

Activity Summary Report

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01/09/2019 Wednesday	Work of the Illinois Native Plant Society	Sangamon Valley Group	Stephen Soltys	Alana McKeen will be talking about the work the Illinois Native Plant Society is doing to promote the recovery of native plant species in central Illinois.	
01/09/2019 Wednesday	HOI Excom Meeting	Heart Of Illinois Group	Joyce Blumenshine	HOI Group Excom Meeting	
01/09/2019 Wednesday	ConCom Meeting	Woods and Wetlands Group	Charles Frank	Woods & Wetlands Group Conservation Committee Meeting. Voluntary self-pay dinner at 5:45 p.m. at the Liberty Restaurant, Liberty Restaurant, 419 S. Milwaukee Ave. in Libertyville, followed by the meeting from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at REI meeting room, 901 N. Milwaukee, Unit 100, Vernon Hills, IL. All are welcome!	
01/10/2019 Thursday	Winter Wildlife Presentation	NW Cook County Group	Judy Ball	It may not be that obvious but there is a lot going on out there even in the cold and snow. We are happy to have Nicky Strahl, a Wildlife Biologist for Cook and DuPage Counties present to our Group	
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01/13/2019 Sunday	Trail Hike at Cuba Marsh	Woods and Wetlands Group	Sarah Hutchison	Celebrate the new year - join us for a five mile hiking event. We'll meet at the Cuba Marsh parking lot on Cuba Rd, just West of Ela Rd.	Moderate
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01/14/2019 Monday	Monthly ExCom Meeting	Woods and Wetlands Group	Diane Ower	All Woods & Wetlands members welcome! 6:30 pm optional BYO dinner and conversation, 7-8:30 pm meeting.	
01/16/2019 Wednesday	HOI Group Meeting - Peoria City Council Candidate Forum	Heart Of Illinois Group	Joyce Blumenshine	HOI Group Meeting - Peoria City Council Candidate Forum	
01/19/2019 Saturday	Winter Hike at Black Hawk State Historic Site	Eagle View Group (IL)	Kristen Bergren	Join us for a beautiful winter hike at Black Hawk State Historic Site. We will meet at 1:00 at Singing Bird Center across the street from the park office (1510 46th Ave Rock Island, IL). After the hike, we will warm up and pep up with hot chocolate and snacks in Singing Bird. Please register and sign the waiver!	Easy
01/21/2019 Monday	100 Conversations for 100% Clean Energy January 21, 2019	Chicago Group	Kyra Woods	Join us for a community dialogue as we explore ideas and perspectives about Chicago's clean energy future.	
01/22/2019 Tuesday	The Human Element Film Screening	NW Cook County Group	Peter Gorr	AN EARTH VISION FILM PRODUCTION in association with EARTH VISION INSTITUTEWe humans are a force of nature. At the same time human activities alter the basic elements of life earth, air, water, and fire those elements change human life.	
01/23/2019 Wednesday	Outings Team Meeting	Woods and Wetlands Group	Thomas Dempsey	Outings Team Meeting (plans hikes, paddling trips, cycling rides and other outdoor activities)Chair: Tom Dempsey, call/text 224-234-7524	
01/25/2019 Friday	Minocqua Cross Country Ski Weekend	River Prairie Group	Raymond Wronkiewicz	Dust off those skis and join us for cross country skiing at it's best in Minocqua, WI, about 5 hours drive from Chicago. The trails are suitable for skiers of all abilities however true beginners should attend the Beginner Cross Country Ski Clinic Jan 6 and 7 which will get you ready for this trip.	Moderate
01/28/2019 Monday	Solidarity Team Meeting	Chicago Group	Taylor Gendel	Join us for the monthly meeting of the Chicago Group's Solidarity Team. The Solidarity Team aims to be a link between local environmental work and the social justice campaigns connected to them by sharing Sierra Club resources, advocacy, and influence.	
01/28/2019 Monday	Monarch Maniacs Meeting	Woods and Wetlands Group	Dale Duda	Monarchs Maniacs of Northern Illinois campaign monthly meeting (working to increase habitats for the monarch butterfly and other pollinators). Co-chairs: Dale Duda and Cindy Blue.	
02/02/2019 Saturday	The Future of Energy Storage	Woods and Wetlands Group	Gloria Charland	Educational presentation by Scott Osborne, electrical engineer, on the use of energy storage technology as Illinois makes the transition from fossil fuels to clean energy.	

