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The Sierra Club Lone Star Chapter Awards Texas Environmental Activists
Environmental Award Ceremony to Happen on July 22

Austin, TX - On Saturday, July 22, the Sierra Club's Lone Star Chapter will host its annual awards banquet at Chez Zee in midtown Austin to celebrate the 2017 Lone Star Chapter Environmental Award winners. The ceremony honors the commitment and achievement of dedicated volunteers, staff, organizations, and other entities who have defended, improved, or celebrated the Texas environment in 2016.

This year's slate of award winners include representatives from almost every area of Texas, including Fort Worth, Dallas, El Paso, the Big Bend, Alpine, Southeast Texas, Corpus Christi, and Houston.

"The Lone Star Chapter Awards recognize the extraordinary people and communities that have gone above and beyond to protect the environment and support our causes," said Evelyn Merz, the Lone Star Conservation Chair. "These people and communities are helping shape a future where the natural environment is respected and protected. Texas owes them a debt of gratitude for their dedication and leadership, and these awards are just one way to thank them for everything they've done and what they will continue to do."

The Sierra Club's Lone Star Chapter will present awards to the following environmental leaders:

Recipient

Joan Meeks (Fort Worth)
Coalition Opposing the 105 Toll Road and Vidor
Loop 299 (South East Texas)
Lon Burnam (Fort Worth)
Lori Glover (Alpine)
Chris and Dick Guldi (Dallas)
Marty Schladen (El Paso)
Shannon Tompkins (Houston)
Shelia Rogers (Corpus Christi)
Kathie Sever (Big Bend)
The Sandbranch Community (Dallas County)

Award

Special Service Award
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Chapter Service Award
Chapter Conservation Award
Conservation Award
Environmental Reporting Award
Environmental Reporting Award
Art in Service to the Environment Award
Art in Service to the Environment Award
Environmental Justice Award

"It's an honor to be recognized alongside so many other great Texans," said Lori Glover of Alpine. "There are so many individuals and community leaders who dedicate their lives to protecting the environment in a variety of ways - from conservation to lobbying to grassroots

organizing. It's hard work, but we we must always believe in the power of the truth and the people. This gathering of some of the most motivated and hardworking activists is a powerful notion that we are making progress together.”

Tickets for the event are \$50 per person, and sponsorships are available. For more information on attending or sponsoring the event, contact Evelyn Merz at 713-201-4061 or visit sc.org/LSCAwards2017. To learn more about the award winners, [see our website](#).

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