

# Miami Group Happenings



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## INNINGS

Monday January 8, 2018 at 7:00 - 8:55 p.m. - **CANCELLED**

### David Ackerman Forestry and Forest Service

Unfortunately, this Inning had to be cancelled. We look forward to rescheduling sometime in the future.

Join David Ackerman as he shares his career with the Forest Service and discusses the amazing fields of Forestry and Field and Wildlife Biology.

Marbled Murrelet in inland stands of old growth forest in far Northern California.

David is the Co-chair of the Forest and Public Lands Committee for the Ohio chapter of the Sierra Club along with Loraine McCosker. He studied fish and wildlife management at Hocking College in Nelsonville, Ohio and then went on to study wildlife biology at Humboldt State University in California. He worked as a naturalist in Michigan and California as well as a field biologist for Mad River Biologists out of McKinleyville, California where he worked on a two year project trying to detect the endangered

David has worked on the forest committee since being elected to the Chapter Executive Committee back in 2016. While there are numerous issues and battles to be fought for of Ohio's forests, the past two years have seen a continuous effort on behalf of Sierra Club and other grass roots organizations to confront the destructive extractive resource practices in both the Wayne National Forest and many of Ohio's 22 state forests. He is also an avid hiker, birder and nature photographer and thoroughly enjoys sharing those passions with his wife and two young boys.

Monday February 5, 2018 at 7:00 - 8:55 p.m.

### Overview and Updates on the Outdoor Adventure Club and Various Committees of the Miami Group

**Outdoor Adventure Club** - Denny McFadden plans to talk about the origin of OAC, it's mission, vision, growth, number of kids served, and plans to partner with the Sierra Club ICO. (Denny McFadden; Founder/ Executive Director; Retired CPS Teacher)

**Outings** - Update on the outings program and numerous outings events: hiking, backpacking, biking groups. (Jay Freeman, Chair, Outings Committee; Excellent Outings leader)

**The Miami Group ICO (Inspiring Connections Outdoors)** will also have an update on their programs, including current work at the Academy of World Languages. (Lara Guttadauro)

**Plastic Bag Pollution** and **SB210** which will forbid municipalities from placing a fee. (Marie Kocoshis, Happenings Team)

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#### About Innings

Innings is our general membership meeting, held on the first Monday of the month (Except Monday holiday)

**Meeting Location:**  
Scouting Achievement Center: 10078 Reading Rd. Cinti., OH 45241 - in Evendale

**Meeting Schedule:**  
[miamigroup.org/sierra-club-meetings/](http://miamigroup.org/sierra-club-meetings/)

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Scouting Achievement Center 513-577-7700

#### Meetup Events:

[Meetup.com/SierraOutings/](http://Meetup.com/SierraOutings/)

#### Environmental Activism Meetup:

[Meetup.com/Environmental-Activism-Miami-Group-Sierra-Club/](http://Meetup.com/Environmental-Activism-Miami-Group-Sierra-Club/)

#### Miami Group website:

<http://www.miamigroup.org>

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## February 10, 2018

**NOTICE:** The retreat will be held at **The Schott Pavilion at Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford**. Visit with old friends & make new ones. Learn a lot & have fun. Enjoy a great winter get-away.

<b>Saturday, Feb. 10: The Schott Pavilion at Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford</b>	
8:00 – 9:00	Breakfast & Registration
9:00 – 9:15	Housekeeping & Ice Breaker
9:15 – 10:45	Panel of : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bridget Kelley – state initiatives on green practices and environmental protections, organizing and what we can do in 2018 to promote environmentally friendly candidates for office</li> <li>• Billie Mays – organizer of the Cincinnati Woman’s March and founder of United We Stand – How did she do this?</li> <li>• Dave Altman – citizen activism and organizing (what works)</li> </ul>
10:45– 11:00	Break
11:00-11:30	Small group discussions of morning topics – “How can we get folks to volunteer? What will work for us?”
11:30-12:30	Share small group ideas
12:30 – 1:15	Lunch
1:15 – 2:15	Free time: Visit a local nature preserve, small group discussion, shop in nearby Old Milford
2:15 – 3:30	Hillside Trust with Eric Russo -- Dealing with the many landslides in Cincinnati.
3:45 – 5:00	Plants for Birds – Tami Lunan
5:00 – 5:30	Happy Half Hour
5:30 – 6:30	Dinner
6:45 – 7:45	Vietnam, Cambodia, and Thailand: a trip through Southeast Asia with stops in Hanoi, Angkor Wat and the surrounding ruins, Phenom Penh, Ho Chi Minh City, and Bangkok, and a cruise down the Mekong River. – Jan & Randy Johnson

