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2025 OSSA Convention



Description

Diamond Lake Resort

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Event Schedule:

Thursday, January 16th - Brews, Brats, & Brap

Starts at 6:00 PM - Mt. Thielsen Room/Diamond Room Lounge

- * Includes 1 Bratwurst either plain, w/chili, or w/sauerkraut.
- * 1 Draft Beer or Glass House Wine
- * Snowmobile movies on the big screen
- * Additional brews and brats available at menu prices.

Friday, January 17th - Pizza Night

Starts at 6:00 PM - Mt Thielsen Room/Diamond Room Lounge

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- * This is a free event but please register. We need to get a head count.
- * No Host Bar

Saturday, January 18th - Buffet Dinner

Starts at 6:00 PM - Mt Thielsen Room/Diamond Room Lounge

- * Carved to order Herb Crusted Prime Rib with Horseradish and Au Jus Sauces
- * Marinated Chicken Served on Wild Rice Topped with Bacon, Mozzarella Cheese, Diced Tomatoes and Green Onion
- * Roasted Yukon Gold Potatoes
- * Macaroni and Cheese
- * Fresh Vegetables
- * Toss Green Salad w/dressing
- * Pasta Salad
- * Fresh Baked Bread
- * House Made Cheesecake
- * Coffee, Tea, Milk or Soda

- * No Host Bar

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The OSSA board of directors met on Saturday August 24th in Bend to discuss the upcoming snowmobile season. All 14 board members volunteer their time to make our organization better. We discussed best practices for trail grooming as well as equipment purchases and the budget for the upcoming year. We also had a few guests from around the state in attendance.



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Snowmobile Events 2024/2025

HASLETT, MI, August 13th, 2024: The International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association (ISMA) is pleased to announce Snowmobile Day will be held on October 26th, 2024, and International Snowmobile Ride Day on February 8th, 2025. These events are geared to celebrate the sport of snowmobiling and the upcoming winter season. Snowmobile clubs, local dealers, associations, and snowmobile groups are invited to participate in these events.

Snowmobile Day aligns with “Snöskoters Dag,” an event that has been held in Sweden for over 40 years. ISMA encourages snowmobile clubs to partner with a local snowmobile dealership as the location of the celebration, bringing members of their community together while supporting local business.



Over the past three years many new riders have entered the sport and Snowmobile Day is a great opportunity for clubs and associations to increase membership and recruit volunteers for trail maintenance activities. Snowmobile Day should be a fun, family festival type event, where BBQ, refreshments, music, vintage sleds, and an open house can get snowmobilers looking at the new products in the market and getting excited for the upcoming season.



International Snowmobile Ride Day was launched 2 years ago by Bombardier Recreational Products (BRP), manufacturer of the Ski-doo and Lynx. Responsibility for the event has now been handed over to ISMA. The event encourages riders of all brands of snowmobiles to get out and ride on the second Saturday of February.

ISMA encourages Snowmobile Clubs to host an event such as an open house at a Clubhouse, Hot Chocolate at a trail intersection, or BBQ at the trailhead to celebrate this day.

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Groomer Building Extension

The Columbia Gorge Snowmobile club last year received money to extend the groomer building to allow more space for their second grooming cat. This year they got the rest of the money to complete the concrete, electrical, insulation and heat. The club members started last month building the forms and placing the iron and rebar. The concrete will have to be done in two pours because of the size of the pads. The first one was done on September 19th and the second on September 27th. A very big thank you to Dave Rogers and Charles Rogers from Seal Kote Plus for providing the heavy equipment to get the ground ready and drain pit dug.

Big Thank you to Mike Hannifan, John Vogel, Dave Mills, Dwight Moe, and Dan Gill for help pouring the whole concrete. It takes a lot of hands to get this type of job done. The next step will be getting the electricity, insulation and heat in before the start of winter.

