Founded by legendary conservationist John Muir in 1892, the Sierra Club is the largest and most influential grassroots environmental organization in the country, with 2.4 million members and supporters. The Sierra Club helped establish and expand national parks like Yosemite and the Grand Canyon, and pushed to define landmark legislation like the Clean Water Act and Endangered Species Act.

Today the Club has 63 chapters nationwide, with dozens of active local and national campaigns. At the heart of every campaign are local citizens, fighting to protect their families, communities, and environment. Their work has proven highly successful, from stopping more than 180 proposed coal plants to restoring wetlands destroyed by the BP oil spill.

Despite this progress, the work is far from done. Today’s environment faces a new set of complex challenges with imminent and dangerous consequences on a global scale. The major focus is climate recovery, and these are the campaigns that the Sierra Club has implemented to get us there:

**100% CLEAN ENERGY**

The Sierra Club is committed to the goal of 100 percent clean, abundant, affordable energy—a goal we are on the way toward reaching.

Wind power has more than doubled in the past four years and solar has increased by five times. We have within our reach a healthier America with cleaner air and water, pristine coasts, and protected natural areas. Ours will be a wealthier, more productive nation, whose leaders answer only to the citizens who elected them—an America powered by 100 percent clean energy.

**BEYOND COAL**

The Sierra Club is taking on the largest source of global warming pollution in the country by phasing out coal-fired power plants and transitioning the nation to clean energy, like wind and solar. Coal burning is responsible for one-third of all U.S. carbon emissions, $100 billion in annual health costs, and 13,000 premature deaths every year. Coal is directly linked to smog, mercury poisoning, asthma, drinking water contamination, and the destruction of fragile ecosystems. We have so far announced the retirement of 187 out of the nation’s 500+ existing coal plants. In 2011, Bloomberg Philanthropies committed $50 million to the campaign.
The Sierra Club launched its Environmental Justice and Community Partnerships program in 1992. With a staff of organizers and a national director, the Sierra Club spent the past decade addressing a wide range of environmental problems in communities in Michigan, Minnesota, Washington, D.C., Louisiana, Tennessee, Arizona / New Mexico, Appalachia, and Puerto Rico. Recognizing that environmental justice issues typically occur in communities often disenfranchised or exploited by outside interests, the Sierra Club is careful to pursue environmental justice issues in a strictly supporting role. By following a set of partnership guidelines, the Sierra Club provides assistance only when invited. Through support of the community’s defined agenda and assistance seeking the remedies deemed most appropriate by the community, the Sierra Club helps residents become effective advocates for their communities. In addition, the Sierra Club infuses all programmatic work with a justice frame through value-based diversity, inclusion, and equity goals used in every campaign and program.

The Sierra Club is the co-founder with the United Steelworkers of the Blue Green Alliance (BGA), which has grown to include 15 unions and environmental organizations representing some 16 million people. As part of the Sierra Club’s commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion in all its work, we pursue our economic justice goals through the BGA, with individual union partners, with emerging workers’ organizations and worker centers, with front line communities, and with labor solidarity and research organizations. Together, we build national, state and local campaigns to create good, family-supporting clean energy and energy efficiency jobs, especially in front line communities, and negotiate and organize for fair treatment of workers when fossil fuel plants are retired. By drawing connections between workers’ rights and environmental protection, we are able to mobilize a broad-based coalition of labor and environmental groups in support of a clean energy future that works for all.

The Sierra Club has a long and rich legacy of protecting America’s beautiful wildlands from threats like mining, drilling, logging, and climate disruption. We believe that America’s public lands are held in “public trust” for and by all Americans. These lands provide opportunities to enjoy the great outdoors and to come together to share experiences. Protecting our public lands will safeguard America’s natural heritage, preserve wildlife habitat, help keep our air and water clean, and combat climate disruption. By increasing the amount of public lands and waters that are permanently protected as national monuments and wilderness, we can leave a robust wild legacy for all future generations.

Help us in our mission to enjoy, explore, and protect the planet as we work to make outdoor experiences available to everyone. Volunteers and national Sierra Club staff conduct more than 13,000 outings a year, including trips that serve military families, inner city youth, and other groups across the country. Each year, our Inspiring Connections Outdoors program helps over 14,000 young people experience the outdoors. These experiences foster an appreciation of nature, increase physical fitness, build self-esteem and relationships, and instill a desire to protect our planet.