Information and directions will be sent after registration.

If you have questions, please contact: Karen Nagel ([nagelkm817@yahoo.com](mailto:nagelkm817@yahoo.com)) 513-542-5259, or Marci Taylor ([mmtaylor@cinci.rr.com](mailto:mmtaylor@cinci.rr.com)) 513-769-1810.

**We need meal numbers before January 25!**

Please fill out and return the form below.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ or Fax: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday all day (Lunch & Dinner included) \$35 X \_\_\_\_\_ people = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Half day Saturday-Please indicate Lunch OR Dinner here \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 X \_\_\_\_\_ people = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please place an X here if you want all vegetarian meals \_\_\_\_\_

Send full payment (payable to Miami Group Sierra Club) and registration to: Martha Walker, 6234 Englewood, Cincinnati, OH 45237. [walkermart76@yahoo.com](mailto:walkermart76@yahoo.com)

## ICO Update

by Beth Brown and Lara Guttadauro

My name is Beth and I am the Imago Earth Center Educator for the Academy of World Languages Outdoor Explorers Club, sponsored by the ICO program. I take 11 2nd through 4th grade students outside each Tuesday afternoon for an hour to explore local nature. In September we spent time getting to know everyone in the group as well as how we as humans can help take care of the Earth. October was our busiest month as we worked on observation skills, team building, as well as studied worms, bobcats, bats, and spiders and how they survive in winter. We were also able to work outside and clean up the raised beds for next years planting. In November we studied trees and recycling in Owl's Nest, a favorite nature spot for the kids. Noah, our intern and volunteer, led us in cleaning up the park and recycling what we found. Our last lesson in December will allow the kids and leaders a time for reflection on the year and how we can take what we've learned into the new semester. If you would like to support the work or Sierra Club ICO and Imago Earth Center in educating people to live more sustainable lives and love the Earth, you are welcome to join the Academy of World Languages Outdoor Explorers as a volunteer. The after school club meets on Tuesdays and has monthly Saturday outings. **For more information contact Roberta Shawhan at RLSHAWHAN@hotmail.com OR (812) 204-7921.**



A recent ice skating outing with ICO

## Miami Group Recent Events

### Holiday Party

by Karen Nagel

The Miami Group Holiday Party was held on Saturday, December 2, at the Avon Nature Preserve. About 40 folks were in attendance. We had lots of appetizers and desserts for our potluck. After lots of time to visit, Sandy and Greg Wood led us in a trivia game based on information about "plastics" and how they affect our environment, as well as questions about our National Parks. Tim Sisson and Doug Jose led folks in a sing-along. A good time was had by all!



### December Innings Review

by Alvin Denenberg

The Dec Innings featured Cincinnati Parks, Naturalist (photo on left) Mike George, discussing the flora and fauna and Executive Director, Wade Walcutt, (photo on right) discussing the overview of the parks and programs.

# Volunteers plant and memorialize native trees at the new Memorial Grove

by Karen Brown



A wonderful and meaningful morning was experienced by all at the November 4 tree planting and ceremony for the newly created Miami Group Sierra Club (MGSC) Memorial Grove at French Park. The project was started in 2012 with the planting of 5 trees. Through it, the Miami Group seeks to provide an ecological memorial to members, family and friends.