Grooming Chair: John Vogel





Snowmobile Trail Volunteerism in the United States

Len Neisler, ACSA Secretary/Treasurer

This year the International Snowmobile Council completed a survey of clubs and the amount of volunteering necessary to create and maintain snowmobile trails. Many clubs participated in this survey from the US. We are sharing that information with you.

Many snowmobilers do not realize that the trails they ride on are primarily done by club members who volunteer their time because of their love of our sport. Yes, volunteers are what keeps our snowmobile trails open! What does it take to get it to a condition we enjoy riding on? There are many parts to setting up a snowmobile trail.

- Working with the state Department of Parks/Natural Resources to confirm acceptance of the trail.
- Grants must be completed and submitted to the DNR or other state agency for approval to receive funding to pay for the cost of equipment, maintenance of their groomer and drag, and other equipment needed for trail work. Most of the planning, decisions, operating and paperwork is done by volunteers.
- These club volunteers must go to each landowner for permission to cross their land to obtain a legal agreement for permission to do so. Each club in the survey averaged needing signatures on 28 contracts. But it does not stop with

the landowners, these club volunteers must maintain contact with them to keep the trail open and for any extraordinary circumstances that may need to be addressed, like trespassing. The average club spends 24 hours doing this.

So, how many trail miles does a club brush and clear for when snow comes? The survey suggests they manage about 348 miles with about 135 hours by volunteers preparing the trail. Oh, it also takes another 111 hours per club for properly installing/removing the trail signs!

Then, once snow comes volunteers operate the groomer with a drag to groom the trails. The average club groomer 1,172 miles of trail during the snow season traveling at about 4 miles per hour. Don't forget the volunteer labor time to operate the groomers which is an average of 366 hours per club. According to the survey, the average club has 5 volunteers operating the groomers and maintaining their equipment during the season.

During the season equipment must be maintained, again by volunteers, that amounts to 46 hours per club. Trails must be regularly checked for fallen trees and other debris that must be removed. The volunteer hours for this are 243 hours per club.

Many times, I have met snowmobilers on the trails who have no concept of what it takes to ride on a well-groomed trail. Many riders assume that state employees do the work! Many riders are not familiar with state snowmobile associations, that the clubs belongs to that are maintaining the trail with volunteers.

Hopefully this information gives you a better perspective of what it takes for trail systems and to appreciate the volunteers that work to make your snowmobiling day exciting and safe.

When you're riding, think about joining the club whose volunteers maintain it. They can use your financial help. Furthermore, you may find joining the club beneficial to find more people to ride with next time!



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🍴 Lunch will be provided by the club to keep you fueled!

Bonus: While the wood cutting is going on, there will also be a Kids Snowmobile Safety Class happening, led by Maria Sammons, to help kids get their riding permits. 🎉

👉 Join Our Snowmobile Safety Class for Kids! 👈

📅 Date: Saturday, October 5th

🕒 Time: 10 AM - 2 PM

📍 Location: Ray Benson Snopark (Warming Shelter)

🟡 Spots are Limited! Don't wait—secure your child's spot now and make sure they're ready for the season ahead! 🐾

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A Day in the Life of a Volunteer Groomer

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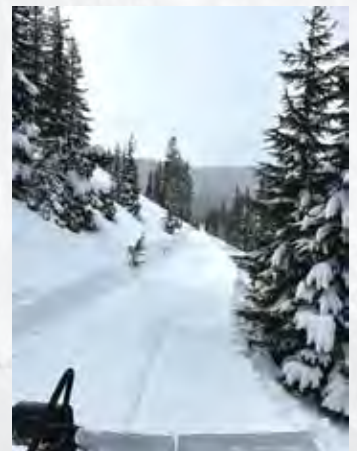
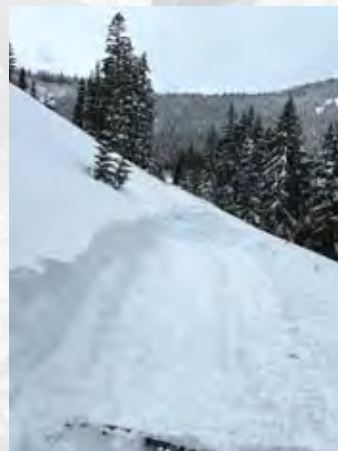
Typical Grooming Day:

