident. The personal accounts of victims and fervent opinions of the authors provide the added touch necessary for a problem of this magnitude: a call to our humanity. Anyone can give a list of startling facts and tell people to change their habits. But what really stirs people to action is showing them the problem, explaining why it's happening, and giving them solutions to act upon. Philip and Alice Shabecoff do this brilliantly.

I would recommend *Poisoned Profits* to all parents and anyone who plans to become one. Though there is an astounding amount of information to wade through, it is imperative that we know what is happening in our society. As stated in Chapter Twelve of *Poisoned Profits*, "We cannot, given what we know already, assume that the worst will not happen...For the sake of our children, we had better take steps to ensure it does not." I hope that the majority of the American public will read this book. Our future depends on our ability to understand our affect on the environment and how, in turn, the environment affects us.

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I was ten years old when we started visiting National Parks. My parents had gotten a new car and dad was anxious to take a real road trip. It was a 1940 Oldsmobile, just huge and made for riding. I think my parents must have planned the trip ahead of time because they were always referring to a folder of maps and places to see. My brother and I were not as excited because it meant being cooped up in the back seat together for long periods of time; not what we considered a fun summer vacation.

My dad loved driving his new car, and mostly we loved riding and stopping to see the sights. We sang a lot because dad had belonged to a performing choir before he got married, and he knew a lot of songs. I don't think we had a radio in the car. So, instead, we all sang and made the most of it, stopping with the traffic on the narrow roads that trailed through the parks, with mom taking pictures wherever we went.

We stayed mainly in little cabins along the road, nothing like the humongous mansions you see these days, and ate out of the cooler in the back of the car or something that mom could cook on the small stoves that many of the cabins had. Our first destination was Mt. Rushmore, a bunch of stone



Driving through Badlands National Park. KELLY KRUPKA

heads that loomed out of the side of a mountain. I personally was looking forward to Wall Drug, a place that was advertised for endless miles by intriguing roadside signs. It was my first taste of false advertising because Wall Drug really was just a drugstore with a dusty stuffed buffalo in front of it. We had an ice cream and left. Next, we saw the Badlands, our first mountain, walked through a cave, made snowballs around the first week in July, and joined the stream of visitors watching for wildlife, bears, elk, deer, and natural wonders, including some huge waterfalls.

My parents must have been very patient because they stopped a lot to let my brother and I out to run and get rid of some energy. I think we may have fished a bit too. We never did use the tent for sleeping overnight because after seeing her first bear clambering over an automobile, mom thought it wise to have walls between us and the outdoors.

After much driving, we finally got to Yellowstone National Park and saw Old Faithful. By that time, I had had it with geysers because they really did smell. I hated that smell! I rode with a handkerchief over my nose and complained bitterly for days. I think my mom could have killed me because I certainly made it miserable for everyone else. As an adult I have gone back to Yellowstone several times and the geysers really do not smell that bad. In any case, I still was not impressed. My brother was though, and he took his children to see all of the area



Bison in Custer State Park, South Dakota. KELLY KRUPKA

geysers. His family went for one whole day seeing geyser after geyser erupt.

Then, it happened. We were parked at way-side somewhere, and there was—a buffalo. Not stuffed, ALIVE! It was huge, probably as big as a one car garage. It was standing still, not chained or anything, just still and glaring at me with eyes the size of softballs. Mom wanted me to get a bit closer, so she could get a picture. I didn't move so she asked my brother and he wouldn't move either. She took another look at the buffalo, and put down her camera. We slowly walked away, got into the car, and left. We decided not to disturb that buffalo because we were clearly in his space.

I've seen plenty of buffalo over the years but that very first encounter changed the whole trip and is still vivid in my mind. I have never forgotten it, and I have tried to see as many national and state parks since. I was eleven when we got home from that road trip, ten pounds heavier and another inch taller. Children do not always want to go on family vacations and see the sights, but they have to go anyways, and some of those sights will last them a lifetime. See our National Parks. ♣

Up Next... Yellowstone National Park

The Fox Valley Sierra Group's March 11, 2010 program will feature Don Lorenz's photographic journey through Yellowstone National Park in Wyoming. Don't miss it!

7:00 PM at the Gordon Bubolz Nature Preserve,
4815 N. Lynndale Drive (County A) in Appleton, Wisconsin

NATURE CENTER ACTIVITIES, LOCAL EVENTS & CLASSES

Bubolz Appleton

December 5 & 6 - Saturday & Sunday

Weave a traditional pair of wooden Huron snowshoes during this 2 day workshop. 10-2. These snowshoes are designed to hold over 200 lbs of weight and are great for deep snow. Personalize your snowshoes with a wood burner. Cost includes all materials for snowshoes. Great Holiday Gift! Bring a lunch. Cost: \$130/members, \$140/non-members. Pre-registration and payment due November 25. Limited to 14.