Following the planting, a memorial service was held to commemorate fifteen people we have lost over the past several years. Their lives were celebrated with an informal ceremony of readings, music and the hanging of personalized tree plaques. (See the map)



We are grateful to have had help from the Cincinnati Parks staff for this event, especially Mary (Parks Florist who helped at the event), Lou Sands (Eastern District Manager) and Jim Godby (Land Management and Trails).

During the clearing of the site by the Cincinnati Parks for the event, we found an oak from the group of trees planted at a MGSC service outing several years ago. Right now, they are surrounded by honeysuckle and other invasive plant species, which slows their ability to grow at a normal rate. Future service outing will strive to slowly clear the area around these small oak trees so they all have a chance to thrive. This will also help clear the area so the grove will have a view of the creek.



**JOIN OUR TEAM!** The MGSC Memorial Grove Team needs someone to lead a minimum of two Service Outings each year to fulfill our maintenance agreement with the Cincinnati Parks. Volunteer work includes keeping the memorial trees free from vines and clearing the area to the creek. Once an area is cleared, the Cincinnati Parks staff has agreed to keep it mowed, where possible.



To view the entire album of photos from this event go to:  
<https://photos.app.goo.gl/Q0d00eDncF4Ei3mV2>  
 Provided by Karen Brown

## A Great Annual Appreciation Dinner!

by Karen Nagel

On Sat., Nov. 11, about 45 Miami Group members and friends gathered at Garden Park Unity Church on Galbraith for our annual Dinner. One of our classic potluck dinners was followed by a brief update from committees and the distribution of special awards:

Karen Brown was honored for her years on our executive committee, especially her work on organizing our Memorial Tree Program and planting 10 trees for our members who have passed.

Donna Ballinger was recognized for her work in Middletown with AK Steel.

The Outings Committee gave Nancy Ball a New Activist Award and a Returning Activist Award to Denise Tingle.

Gayle Ficken-Clark and Rich Jordan received Above and Beyond Awards for their work with the Political Committee.

Ron Straub was recognized for 48 years membership with the Sierra Club.

Jan and Randy Johnson and Evan Denenberg received thanks from the Membership Committee for their on-going help with many of our events!

The Super Cup this year was given to Alvin Denenberg. Alvin is responsible for finding the speakers we hear at our monthly innings, hosting the meeting and working with the Boyscout Center where we meet. Alvin also does the behind the scenes work for our Thursday Morning Walks, sending out information to a long list of folks who want to be included.

Folks received a Sierra Club wall calendar as a thank you gift. It was a delightful evening, and we hope you join us next year.



*Karen Nagel welcomes everyone to the Member Appreciation Dinner.*

*Karen Nagel and Elizabeth Durrell worked very hard to organize this event.*



*Marilyn Wall, Excom Chair, presents Karen Brown with an award for excom. and working on the Memorial Tree Program.*

*Larry Schartmann announces the award ceremony and speakers.*



*Marie Kocoshis speaks about the Past Plastic Program.*

*Gail Lewin discusses the Political Committee.*



*Gail Lewin presents Gayle-Ficken-Clark and Rich Jordan with "Above and Beyond Awards".*



*Barry Randall, Outings Committee, announces Activists awards for Denise Tingle and Nancy Ball and thanks Evan Denenberg for his help with the Outings Committee*

*Karen Nagel and Larry Schartmann present Ron Straub for 48 years of service.*



*Evan Denenberg, biking leader, is presented with an award for his administrative assistance with the Outings Committee and various events.*

*Jan and Randy Johnson are thanked for their help with membership.*



*Alvin Denenberg is presented with the Super Cup Award (not shown) for his work with Innings, Thursday Morning Hikes, and other projects.*

