

# Fresh Air



## APRIL MEETING



# Recycling in Norman

This month's meeting topic is recycling. Our speaker will be Scottie Williams, Norman utility superintendent for the sanitation division. Come hear about the benefits of recycling, how Norman compares to other communities in the metro area and how to improve current recycling programs. Scottie has worked 22 years for the City of Norman.

Will Norman be getting curbside recycling? We will learn about the efforts of CORE – Citizens Organized to Recycle our Environment. CORE is a grassroots group of Norman citizens promoting recycling in the community and reducing items going in the landfill.

**The meeting is April 27<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. for refreshments and socialization. The program begins at 7:30. We meet at the Santa Fe Train Depot in Downtown Norman.**

### Citizens Organized to Recycle our Environment

Citizens Organized to Recycle our Environment (C.O.R.E.) is a group of Norman citizens formed to increase recycling in Norman. In February, a CORE action meeting was held and four committees were formed to begin working on CORE goals. The main goals of the group are to increase recycling in Norman by educating Norman citizens of the current recycling opportunities, researching other permanent recycling opportunities, increasing the number of recycle drop off sites, working with businesses to increase cardboard recycling, and working to bring curbside pick up of recyclables to a vote. If you would like to join these efforts, please contact one of the following committee Chairs:

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For more information, please visit the C.O.R.E. website [recyclenorman.com](http://recyclenorman.com).



## Building Environmental Communities

Nancy Smart

Your help is needed in building environmental communities in Oklahoma. The Building Environmental Communities Program in Oklahoma hopes to involve all Oklahoma Sierra Club members in working to make Oklahoma environmentally sound. We invite you to bring your friends to the movies. A movie on an environmental subject is shown the **second Thursday of each month at the state office in the Gold Dome, 1112 NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Street in Oklahoma City.** A discussion follows the movie. Oh, and B.Y.O.R (Bring Your Own Refreshments).

The major goal of the BEC program is to protect Oklahoma's water. We support Attorney General Drew Edmondson in his efforts to clean up poultry pollution from our rivers and lakes in NE Oklahoma. We support protection of the Blue River, Pennington Creek, and the water table in general of the Arbuckle/Simpson Aquifer. We support the preservation of Oklahoma City's water supply coming from Lake Atoka through protecting its surrounding forest from logging. We also support efforts to bring about a Statewide Comprehensive Water Study to

assess the amount and condition of our water currently, and to make a plan to protect our state's water for future needs.

We in Oklahoma, as in the Sierra Club nationally, also support the movement taking place in cities across our country and in other countries to protect our Global Climate. We commend Norman's mayor, Harold Haralson, for being the first Oklahoma mayor to sign the U.W. Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement, and we urge other Oklahoma mayors to join the growing number of signers.

AS Sierra Club members we have always worked to build environmental communities. Anyone interested in taking a more active role in working towards the goals described here is urged to express that interest by calling the state office at (405) 521-0345. And everyone please communicate with your city, state, and national representatives as an advocate for Oklahoma's water and other environmental concerns. If you see Mayor Haralson, thank him for stepping up for climate protection. Let's all urge other Oklahoma Mayors to get on board.



### Garage Sale Fundraiser???

In the past Red Earth Group held garage sale fundraisers. The last garage sale was a few years ago. The Red Earth Group is looking for a member to organize a garage sale as a fundraiser. All you need is a house and the desire. If you have been looking for a way to get involved in the Club and a garage sale is your thing, contact John at 321-4518 or [raesidej@aol.com](mailto:raesidej@aol.com).

2006  
*Earth Day Celebration*

April 22

Looking for a way to mark Earth Day that will be fun and informative for the whole family?

The Oklahoma Sierra Club has the answer.

We are planning an Earth Day celebration/Fair for the morning of Earth Day at the Gold Dome Building  
1112 NW 23<sup>rd</sup> Street in OKC.

The Celebration will feature booths representing various environmental agencies and businesses. Get a look at the latest in outdoor equipment, then pick up information on Oklahoma's State Parks where you might want to put the equipment to use. Find out how you can learn to test water in Oklahoma streams while the kids make collages expressing their own environmental ideas. Check out the possibilities wind power can provide and join the efforts to make Oklahoma City a "Cool City". Doors open at 10:00am.

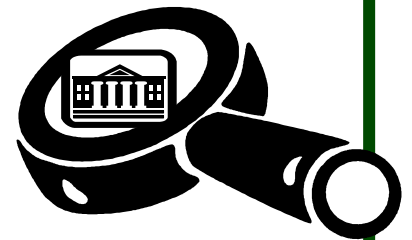
*What a great way to celebrate  
EARTH DAY!*

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## May Meeting

The May 25<sup>th</sup> meeting takes the Red Earth Group on the road! The road takes us to Wildcare. Wildcare is a nonprofit organization that cares for sick and injured animals. Wildcare is located south of Norman in the Noble area. Founder, Rondi Large will present the program. This is a very busy time for Wildcare so who knows what we might see!. Watch for more information, including directions to Wildcare in the May newsletter.



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Use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without. -New England proverb

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