



Thank you for your interest in **South East Michigan Group (SEMG)**, a part of national Sierra Club. SEMG is one of 12 - 15 geographical Michigan groups that are part of the Mackinac Chapter, headquartered in Lansing. This chapter and other state chapters make up Sierra Club, a national environmental, conservation, and activist organization founded in 1892 and located in San Francisco.

Many first hear of SEMG and Sierra Club through programs of local outings designed to introduce people to the beauty of our natural environment. SEMG offers opportunities to enjoy the outdoors with others having similar interests, to become environmentally aware and environmentally active, to become a volunteer, and to develop or enhance leadership skills. Information about membership, meetings, committees, outings and SEMG contacts is below. The easiest way for non-members to get regular, current information about SEMG activities and outings is to check the website at:
<http://michigan.sierraclub.org/semg>.

Membership Information

The introductory fee for a first time individual membership is \$25/year. Renewals are \$40. Membership dues are paid to National Sierra Club and entitle you to membership in the state chapter (Mackinac) and in the group closest to your membership address.

Benefits of membership:

- Six bi-monthly issues of Sierra, the national organization's award-winning, 4-color conservation and environmental magazine
- Four quarterly issues of The Mackinac, the state chapter's newsletter which contains articles about conservation, environmental, and political activities of state members and groups. It also contains a listing of all outings of all the Michigan groups, including SEMG.
- The Activist, the SEMG newsletter with information on group news, articles and a list of group outings. It is currently published three times a year.
- The opportunity to participate in national Sierra club outings in and out of the US.

General Membership Meetings

The general monthly meetings are held monthly, usually the first Thursday, September through June, 7:00 pm at Northwest Unitarian Church, 23925 Northwestern Highway, Southfield. The church is located on the southbound service drive at Mount Vernon, halfway between 9 and 10 Mile roads, and between Southfield and Evergreen Roads. There is a social half-hour with light refreshments at 7:00 pm with the meeting starting at 7:30. Topics are on interesting and informative subjects. Non-members are welcome.

Outings

SEMG offers a year-round program of volunteer-led outdoor activities nearly every Sunday and some Saturdays. These include hiking, biking, canoeing, backpacking, cross-country skiing, camping, wildflower stalking, birding, etc. You are encouraged to participate in any of the outings, if you have not already, so that you can discover our love of natural places and whether this is a group for you. You do not have to be a member to participate.

Opportunities To Get Involved

If you are interested, SEMG offers many ways to become involved with others that care about the environment. SEMG's members work on the following committees and you are welcome to attend and participate in any of them.

Executive Committee

Meets the second Thursday of the month, at 7:00 pm in room 105A in the Metropolitan Center for High Technology building (across from the Masonic Theater) in downtown Detroit. The parking lot entrance is on Temple St. just east of Third St. Use the back door facing the parking lot.

Chair Jim Nash, nashlibdem@msn.com

Conservation Committee

Usually meets the third Monday of the month, at 6:30 pm in room 105A in the Metropolitan Center for High Technology building (across from the Masonic Theater) in downtown Detroit. The parking lot entrance is on Temple St. just east of Third St. Use the back door facing parking lot.

The committee works on environmental and conservation issues of local concern. Check the schedule with Chair Ed McArdle, ecoed@netzero.net

Membership Committee

Meets as needed. The committee works to increase interest in SEMG and promote membership.

Chaired by Jean Gramlich, jeangramlich@msn.com

Newsletter Committee

Publishes the SEMG newsletter, [The Activist](#), containing group news, articles and outings info.

Edited by Lydia Fischer, Lydfisch@mindspring.com

Published by Ponti Ang, pontimyth@aol.com

Outings Committee

Meets quarterly to plan the outings calendar. Meetings are listed in the local and state newsletters, website and outings flyers, are open to non-leaders, and are preceded by a potluck supper.

Chaired by Philip Crookshank, wanderphil3@netzero.net

Co-ordinator, Joanne Cantoni, joannecantoni@netzero.net.

Political Committee

Meets the last Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at Jimi's Restaurant, on Washington, 1 block north of Lincoln (10-1/2 mile), in Royal Oak. The committee researches and supports pro-environmental political leaders and legislation, and keeps the membership informed.

Chaired by Tim Killeen, timk@bikerider.com

Program Committee

Responsible for arranging interesting and informative programs for the group's monthly general meetings, which are open to all.

Chaired by Carol Izant, cogknot@yahoo.com.

More information - Websites

SEMG: www.michigan.sierraclub.org/semg

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State Chapter: www.michigan.sierraclub.org

National: www.sierraclub.org

Questions?

Jean Gramlich, Membership Chair

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