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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 helping to retire more than 230 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:

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**BEYOND COAL**  
We are taking on the largest source of global warming pollution in the country by helping retire or transition coal-fired power plants 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 24,000 premature deaths. 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 189 proposed and 232 existing coal plants.
Help America break its dangerous addiction to oil and promote real transportation solutions such as high-speed rail, local transit, livable communities, walking and biking, fuel efficiency, and electric vehicles powered by clean, renewable energy. Oil is a leading source of smog and other toxic pollutants that contribute to tens of thousands of deaths each year. Our thirst for oil threatens our coasts, our Arctic, and our most precious places with catastrophic spills. It disrupts our climate, poisons our drinking water sources, and pollutes our neighborhoods — with lower-income communities suffering a disproportionate share of the health and environmental harm.

Join us in our effort to move beyond natural gas and fight back against the dangerous drilling practice known as fracking. We need to keep natural gas in the ground and replace it with clean energy options such as wind, solar, and energy efficiency. Where fracking is already happening, we need stronger protections to preserve the public’s air, water, land, and climate.

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, disadvantaged youth, and other groups across the country. Each year, our Inspiring Connections Outdoors program helps thousands of 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.