

# EcoSolutions Meeting Notes

## January 25, 2015

### Ideas for 2015 Outings

- Dan River Kayak (Gus has agreed to lead)
- State park hikes
- Camping at Hanging Rock (reserve cabins?)
- Camping at Kerr Scott Lake
- Ropes Course
- Whitewater Center in Charlotte
- Daytrips
- Salem Lake
- City Parks
- Piedmont Environmental Park in High Point
- Activities on Fellowship grounds
- Mushroom hunting
- Piggyback with other organization such as Sierra Club (i.e. canoe near West Jefferson on Sat afternoon April 25)

### Ideas for other programming

- Wild Foods/Edibles workshop (Robin Seamon knowledgeable)
- Work with Extension Office & Old Salem on workshops
- Partner with WFU Grad program in sustainability
- Faith & Sustainability – hosting Interfaith Conversations on Food, Faith, and Sustainability in March – WFU Divinity School
- Host & invite other faith organizations to faith & sustainability programs
- Composting toilets
- Work with Lea Nading of Earth Touch NC on gardening projects/workshops
- Internal education for our committees – example, don't use disposable or unsustainable products for our own events, such as plastic table cloths.
- Near Human Extinction workshop
- Leave No Trace seminar & program for kids
- Tour of Gallins Family Farms (composting facility)
- Tour the dump in Statesville
- Piggyback on Temple Emanuel's Env. Movie Nights – encourage participation; have group go together or meet there; sponsor movies; sponsor speakers
- Tour an Eco-Village

### Ideas for Green Sanctuary re-accreditation

- Integrate environmental practices & awareness into the life of the Fellowship
- Add more picnic tables and/or benches around our ground
- Shelburne Farms – resources for teaching kids curriculum
- During every ES sponsored outing have a moment of reflection, which can be personal and/or shared
- Plant more trees on our campus
- Provide a support group for sustainability minded folks

**LEADERSHIP POSITIONS** – the following individuals have expressed an interest in these positions or in learning more about these positions. A meeting to discuss further will be organized soon.

**Chairs:**

Phyllis Sutphin is interested in Co-Chair position

Tom McKay expressed an interest in learning more about being a Co-Chair

**Outings Planner:**

Himanshu Gopalan – wants to learn more

Phyllis Sutphin - wants to learn more

Patrick Brown – wants to learn more

**Outings Leaders**

Gus Preschle – kayaking and hiking

Patrick Brown – hiking, exploring state parks

Don Kautz – birding at Salem Lake

Phyllis Sutphin - wants to learn more

Jim Norris - wants to learn more

**Programming Planner**

Phyllis Sutphin - wants to learn more

Helen Etters - wants to learn more

Shashi Madan

Elisabeth & John Motsinger

**Green Sanctuary**

Himanshu Gopalan

Smeeta Souza-Roy

Tom McKay – wants to learn more

Sharon Gucker – wants to learn more

**Communications**

Patrick Brown – wants to learn more

Tom McKay – wants to learn more

Sharon Gucker – wants to learn more

**Outreach Planner**

Haunani Orsillo

**UPCOMING EVENTS** – the following individuals volunteered to help with these upcoming events.

**Potluck – Feb 6**

Kay Bergey  
Sally Southard-Kelp  
Letty Goldberg  
Himanshu Gopalan  
Smeeta Souza-Roy  
Tom Adams  
Phyllis Sutphin  
Art Herman  
Patrick Brown  
Sharon Gucker  
Shashi Madan  
Jim Norris  
Haunani Orsillo  
Janet Loew

**Preach-in – Feb 15**

Sally Southard-Kelp  
Himanshu Gopalan (11 am only)  
Smeeta Souza-Roy (11 am only – will do PE)  
Art Herman – maybe, needs more info  
Jim Norris - maybe, needs more info

**Piedmont Earth Day Fair – April 25**

Kimberly Scholl  
Himanshu Gopalan  
Smeeta Souza-Roy  
Tom Adams  
Phyllis Sutphin  
Art Herman  
Carol Herman  
Patrick Brown  
Sharon Gucker  
Shashi Madan