Photos by Evan Denenberg

**Outings Information**

**Chair:**

Jay Freeman 513-631-7642

**Sub-chairs:**

Backpacking  
Barry Randall 513-607-4515

Bicycling  
Doug Jose 513-470-5473

Day hikes  
Elizabeth Durrell 513-481-1926

Canoe/Kayaking  
Sandy Wood 513-731-9809

Cross-country skiing  
Elizabeth Durrell -

Inspiring Connections Outdoors (ICO)  
Lara Guttadauro 859-380-2062

**Who may join us:**

Outings are for Sierra Club members, and interested others on a space-available basis, subject to acceptance by the outing leader. Please be considerate of the leaders and call before 9:30 p.m. except in a dire emergency. If you make a reservation, you are obligated to arrive promptly or to advise the leader in advance if you are unable to attend. Don't leave others waiting for you!

**Ratings:**

Each outing has a difficulty rating of 1-4 from easiest to hardest. This is an estimate and it is up to the participant to choose an outing appropriate to the person's ability.

**Last Minute Outings Information:**

Following is the outing list at the time the Happenings was put together. Please check the Miami Group website at <http://www.MiamiGroup.org> for any additions since this was published.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER may cancel an Outing. Be sure to check with a leader before heading out to an Outing if you question the weather.**

**Outings Calendar:**

The Outing Committee has worked to find better ways to reach out to interested people regarding scheduled Outings or last-minute ones. We have a Meetup site at <http://www.meetup.com/SierraOutings/>. Join now to learn the latest in Outings and other events. The Miami Group website will also have up-to-date activities but the Meetup Group will let you know on a weekly or even daily basis.

**Sierra Club Important Announcement**

In order to participate on one of the Sierra Club's outings, you will need to sign a liability waiver. If you would like to read a copy of the waiver prior to the outing, please see <http://www.sierraclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/> or call 415-977-5630.

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.

**January 2018**

**Fri. – Tues. Jan. 5 – 9; Backpack across the Big South Fork Recreation Area 3.** We will meet at 7:00 a.m. at Walmart on Friday and drive to the Big South Fork. We will hike for a total of about 30 miles and return on Tuesday evening. Call Jay Freeman at 513-631-7642 or 513-910-5288(cell) for details or sign up on the meetup site at <http://www.meetup.com/SierraOutings/>

**Sat. Jan. 6; Hike the Forest Loop and Ridge Trails at Ault Park 2.** Join me for a moderate-fitness hike of 2.2 miles (weather permitting). There will be some steep (but short) climbs; it can be very muddy and slippery at times. Meet at 12:45 p.m; park on the big outer circle drive directly opposite the pavilion. We'll be done by about 2:30 p.m. Dress for the weather; wear decent hiking boots and socks; water, snacks and hiking poles are recommended. Call Doug Jose at 513-470-5473 to confirm your attendance. Check for last-minute changes at <http://www.meetup.com/SierraOutings/>.

**Wed. Jan. 10; Day hike at Ceasar's Creek State Park 2.** We will hike for about 4.3 miles from 10:00 a.m. until about 2:00 p.m. on the Spillway trail. This is a moderate to difficult trail. Call Denise Tingle at 513-460-9430 for details or sign up on the meetup site at <http://www.meetup.com/SierraOutings/>

**Thurs. Jan. 11; Day Hike 1-2.** Meet at a Frisch's at 9:00 a.m. for an optional breakfast followed by a one - two hour hike at a near-by park or hiking area at 10:00 a.m. We are usually off the trail by about Noon. We decide where to hike usually Tuesday afternoon before the hike depending on the weather then send around an e-mail with the details. NOTE: Participants will need to RSVP and leave a contact number and email in case of cancellation due to sudden weather change. If you want to be put on this e-mail list, send an e-mail to Alvin Denenberg at [alvingden@gmail.com](mailto:alvingden@gmail.com). Please check your email prior to leaving for the breakfast, in case there is a sudden weather change.

