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Quiz: How Green Is My Destination?

Summer is upon us and naturally our thoughts turn to faraway places and sandy beaches. But what about the environmental impact of that dream vacation destination?

Could recharging your batteries actually hurt the planet? [Take our newest "How Green Is My" quiz to find out how your vacation choices might affect the environment.](#)

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Have Fun and Fight Global Warming!

On Thursday, July 17th, we're holding an evening of action on global warming, and you're invited to attend. The Lightbulbs to Leadership house parties will be fun -- and a hands-on way to advocate for green jobs and real global-warming solutions.

At the party, we'll dial into a national conference call to hear from Carl Pope, the Sierra Club's Executive Director and from Van Jones, the head of Green for All. We'll also write letters advocating for green jobs and global warming leadership.

It's easy -- all you need to host is space to bring folks together, a speakerphone or computer, and a way to print

EXPLORE



Budget-Friendly Trips

Great vacations don't have to break the bank.

[Stretch your dollars with trips for under \\$600.](#)

Hike part of the Pacific Crest Trail, relax with your family at Lake Tahoe, or help repair trails in the rugged wilderness of Glacier National Park.

ENJOY



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[Will you open up your living room to host a Lightbulbs to Leadership house party?](#)

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The Change Our Nation Needs

In Cleveland on June 19th, with a

giant wind turbine representing America's clean energy future as a backdrop, the Sierra Club and United Steelworkers jointly endorsed Barack Obama for President of the United States.

Carl Pope, the Executive Director of the Sierra Club said, "We believe Senator Obama is the change our nation needs -- he is the leader who will put America on the path to a clean energy economy that will create and keep millions of jobs, spur innovation and opportunity, make us a more secure nation, and help us solve global warming."

[Read more about the endorsement and Senator Obama's environmental record here.](#)

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Taking the Initiative

A Blog by Sierra Club Executive Director Carl Pope

EPA Finally Acts on Formaldehyde

As the first organization to discover the toxicity of Federal Emergency Management Agency trailers, the Sierra Club has taken a lead role in fighting for better disaster assistance and emergency housing. Now, in response to a petition from the Sierra Club, 24 other organizations, and more than 5,000 individuals representing every state in the country, the Environmental Protection Agency has [agreed to conduct a four-part investigation of formaldehyde](#) in homes, schools, and offices.



Peak Experience

Andrew Becker's article on the [history and lore of Sierra summit registers](#) is a highlight of the new issue of *Sierra*.

Watch the [online-only video of Andrew climbing Sawtooth Pass](#) to Black Kaweah, and you'll feel like you bagged the peak yourself.

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Stop the Drilling

Tell Congress to [stop giveaways to Big Oil](#), start investing in real energy solutions, and



Becky Gillette, National Formaldehyde Campaign Director for the Sierra Club, said, "While disappointed that EPA set an improperly high standard to begin rulemaking, the Sierra Club and the other petitioners applaud EPA's alternative approach to addressing the challenge of formaldehyde. We will actively support and monitor EPA's work on this important issue." Visit www.sierraclub.org/toxics for more information.

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Faith in Action

The Sierra Club has released its first-ever national faith appreciation report, "[Faith in Action: Communities of Faith Bring Hope for the Planet.](#)"

Highlighting fifty exceptional faith-based environmental initiatives, one from each of state, the report illustrates the growing momentum of the "creation care" movement and recognizes local leaders.

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Sequoia Victory Stands Strong

Since 1901, when John Muir lobbied for the expansion of Sequoia National Park to encompass the entire range of the giant sequoia, the Sierra Club has advocated for the protection of giant sequoia ecosystems in their entirety. On June 10, 2008, the Club was scheduled to defend the world's largest trees in federal appeals court. However, at the 11th hour, the timber industry withdrew its appeal, marking a critical victory in the fight against the Bush Administration's widely discredited strategy of boosting logging under the guise of preventing forest fires. Thanks to [this hard-earned victory](#), our children and grandchildren will be able to stand in awe of these giants for generations to come.



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Congratulations and thanks to everyone who has worked to secure the future of the giant sequoia.

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