ANSEL ADAMS
1902-1984
Born in 1902; grew up in San Francisco, CA
Homeschooled until age 12 b/c wild at school
Age 14: Vacation to Yosemite National Park; got first camera
Lifelong love of nature; best known for black and white photos of American West.
California's Sierra Nevada is a 350-mile-long block of granite. Extending from 14,494 feet (Mt. Whitney, the highest peak in the lower 48 states) in the east to near sea level in the west, it contains the spectacular Yosemite and Sequoia National Parks.
• Goal: preserve the country’s natural wonders and resources
• Adams was a member of this club, serving as a Trip Photographer and a Board Member.
• He remained an elected board member for 37 years.
• Used his photographs of the Sierra Nevada to help inspire others to protect the land.
Adams wanted everyday people, not just the wealthy, to enjoy his photographs.

Allowed photographs to be used in affordable posters, books, and calendars.
• Took thousands of photographs during his lifetime.
• Edited 28 books of his photos; wrote 10 books about photography.
• Awarded the Conservation Service Award in 1968.
• Awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1980.
• Photos displayed in museums across the world and in private collections.
• Prints and posters of his work are readily available in stores everywhere.