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02/02/2019 Saturday	Trail Hike at Marengo Ridge	Woods and Wetlands Group	Thomas Dempsey	A four mile winter trail hike at Marengo Ridge Conservation Area, Marengo, IL.	Moderate
02/03/2019 Sunday	Eagles and Frozen Waterfalls at Starved Rock State Park	River Prairie Group	Jan Bradford	Come join us to hopefully see eagles and frozen waterfalls at Starved Rock State Park. This is one of my favorite hikes to see the American Bald Eagle and hopefully people scaling the frozen waterfalls. So join me. Leader Jan Bradford at jbradford60131@sbcglobal.net. Co leader Ed Max Limit 20	Moderate (over uneven or wet ground)
02/03/2019 Sunday	East Lick Creek Trail Hike - Springfield, IL	Sangamon Valley Group	Stephen Soltys	The Lick Creek Wildlife Sanctuary is a 340 acre gem that is lightly visited and managed by CWLP. The forest along the features deer, turkey, and waterfowl along with a diversity of wintering forest bird.	Easy
02/04/2019 Monday	Ready For 100 Chicago Meeting	Chicago Group	Kyra Woods	Please join us for the monthly Ready for 100 team meeting at the Sierra Club Office (70 E. Lake St, 15th floor)	
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02/08/2019 Friday	Cross-country Ski Trip to Upper Peninsula of Michigan	River Prairie Group	Steve Turner	Long weekend cross country ski trip to the UP of Michigan. We will ski three local areas with excellently groom ski systems (classical). Includes rtwo excellently prepared dinners served in our well equipped cabins at a northwoods resort. Cost includes lodging for Friday through Sunday night and 2 dinners. Trail fees and transportation not included. For more info contact Ray Wronkiewicz 630-849-5020.	Moderate
02/10/2019 Sunday	Starved Rock/Matthiessen Hike	Woods and Wetlands Group	Marilyn Fish	A leisurely hike to enjoy the beauty of winter. Start at Starved Rock hiking along the bald eagle wintering grounds. Finish with frozen waterfalls in the canyon of Matthiessen. Starved Rock hike will be guided by a wildlife representative of the Starved Rock Visitor Center.	Moderate
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02/13/2019 Wednesday	Springfield CWLP's New 250kW Solar Farm	Sangamon Valley Group	Stephen Soltys	Gary Hurley, CWLP Energy Services Manager will be here to discuss the details of their first major venture into commercial solar power and to answer questions about the project and the mySolar Subscription Program.	
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02/13/2019 Wednesday	HOI Group Meeting - Play It Safe on the Water	Heart Of Illinois Group	Robert Jorgensen	HOI Group Meeting - Play It Safe on the Water	
02/14/2019 Thursday	Powering Your Home with the Sun	NW Cook County Group	Peter Gorr	Learn the basics of residential solar systems from ISEA Solar Ambassador Peter Gorr. This nontechnical presentation will cover the basics of installing solar on a home using his personal experience of doing it on his last 2 homes.	
02/24/2019 Sunday	Jackson Hollow Hike	Shawnee Group	Kevin Rohling	Meet at the Murdale shopping center by the Mudale sign in Carbondale before 9:30 am. The Jackson Hollow natural area features incredible rock formations and rare plant species.	Moderate
02/24/2019 Sunday	Snowshoe/Hike at Raven Glen	Woods and Wetlands Group	Thomas Dempsey	Join us for about 3 miles of snowshoeing. If there is not enough snow, we'll hike.	Moderate
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03/13/2019 Wednesday	Building a Bicycle Friendly Community	Sangamon Valley Group	Stephen Soltys	One way to reduce your carbon footprint is to bicycle instead of drive. But a city has to have the infrastructure to encourage this. When it is in place utilization of bicycles really blooms (see boulder, CO or Champaign-Urbana, IL) as examples. Kevin Greene with Sustainable Springfield, INC will discuss efforts to make Springfield a bicycle friendly community.	
03/16/2019 Saturday	Work Sierra Club Table at Green Living Fair	Woods and Wetlands Group	Gloria Charland	Work a shift at the Sierra Club table at the Green Living Fair. This free event features more than 30 exhibitors, 4 speaker forums, and 4 workshops. We'll need 4 people per shift. When you're not working, enjoy the fair!	
04/02/2019 Tuesday	Water Team Meeting	Chicago Group	Jeff Shelden	The Chicago Water Team advocate for, hold educational events about, and foster the enjoyment and health of lakes, beaches, and rivers. All volunteers and clean water supporters are welcome to attend. At our meetings we discuss and plan upcoming events, advocacy and efforts. All experience levels are welcome. Join us.	
04/08/2019	Air and Energy Monthly	Chicago	Ryan Baker	Help move Chicago away from fossil fuels and towards 100% clean energy.	

