

SAYING THANK YOU TO VOLUNTEERS

Sierra Club Chapter/Group Awards

Want some ideas on how your Sierra Club group or chapter can recognize its outstanding volunteers? Here are some ways that Sierra Club chapters around the country recognize their volunteers:

Angeles Chapter. Each year the Angeles Chapter requests the names of those individuals who deserve recognition for exemplary service to the chapter in the fields of conservation, outings, leadership, interpretation of nature, and service. There are 11 awards and the awards application is online at <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/about/awards.asp>

Florida Chapter: The Florida Chapter has an awards committee and winners are presented awards at the annual conservation conference. There are more than 16 awards and each group is encouraged, via group newsletters, list serves, and the chapter web site, to nominate activists. Awards are framed prints with a brass name plaque. Their award application can be found online at: <http://florida.sierraclub.org/awards.asp>

Georgia Chapter: The awards for volunteers are given out at the Georgia Annual Retreat (usually in the fall) at the awards reception. An article on the recipients – including their pictures - is printed in *The Georgia Sierran*.

Kern-Kaweah Chapter: The Kern-Kaweah Chapter initiated a volunteer awards program shortly after it was founded in 1952. It honors volunteers who have spent hours of time, and donated their special expertise, on behalf of conservation and the Sierra Club. Recipients of the four awards the Kern-Kaweah Chapter gives are honored each year at its annual banquet. Awards include the Sierra Cup Award, the Susan B. Miller/Ruth Allen Award, the Chairman's Award, and the Long Trail Award. For more information, visit

http://kernkaweah.sierraclub.org/volunteer_awards.html

Miami Group (Ohio Chapter): The group gives awards with names such as “Old Faithful” and winners get an engraved Sierra Club backpacking cup. See <http://ohio.sierraclub.org/miami/committees/awards/awards.htm>

Ozark Chapter: This chapter has had an awards program since 1972. It has an informal awards committee that decides on awards. See <http://missouri.sierraclub.org/>

Rocky Mountain Chapter: A committee of five people works on awards in Colorado. They announce the winners and honor them with certificates or plaques at the holiday dinner party. They also write a news release and publish an article in the chapter quarterly newsletter. Awards given include Grassroots Leader, Volunteer Conservationist of the Year, Chapter Leader of the Year, Professional Conservationist of the Year, Legislator of the Year, Special Achievement, Best Group, Certificates of Appreciation, the John Wade Award, Community Service Award, Outstanding Chapter Committee Award and the Sink or Swim Award.

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