**Sat. Jan. 13; Hike the Forest Loop and Ridge Trails at Ault Park 2.** Join me for a moderate-fitness hike of 2.2 miles (weather permitting). There will be some steep (but short) climbs; it can be very muddy and slippery at times. Meet at 12:45 PM; park on the big outer circle drive directly opposite the pavilion. We'll be done by about 2:30 p.m. Dress for the weather; wear decent hiking boots and socks; water, snacks and hiking poles are recommended. Call Doug Jose at 513-470-5473 to confirm your attendance. Check for last-minute changes at <http://www.meetup.com/SierraOutings/>.

**Sun. Jan. 14; Bike the Roads near Lake Cowan 3-4.** We will meet at the dam parking lot at Lake Cowan at 11 AM and bike for about 30 miles. The ride is very weather dependent, so monitor the meetup site. Bring a lunch and helmets are required. Call Jay Freeman at 513-631-7642 or 513-910-5288(cell) for details or sign up on the meetup site at <http://www.meetup.com/SierraOutings/>

**Wed. Jan. 17; Service Outing on the Little Miami Bike Path 11-2.** We meet at the Avoca Trailhead at 4:00 p.m. and work for a couple of hours maintaining the right of way of the bike path. Wear sturdy shoes and gloves. Call Jay Freeman at 513-631-7642 or 513-910-5288(cell) for details or sign up on the meetup site at <http://www.meetup.com/SierraOutings/>

**Fri. – Sun. Jan. 19 – Jan. 21; Backpack the AT to Hot Springs, NC. 3-4.** This is a 25 mile advanced intermediate winter backpack along the Appalachian Trail ending in Hot Springs, NC. Hot Springs gives us an opportunity to relax in naturally heated hot tubs (spa fee required) at the end of the trip. Watch Sierra Club Outings meetup site at <http://www.meetup.com/SierraOutings/> for details, or contact Barry Randall at 513-607-4515.

**Sat. Jan. 20; Hike the Forest Loop and Ridge Trails at Ault Park 2.** Join me for a moderate-fitness hike of 2.2 miles (weather permitting). There will be some steep (but short) climbs; it can be very muddy and slippery at times. Meet at 12:45 p.m.; park on the big outer circle drive directly opposite the pavilion. We'll be done by about 2:30 p.m. Dress for the weather; wear decent hiking boots and socks; water, snacks and hiking poles are recommended. Call Doug Jose at 513-470-5473 to confirm your attendance. Check for last-minute changes at <http://www.meetup.com/SierraOutings/>.

**Thurs. Jan. 25; Day Hike 1-2.** Meet at a Frisch's at 9:00 a.m. for an optional breakfast followed by a one - two hour hike at a near-by park or hiking area at 10:00 a.m. We are usually off the trail by about Noon. We decide where to hike usually Tuesday afternoon before the hike depending on the weather then send around an e-mail with the details. NOTE: Participants will need to RSVP and leave a contact number and email in case of cancellation due to sudden weather change. If you want to be put on this e-mail list, send an e-mail to Alvin Denenberg at [alvingden@gmail.com](mailto:alvingden@gmail.com). Please check your email prior to leaving for the breakfast, in case there is a sudden weather change.

**Sat. Jan. 27; Hike the Forest Loop and Ridge Trails at Ault Park 2.** Join me for a moderate-fitness hike of 2.2 miles (weather permitting). There will be some steep (but short) climbs; it can be very muddy and slippery at times. Meet at 12:45 p.m.; park on the big outer circle drive directly opposite the pavilion. We'll be done by about 2:30 p.m. Dress for the weather; wear decent hiking boots and socks; water, snacks and hiking poles are recommended. Call Doug Jose at 513-470-5473 to confirm your attendance. Check for last-minute changes at <http://www.meetup.com/SierraOutings/>.

**February 2018**

**Sat. Feb. 3; Hike the Shattuck, Forest Loop and Ridge Trails at Ault Park 2.** Join me for a moderate-fitness hike of about 3 miles (weather permitting). There will be some steep (but short) climbs; it can be very muddy and slippery at times. Meet at 12:45 p.m.; park on the big outer circle drive directly opposite the pavilion. We'll be done by about 3:00 p.m. Dress for the weather; wear decent hiking boots and socks; water, snacks and hiking poles are recommended. Call Doug Jose at 513-470-5473 to confirm your attendance. Check for last-minute changes at <http://www.meetup.com/SierraOutings/>.