December 9 - Wednesday

Salves & Lip Balm Workshop. 6-7PM. Learn how to make basic salves and lip balms from natural products. Make and take your own salve and lip balm! Cost: \$10/non-members \$8/members. Pre-registration and payment required.

January 13 - Wednesday

"Mysteries of the Great Lakes". 6PM. The Winnebago Lakes Council will give an informative presentation on the ecology and sustainability of the Winnebago watershed, including the council's efforts in the area of Aquatic Invasive Species. They will show the IMAXX movie "Mysteries of the Great Lakes", which covers the history of the Great Lakes, its tributaries (including Winnebago) and the efforts to improve the population of Lake Sturgeon.

January 23 - Saturday

Beginner Cross Country Ski Instruction. 10-11AM. Want to try cross-country skiing? Here's your chance. Expert ski instructors will be on hand to take you through the basic steps necessary to learn how to cross-country ski and proper clothing to wear. After the instruction, you will have an opportunity to practice on the Preserve's beautiful groomed trails. Cost for instruction: \$10/person. Ski rental is included (skis, boots & poles). Please call to register & reserve your ski equipment (920) 731-6041.

January 27 - Wednesday

Dream Pillow Workshop. 6-7PM. An old tradition renews itself with these delightful little pillows stuffed with herbs that can help you sleep, have pleasant dreams, or just smell nice. Cost: \$10/non-members, \$8/members. Pre-registration and payment required.

January 29 - Friday

Moonlight Ski & Hike. 6-9PM. One and a half miles of trail will be illuminated by candlelight. Flashlights or headlamps are recommended. Ski rental available for special rate of \$5/person. Trail fees (\$3) apply to non-members with own equipment. Hot dogs, chips and hot beverages will also be available for a small fee. The trails will be lit for hiking if there is not enough snow.

Heckrodt Menasha

December 5 - Saturday

Children's Christmas Gift Workshop. 9-11:30AM or 1-3:30PM. Children make 6 giftable

gifts and leave with them wrapped and ready to give. Fee includes all supplies, gift wrap, cookie and a drink. Cost: \$10/child. Advanced registration and prepayment required. Register early - this program fills quickly.

January 30 - Saturday

Give a Hoot! 6-8PM. It's owling time! Come meet a live great horned owl. Dissect an owl pellet to learn what owls like to eat. Then we'll head off into the Reserve to listen for our resident owls. Dress for the weather! A portion of the fee supports rehabilitation of birds of prey. Cost: \$3/person. Registration is appreciated, fees paid at the program.

Ledgeview Chilton

December 5 - Saturday

Nature Ornaments. 1PM. Make as many nature ornaments as you like; materials will be provided. (This takes place in the same room as the Holiday Wreath workshop.) Cost: \$2/person.

Holiday Wreaths. 1PM. Wreath greens, pine cones, wire all provided. You bring a wreath frame, ribbon, wire cutter, and pruning shears, and we'll show you how to create your own holiday wreath. Cost: \$5-\$15 for wreath materials.

January 10, 17, 24 & 31 - Sunday

Naturalist-guided Snowshoe Hikes. 1PM. We'll teach you how to use snowshoes, and then we're off to learn about what's going on in that quiet white world. Hikes can last one to two hours and travel through field and forest. Snowshoe hikers should dress for the weather. If snowcover is inadequate, a boot hike will be led instead. Cost: \$5/person (includes snowshoe rental).

January 23 - Saturday

Moonlight Ski. 6:30 PM. Evening activities at the nature center are special because they are so rare: normally the park closes at dusk. On this night staff invite cross-country skiers to enjoy Ledge View's trails by moonlight and warm up indoors with hot cider. Bring your own skis or call the nature center to reserve a rental pair (separate \$6 rental fee). Skiers \$4/person (includes trail fee).

Mosquito Hill New London

December 6 - Sunday

Discovering New Worlds - Can there be Life out There? 1:30-3PM. Are we boldly going where no one has gone before? Yes, with our telescopes. We know there are planets in other star systems, but can they support life as we know it? Do they have what it takes? Scientists are finding the answers. Join us as we enter the habitable zone. Cost: \$5/adults, \$3.50/students, seniors, FOMH; \$12/families. Registration & payment due Dec. 3.

December 12 - Saturday

Leave No Family Inside: Hark, Who Goes There? 12:30-3PM. You'll become an official ani-

mal private investigator by learning how to identify animal tracks, scat (animal droppings), and other clues left by local wildlife. Make and take a special plaster cast of an animal track as your badge of honor and expertise. Cost: \$6/person, \$10/family. Registration & payment due Dec. 9.

December 18 - Friday

Christmas Bird Count. 8-4:30. Take a break from the holiday hustle and join nature center staff and volunteers for a day in the field counting birds. We'll break for a potluck lunch, always featuring warm soups and yummy desserts. Call ahead if you would like to take part. Free.

