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LEHMAN HOLDER WINS NATIONAL SIERRA CLUB AWARD

SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. – Lehman Holder from Vancouver, Wash., has been selected as the recipient of the 2008 Oliver Kehrlein Award from the Sierra Club. The award honors service to the Sierra Club's outings program. Holder will receive his award in San Francisco Sept. 20th.

Holder has been a Sierra Club member for 34 years and a volunteer outings leader for Sierra Club Chapters in Texas, Oklahoma, Oregon and Washington. Holder has led hundreds of local outings during that time. He also has served as leader on four national outings all in the Northwest area. He served as an outings leader for the Austin (Texas) Group, the Oklahoma City Group, the Columbia Group and the Loo Wit Group.

When Holder lived in Austin, Texas, he led day hikes, backpack, canoe, bicycle and rock climbing outings. He also organized and coordinated a series of rock climbing seminars with classroom session followed by weekend climbs for students.

In Oklahoma City he led backpack, canoe, bicycle, rock climbing, day hikes and multi-day overnight outings. These included outings to the Grand Canyon, wilderness study areas in SE Utah; Great Basin Nat'l Park (NV); Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and Quetico Provincial Park (Minnesota-Ontario); Great Smoky Mountains Nat'l Park, Tenn.; Cumberland Island Nat'l Seashore, Ga. He also organized backpack trips on the Ozark Highlands Trail, AR. While serving as outings chair in Oklahoma City, Holder began to emphasize the connection between outings and conservation. Conservation discussions encouraged participants to contact decision-makers on issues affecting trails, rivers and national forests.

In 1991 Holder moved to Vancouver, Wash., and joined the Loo Wit Group. Until his retirement in 2000, he led day hikes and cross-country ski outings in winter. After retirement, Holder became more active and led sea kayak and bicycle outings in spring-summer-fall and cross-country ski outings in winter. He has also led trips such as a backpacking to the Vanson Peak Backcountry north of Mt. St Helens Volcanic Monument and on the Boundary Trail from Mt Adams to Mt St Helens, sea kayaking on the lower Columbia River, and sea kayak-hiking on Lake Chelan/North Cascades.

For more information on the Sierra Club awards program, visit [www. sierraclub.org/awards](http://www.sierraclub.org/awards).

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