**Wed. Feb. 7; Day hike at the Cincinnati Nature Center 1-2.** We will hike from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The trail will be moderately difficult. Call Denise Tingle at 513-460-9430 for details or sign up on the meetup site at <http://www.meetup.com/SierraOutings/>

**Thurs. Feb. 8; Day Hike 1-2.** Meet at a Frisch's at 9:00 a.m. for an optional breakfast followed by a one - two hour hike at a near-by park or hiking area at 10:00 a.m. We are usually off the trail by about Noon. We decide where to hike usually Tuesday afternoon before the hike depending on the weather then send around an e-mail with the details. NOTE: Participants will need to RSVP and leave a contact number and email in case of cancellation due to sudden weather change. If you want to be put on this e-mail list, send an e-mail to Alvin Denenberg at [alvingden@gmail.com](mailto:alvingden@gmail.com). Please check your email prior to leaving for the breakfast, in case there is a sudden weather change.

**Sun. Feb. 11; Bike from Miami Whitewater State Park 2-3.** We meet at 11:00 a.m. and bike for about 30 miles on the roads outside of the park. The ride is very weather dependent, so monitor the meetup site. Bring a lunch and helmets are required. Call Jay Freeman at 513-631-7642 or 513-910-5288(cell) for details or sign up on the meetup site at <http://www.meetup.com/SierraOutings/>

**Mon. Feb. 12; Service Outing on the Little Miami Bike Path 1-2.** We meet at the Avoca Trailhead at 4:30 p.m. and work for a couple of hours maintaining the right of way of the bike path. Wear sturdy shoes and gloves. Call Jay Freeman at 513-631-7642 or 513-910-5288(cell) for details or sign up on the meetup site at <http://www.meetup.com/SierraOutings/>.

**Wed. – Thurs. Feb. 14 – 15; Backpack in the Beaver Creek Wilderness 2.** We will leave at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday morning and hike in that afternoon. We will return Thursday afternoon. This is a good cold weather beginner trip to a beautiful area. Call Jay Freeman at 513-631-7642 or 513-910-5288(cell) for details or sign up on the meetup site at <http://www.meetup.com/SierraOutings/>.

**Thurs. Feb. 22; Day Hike 1-2.** Meet at a Frisch's at 9:00 a.m. for an optional breakfast followed by a one - two hour hike at a near-by park or hiking area at 10:00 a.m. We are usually off the trail by about Noon. We decide where to hike usually Tuesday afternoon before the hike depending on the weather then send around an e-mail with the details. NOTE: Participants will need to RSVP and leave a contact number and email in case of cancellation due to sudden weather change. If you want to be put on this e-mail list, send an e-mail to Alvin Denenberg at [alvingden@gmail.com](mailto:alvingden@gmail.com). Please check your email prior to leaving for the breakfast, in case there is a sudden weather change.

**Fri. – Sun. Feb. 23 – Feb. 25; Backpack Yahoo and Princess Falls, Big South Fork 2.** This is a beginner/intermediate 12 mile winter backpack with highlights of the (hopefully frozen) Princess and Yahoo Falls. Watch Sierra Club Outings meetup site at <http://www.meetup.com/SierraOutings/> for details, or contact Barry Randall at 513-607-4515.

**Sun. – Thurs. Feb. 25 – Mar. 1; Backpack in Mammoth Cave National Park 2-3.** We leave town at 7:00 a.m. Sunday morning and drive to Mammoth Cave and hike for a total of about 22 miles. Call Jay Freeman at 513-631-7642 or 513-910-5288(cell) for details or sign up on the meetup site at <http://www.meetup.com/SierraOutings/>.

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First Monday of the Month

7:00 p.m. to 8:55 p.m.

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