

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS: FLEXIBLE GIVING, EXTRAORDINARY IMPACT

Power in Planning

Sierra Club's strength has always come from its people, and every victory that the Tennessee Chapter has achieved started with a bold plan. That same spirit of foresight and collective action can help shape a healthy future for all of us—starting with the personalized plans we make today.

When you make a gift to the Tennessee Chapter via Sierra Club Foundation through your Donor Advised Fund (DAF), you're taking meaningful action today that will ensure lasting protection for Tennessee tomorrow. These gifts support education, advocacy, conservation, and ensuring more people have access to our great outdoors.

Flexible Giving

A DAF gives you the flexibility to recommend how much and how often money is granted to Sierra Club Foundation and other charities. You transfer cash or other assets to a community foundation, brokerage house, or other sponsoring organization. You can then recommend—but not direct—how much and how often money is granted.

Making contributions to your DAF qualifies you for a federal income tax charitable deduction when you make a gift to the fund—without immediately having to choose the charities you want to support. If you so choose, you can support a number of charitable organizations without having to retain records for a number of separate contributions.

Donor Advised Funds are popular way to streamline charitable giving. Please consult an attorney or tax advisor about your personal circumstances and giving goals.

TAKE THE NEXT STEP

1. Contact your DAF sponsoring organization.

It's likely that you can easily make this gift online. Reach out to your DAF sponsoring organization to learn their specific process.

2. Recommend a charitable grant to Sierra Club Foundation.

Recommend your DAF sponsoring organization make a charitable grant to Sierra Club Foundation, and include Tennessee Chapter on the memo line.

If you would like to be recognized, request that your name and address be sent with the gift. This information is not automatically shared with Sierra Club Foundation.

All the information you will need is on the next page. If you have any questions, we are here to help!



Two Organizations, One Mission

In 1966, the Sierra Club took out a full-page ad in The New York Times to rally public opposition against federal plans to dam the Grand Canyon. The IRS deemed this action as lobbying and revoked Sierra Club's tax-exempt status—but the message resonated nationwide. The public outcry powered by grassroots organizing helped stop the dams and preserved one of America's greatest natural wonders.

Today, Sierra Club and Sierra Club Foundation—two organizations with shared values and separate tax statuses—work together with strong compliance safeguards to ensure charitable funds are used only for permitted purposes.

A gift to either entity can be designated to the Tennessee Chapter to support work happening locally. A grant from a Donor Advised Fund may only be made to 501(c)(3) organizations, such as Sierra Club Foundation.



Organization Information

Sierra Club Foundation

501(c)(3) Public Charity

Tax ID: 94-6069890

Address: 2101 Webster Street, Suite 1350 Oakland, CA 94612

For Benefit Of/Attention: Tennessee Chapter

Sierra Club Foundation is the independent fiscal sponsor of Sierra Club's charitable programs. A grant from your DAF to the Tennessee Chapter via Sierra Club Foundation will support education, advocacy, conservation, and ensuring more people have access to our great outdoors.

Remember that different DAF sponsoring organizations may have different policies and procedures. Minimum contributions, as well as the amount and frequency of grant recommendations, all vary depending upon the sponsoring organization.

Did you know? If you'd like to continue your support of the Tennessee Chapter through your DAF, you can also name them as a beneficiary. When you make a planned gift to support Sierra Club's Tennessee Chapter, you follow in the footsteps of Rachel Carson and other visionary supporters who are deeply committed to creating a more just and sustainable world for everyone to enjoy.

Why consider this gift?

If you have a DAF, recommending a grant to support the Tennessee Chapter via Sierra Club Foundation means that the gift will be put to use right away, allowing you to see the difference the donation is making. You can support this crucial work while maintaining the flexibility that best fits your financial and charitable goals.