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Monday	Meeting	Group		Meets at 6pm on the second Monday of each month. Contact: Ryan Baker, rybaker5@gmail.com	
04/10/2019 Wednesday	Reducing Use Of Plastic/Paper Shopping Bags	Sangamon Valley Group	Stephen Soltys	Joan Barenfanger will be presenting a proposal that a group of local citizens would like to place before the Springfield City Counsel to reduce the use of disposable plastic and paper shopping bags.	
04/13/2019 Saturday	Backpack - Forest Glen Preserve	River Prairie Group	Joseph Pratola	Come join us for a backpack along the Middle Fork of the Vermilion River. Forest Glen Preserve is a 1,800 acre nature area of wooded ravines, grassy meadows and tall-grass prairies.	Moderate
04/13/2019 Saturday	Earth Day Festival	Piasa Palisades Group	Christine Favilla	Let's celebrate Earth Day together for this celebration of nature, music, food, and the arts. Guests can participate in organized hiking, enjoy fresh, local foods, and peruse unique goods by local vendors and artists. Other features will include live music, a childrens activities with nature-inspired arts and crafts, hands-on informational booths, and other opportunities.	
04/14/2019 Sunday	White Pines Spring Flowers hike	River Prairie Group	Jan Bradford	Come join us as we identify spring flowers and explore the White Pines State Park Area. We may even see a wild turkey walking around there. And there will be an optional hike to see the Illinois Big Tree Champion winner which is a cottonwood tree in a nearby area of Mt Morris.	Moderate (over uneven or wet ground)
05/04/2019 Saturday	Mississippi Palisades Bike & Hike	River Prairie Group	Marlene Bertolozzi	Enjoy a weekend in the driftless area of northwestern Illinois, just south of Galena. On Saturday, we will hike old Indian trails and see the splendid display of wildflowers rolling down the hills. On Sunday we will bike the Grand Illinois trail starting at Savannah, IL.	Moderate
05/04/2019 Saturday	Art, Flowers and Woodlands at Allerton park	Sangamon Valley Group	Stephen Soltys	Meeting Place: Conference Center Parking Lot (read the directions below). Free event. Robert Allerton had formal art training in Europe before beginning the mansion and formal gardens in Illinois. He had a vision of blending art with the natural environment. On this 2.5-3 mile hike we will examine the blend of natural features and art.	Easy
05/07/2019 Tuesday	Water Team Meeting	Chicago Group	Jeff Shelden	The Chicago Water Team advocate for, hold educational events about, and foster the enjoyment and health of lakes, beaches, and rivers. All volunteers and clean water supporters are welcome to attend. At our meetings we discuss and plan upcoming events, advocacy and efforts. All experience levels are welcome. Join us.	
05/08/2019 Wednesday	The Downtown Pollinator Project - Springfield, IL	Sangamon Valley Group	Stephen Soltys	When most people think to programs to provide habitat for butterflies, bees and other pollinators, they usually don't think of the concrete vista fo a downtown area. Susan Helm, University of Illinois Extension Master Gardener and Master Naturalist Volunteer, and Chef Michael Higgins, Maldaners Restaurant, will be talking about the current project	

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05/11/2019 Saturday	Seward Bluff Spring Bike Ride	River Prairie Group	Marlene Bertolozzi	Bike the country roads, west of Rockford, through the still undeveloped farmlands of northern Illinois. We will be biking in the gently rolling Pecatonica watershed. This is a great start to a fun weekend.	Moderate
05/12/2019 Sunday	Pecatonica River Nature Preserve Spring Hike	River Prairie Group	Marlene Bertolozzi	Hike the Pecatonica River Nature Preserve and enjoy the woodland spring flowers along easy trails. This is a nice addition to the Seward Bluff bike ride on Saturday. The MBert B&B will be available for a relaxing evening after the bike ride or before the hike.	Easy
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05/19/2019 Sunday	Intro to Kayaking	River Prairie Group	Marlene Bertolozzi	Learn basic kayaking strokes from an ACA certified instructor. You will learn the proper use of your equipment and efficient techniques to improve your forward, back, turning and other basic strokes.	Easy
06/04/2019 Tuesday	Water Team Meeting	Chicago Group	Jeff Shelden	The Chicago Water Team advocate for, hold educational events about, and foster the enjoyment and health of lakes, beaches, and rivers. All volunteers and clean water supporters are welcome to attend. At our meetings we discuss and plan upcoming events, advocacy and efforts. All experience levels are welcome. Join us.	
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