2020: A Year for Change

It has been a year like no other for our nation, our planet, and for each of us personally.

Our fondest hope is for your well-being and that of your family. We are grateful for all you do to make our world a better place, and for your continued support for the Sierra Club – Kansas Chapter.

We are putting together our year-end round up of climate milestones for Kansas, but in the meantime, check out the Sierra Club's brief look back on 2020.

Here's hoping for a happier, healthier 2021!
Let’s Make 2021 Better
With the long-awaited closing of 2020, we want to know: what issues matter to you? What would you like the Kansas Sierra Club to help further those issues?

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January update on COVID-19 and Sierra Club Outdoors
STEVE HASSLER, CHAPTER OUTINGS CHAIR
January update on Sierra Club Outdoors’ response to the COVID-19 pandemic, both nationally and locally

Full Story
U.S. officials see no need to secure water for Quivira National Wildlife Refuge after ag deal

NICOLE ASBURY, KANSAS REFLECTOR

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has determined there is no need to secure water for a national wildlife refuge in south-central Kansas because voluntary solutions have fixed the refuge’s water impairment.

Full Story

log on with LOBBY CORPS

As Kansas lawmakers prepare to convene a Legislative Session unlike ever before, we ask Kansans to help our lobby efforts by ‘logging on’ and ‘leaning in’ for economic and ecological progress.

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conservation news

Monarch Butterfly Put on Waiting List for Protection

ELAINE GIESEL, CHAPTER CONSERVATION CHAIR

Kansas is considered to be a stronghold for monarch butterfly conservation. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced
December 15, that protection for monarch butterflies under the Endangered Species Act is warranted. Due to a backlog of cases, however, the monarch was placed on a waiting list with no protection in the meantime. The decision was issued in response to a 2014 petition by the Center for Biological Diversity.

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“Jewish Arbor Day”
ELAINE GIESSEL, CONSERVATION CHAIR

January 28, 2021, is Tu B'Shevat, the day that trees come of age according to Jewish law. Jewish people mark this minor Jewish holiday by eating a symbolic meal of fruit and nuts or by planting trees. You don’t have to be Jewish to appreciate all that trees do for us, including reducing the various impacts of climate change. In the depth of Midwest winter, there is no better time to research the best species to replace our disappearing ash trees this spring. For tips: Tree Selection for Kansas City: Avoid these mistakes (k-state.edu)

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group news & events

state-wide events
All groups welcome!
Nature's Way of Abating the Pandemic Virus with Solar & Wind — an Imperative for Kansas
Friday, January 8, 7:00 pm | ZOOM LINK

Southwind's Kent Rowe will share his expertise and actions so far on community solar. Learn how various grassroots organizations are implementing small wind turbines & solar PV to combat Covid-19 and future diseases. Please plan to join us from wherever you are. ALL ARE WELCOME. You do not have to live in the Southwind Group area to participate.

Why Solar and Wind are Winning
Tue, Jan 12, 2021 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM | RSVP HERE

Bill Roush, retired Project Manager from Black & Veatch, will provide background on why the time is now to pursue utility wind and solar power projects. Some information on the energy grid will be provided as well as a visual of the solar and wind projects in the Southwest Power Pool (SPP). Join us at 6:45 pm for a few minutes of virtual social time. Program begins at 7:00 pm.

RSVP to obtain Zoom link at:
Kansas.SierraClub.org/calendar

Annual Kanza ExCom Retreat
MEMBERS ONLY | Sat, Jan. 16, 9:00 – 11:00
All Sierra Club members are invited to participate in the annual executive committee “retreat,” which will be held virtually this year. Agenda: 9:00 am – 11 am: Canvass votes and elect officers and committee chairs for 2021; 11:00 am – 1:00 pm: Adjourn for lunch or break into small groups for discussion; 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm: Reconvene to discuss strategy for year, including proposed projects and program planning. See details and contact information at Kansas.SierraClub.org/calendar.

southwind group
Wichita and southern Kansas

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Wichita Earthquakes
Saturday, Jan. 9, 10:00 A.M. | ZOOM LINK

Wichita has been racked by earthquakes in the last two months. Why is that suddenly happening when normally there is one earthquake per year in Kansas? Join Lori
Lawrence, Southwind Group ExCom and frackquake victim, Zack Pistora, Kansas Chapter lobbyist and others to talk about our experience and try to get some answers.

**topeka group**
Topeka

*Join us for the chapter-wide event on Jan 8 via Zoom!*  
Watch your inbox and the Kansas Sierra Club [calendar](#) for future Topeka event announcements

**wakarusa group**
Lawrence

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**Show us your favorite Kansas nature or wilderness area!**  
Submit a small description and a photo (if possible!) to [communications@kansas.sierraclub.org](mailto:communications@kansas.sierraclub.org)

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**what are WAYPOINTS?**

**Waypoints:** *noun.* A stopping place on a journey; an endpoint of the leg of a course, especially one whose coordinates have been generated by a computer.

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