

A Call for SLO Sierra Club Volunteer Leaders!

By Gianna Patchen, Chapter Coordinator

The Santa Lucia Chapter of the Sierra Club is predominantly volunteer-run. This incredible team does it all, from our Treasurer who manages finances to our Committee Chairs who lead meetings/events/campaigns—and everything in between. It is my immense privilege, as sole staff Chapter Coordinator, to support this dedicated team of Volunteer Leaders.

So today, I'm here to ask you: Would you like to volunteer with the Santa Lucia Chapter?

To learn about volunteer opportunities (periodical or leadership positions), please fill out the [Volunteer Interest Survey](#). We're also recruiting leaders, so if any roles interest you—let us know!

↓ Highlighted open positions, but you are welcome to join ANY Committee. ↓

Open Position	Description
Outings Chair	Run the Outings Committee, aka hike program (training provided)
Fundraising Committee	Seeking Committee members to work on Chapter fundraising
Outreach Coordinator	Help coordinate presentations and booths at events
Zero Waste Co-Coordinator	Help expand our Zero Waste advocacy program
Youth Leadership Taskforce	Seeking Youth Leaders who want to get involved in Sierra Club
Outings Leaders	Lead groups on local hikes (training required)
Co-Volunteer Coordinator	Work with Volunteer Coordinator and Chapter Coordinator to run volunteer recruitment, retention and organization.
Newsletter Writers	Write newsletter articles for Santa Lucian. ALL are welcome to submit—general public, volunteers, members, topic experts, etc.
Newsletter Co-Coordinator	Help manage, edit, and execute Chapter Newsletter
Graphic Designer	Make graphics for social media, website, flyers, etc.
Media Content Creator	Creates graphics, photos and/or videos for social media/website
Website Contributor	Help edit, write, and update our website pages
Legal Coordinator	Help coordinate and advise Chapter legal engagement

Do you have other ideas or passions? [Let us know, we'd love to talk more!](#)

More about our Chapter's committees:

ALL are welcome to join our committees, run for Executive Committee, or volunteer with us.

To express interest, fill out our [Volunteer Interest Survey](#).

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee (ExCom) is the chapter's elected representative leadership, with 7 members. They advance the Club's mission, provide service to members, supporters and the public, build local resources and exercise effective governance & fiduciary oversight.

Climate & Clean Energy Committee

They work on local clean energy issues impacting, proposed, or present in San Luis Obispo County, including offshore wind development, port infrastructure, energy storage, microgrids, solar, electrification, and more. A collective effort that can make a significant difference in accelerating the clean energy transition.

Communications Committee

They coordinate the chapter's external communications including the chapter newsletter, mass emails, editing the website, social media, creating graphics and outreach materials, and more.

Conservation Committee

They engage on SLO county conservation issues, bringing their expertise to discuss environmental advocacy. They support and lead grassroots outreach on local issues at all levels, including service on local and state committees, giving public comment, contacting legislators, and setting up information tables at local events.



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Environmental & Social Justice Committee

They support the Chapter in being active and present in social, racial, economic, and environmental justice advocacy in SLO County. This includes supporting community-led initiatives, uplifting local voices, collaborating with intersectional organizations and more.

Fundraising/Development Committee

They coordinate fundraising events and efforts as well as donor appreciation and acknowledgement. These efforts are essential for chapter funding.

Membership Committee

They retain and recruit Sierra Club members, coordinate outreach and help organize events.

Nomination Committee

They recruit and nominate candidates for the Executive Committee. They collaborate with other committees to find active volunteers who want to get further involved with ExCom leadership.

Outings Committee

They organize hikes, walks and tours in SLO County, as well as recruiting and training new Outings Leaders to meet Sierra Club Outings' safety and leadership requirements.

Political Committee

They work with Sierra Club California and nearby Sierra Club Chapters to screen and endorse pro-environment political candidates in SLO County's jurisdiction and meet with elected officials about chapter issues.

Programs Committee

This committee organizes educational and community building opportunities, including the chapter's bimonthly general meetings, happy hours with other organizations, and tours/excursions throughout SLO county.

Youth Leadership Task Force

This is a newly formed task force, run by youth leaders, focusing on youth outreach and leadership development to engage young leaders in local environmental advocacy.

Zero Waste Task Force

This task force is in the process of evolving into a committee! Be a founding member of the Zero Waste Committee to advance zero waste initiatives in the chapter, local community and policy.