



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



This month, we spotlight our member group, **Austin Sierra Club**

Mission

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.

Our goal is to ensure that the Austin area remains a healthy, vibrant, place to live. We believe that the health of the human world is inextricably linked to the health of the natural world, and we offer a wide variety of activities and volunteer opportunities to support our goal:

- Conservation: Our volunteers work to fight against global warming, air pollution, aquifer depletion, and urban sprawl. We promote clean energy, water conservation, and responsible transportation options.
- Politics: We support candidates who shun special interests and work to protect the environment.
- Outings: From local day hikes to weekend canoe trips to week-long camping trips to places such as Big Bend and Colorado's San Juan Mountains, our Outings are recognized for being fun, educational, and well-organized.
- Inspiring Connections Outdoors: Our community-outreach program connects inner-city youth with nature by taking them on outdoor educational field trips.

History and Progress

The Austin Regional Group is part of the National Sierra Club, our nation's oldest, largest, and most influential grassroots environmental organization, with over 2 million members and supporters. We work closely with the Lone Star Chapter, the Sierra Club entity that addresses Texas-wide environmental issues.

We are a volunteer organization, with roots in the Austin scene starting in 1968. We now have around 5,000 members dedicated to ensuring the Austin area is a healthy, vibrant, and responsible place to live. We believe that the health of the human world is inextricably linked to the health of the natural world, and we offer a wide variety of activities and volunteer opportunities to support our goal.

The *Austin Sierra Club* has several committees of interest for members to participate in. If interested in joining a committee or if you have any questions, please contact austinsierraclub@gmail.com.

For more information as well as ways to follow and support Hays Residents For Land and Water Protection, find us at
www.sierraclub.org/texas/austin