Weekends through February

Snowshoe Trails Open and Rentals Available (when conditions permit). 9:30-2. Please call ahead to check on snow conditions and availability of rentals during the week. Families with young children: try out our smaller shoes for age four and older, or bring a sled to pull your toddlers. Snowshoe Rental: \$3/adults, \$2/students & seniors; FOMH: no charge. Trail Use: Free.

January 9 - Saturday

LNFI: Hunting for Hoots. 6-8PM. Listening to the hooting of owls has to be one of life's most special pleasures. Learning more about Wisconsin's owls gives those hoot calls even more meaning. Join naturalist Jessica Miller as she takes you on an outdoor journey in search of these elusive nocturnal wonders. Cost: \$6/individual, \$10/family. Registration & payment due January 3.

January 16 & 17 - Saturday & Sunday

Snowshoe Lacing Workshop. 8:30-4. Naturalist Steve Petznick will lead you through the steps to lace your own 10" x 56" Alaskan-style snowshoes. All materials are provided, including easy to use rubber bindings. The white ash frames are pre-bent, drilled, varnished and ready for lacing. Makes a great holiday gift. Call for cost. Registration & payment due January 8.

January 23 - Saturday

Candlelight Snowshoe Walk. 6:30-9PM. Enjoy this self-led excursion through the nature center's lowland forest. Refreshments will be served and all snowshoe equipment is provided. A \$2 discount is available to participants who bring their own snowshoes. Cost: \$8/adults, \$5/students, seniors/FOMH or \$25/family. Registration & payment due January 29.

January 30 - Saturday

Winter Family Fun Day & Snowshoe Race. 12-3PM. Come out and play in the snow with us. Watch our website for more details. Cost: \$8/car.

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FOX VALLEY SIERRA GROUP

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	Member 1	Member 2
Rachel Anderson	_____	_____
Cindy Carter	_____	_____
Alan Lawrence	_____	_____
Diana Lawrence	_____	_____
Will Stahl	_____	_____
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Write-in Candidate _____		

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It's Our Nature

WINTER OUTINGS

Please join us on one of our outings this winter! They are a great way to meet other members and to see some of Wisconsin's most beautiful places. Outings are open to all members and non-members. In order to participate, sign up at one of our general meetings at Bubolz or contact the outings leader directly. After you contact a trip leader, they will provide you with all of the trip details.

January 9, Saturday

Cross-Country Ski at High Cliff State Park. We will ski for as long as everyone wishes then retreat to the Outpost to warm up. Bring your own equipment and water. Please call so I can keep an eye out for you. We will hike if the snow is insufficient for skiing. *Charlie Paine, 920-739-1900, chasp@ntd.net*

January 16, Sunday

Cross-Country Ski at Brown County Reforestation Camp. Hot apple cider will be provided! *Rich Krieg, 920-497-8004, eddyout@gmail.com*

January 22, Friday Evening

Owl Hike at Bubolz. Cynthia Mueller, Executive Director at Bubolz, will lead us on a night hike over the snowshoe trail seeking the Great Horned Owl. Great Horned Owls are seeking mates during the January nights and with a little luck we should hear one or more of their distinctive calls. With a lot of luck we might even call one in to us. Dress warm: this is January. Wear warm boots, bring a light, and bring your snowshoes if you have them. They might come in handy. Meet at the Bubolz nature center at 6:00PM and plan on 2-3 hours. Afterwards we will meet inside the nature center for some hot cider and snacks. Please call to reserve your place. *Charlie Paine, 920-739-1900, chasp@ntd.net*

February 4, Thursday Evening

Starlight Ski/Snowshoe on Green Bay. After a couple years of uncooperative weather, let's try again! Bring snowshoes or skis, dress for the weather, and meet at Maureen's at 6:00PM. We'll venture out on the Bay, under the stars. (flashlights or headlamps are helpful). Conditions permitting, we can explore the zebra mussel shell deposits that are forming dunes along the shore. A crackling fire and chili supper will warm us after. \$3 donation for chili & "fixin's", BYOB. Please call by Monday, February 1st so I know how much chili to make. *Maureen Birk, 3381 Nicolet Dr. Green Bay (Call for directions) 920-468-7252.*

Times and meeting locations of outings can change. Always check with a trip leader at least 24 hours before the outing. Upon arrival all participants must sign a Release of Liability form. To read a copy of the waiver, visit: wisconsin.sierraclub.org In the interests of facilitating the logistics of some outings, it is customary that participants make carpooling arrangements. The Sierra Club does not have insurance for carpooling arrangements and assumes no liability for them. Carpooling, ride sharing or anything similar is strictly a private arrangement among the participants. Participants assume the risks associated with this travel. CST 2087766-40. Registration as a seller of travel does not constitute approval by the State of California.

Deadline...

for submitting materials for the
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Anyone can submit articles, photos, poems, trip reports, etc. Email Kelly at kellykrupka@yahoo.com



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