- 5:00 am** Wake up.
- 6:00 am** Drive 90 minutes up to the mountain.
- 7:30 am** Prepare the Grooming Machine for the day.
- 8:00 am** Begin Grooming the trails.
- 8am to 6pm** Groom the trails, remove fallen trees, remove moguls, make roads through snow drifts.
- 6:00 pm** After grooming 50 to 60 miles return to Groomer Barn and begin refueling and cleaning the Groomer.
- 7:00 pm** Head for home.
- 8:30 pm** Arrive home and crash.

Did you know that the best way to ***“THANK YOU”*** to a groomer volunteer is to renew your membership every year?

Many OSSA members join every club in every area that they ride just to say, ***“THANK YOU”!***

Oh yeah, if you see a Groomer Volunteer be sure to shake their hand and say ***“THANKS”***.



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No Trespassing Snowmobile Awareness Contest

Contact: Karyn Robare, Committee Chairman
American Council of Snowmobile Associations
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The American Council of Snowmobile Associations today announced the 2024-2025 No Trespassing Snowmobile Awareness Contest. This Contest will include snowmobilers of all ages, from the little ones through the experienced riders and will generate the conversation and awareness of snowmobilers across the U.S. on an issue that impacts snowmobile access. Too often volunteers are left scrambling trying to re-route snowmobilers because of trespass incursions by snowmobilers that do not understand the consequences of riding on trails/areas that are off limits to snowmobilers.

Creating the awareness of the importance of riding where marked will assist the over 2,500 snowmobile clubs across the northern tier of the U.S. "Areas that are not marked for snowmobile use are often a safety issue, with rocks or downed trees, as well as protected because of crops", says Karyn Robare, Committee Chairman with the American Council of Snowmobile Associations. "Volunteers find themselves spending valuable time with land owners or land managers that could be better spent creating new trails or maintaining the existing trail system of over 100,000 miles and thousands of acres of riding areas."

The Contest includes the following categories to promote rider responsibility, including the need to respect Land Owners and Land Managers that allow us the privilege of riding by Not Trespassing.

Snowmobilers up to the age of 6: [Coloring Contest](#)

Snowmobilers between the ages of 7 -12: [Word Search](#)

Snowmobilers between 13 – 17: [Create a Meme](#)

Snowmobilers over age 18: [Create a Video no longer than 30 seconds](#)

Entries for the Contest can be made by emailing submissions to snowygirl1974@gmail.com until January 15, 2025. For more information on contest details, visit www.snowmobilers.org.

About ACSA: The American Council of Snowmobile Associations, a national organization uniting the snowmobile community was started in 1995. ACSA promotes snowmobiling as a safe, fun and environmentally friendly family sport enjoyed by over one million snowmobilers across the United States.

TRESPASSING

Threatening snowmobiling access everywhere!

Dave Newman, ACSA Vice President

I believe, or at least I hope, I am preaching to the choir here. If you are a club member you should already know that you are only allowed to ride where you have permission. But we also know that is not always the case with everyone. Too often we are seeing snowmobilers riding where they are not allowed, by definition, trespassing.

Trespassing is a problem across the county. In the trails riding areas where trails are located on private property, landowners typically only allow snowmobiling to use their property on a designated corridor and any riding outside of the marked trail without permission is considered trespassing. This not only leads to a closure of a trail across one property, but it also often results in the closures of an entire section of a trail system. Many times we have found trespassing may have triggered a trail closure, but other underlying issues may have contributed, such as loud pipes or personality conflicts with club members or government officials. Regardless, this requires club volunteers to work with local landowners to create a new trail or in some cases, a permanent loss of a trail.

Even in areas when snowmobiles are allowed on public lands, it may not mean you are allowed to ride everywhere. In areas where most snowmobiling takes place on public lands, it is important to know there are areas where snowmobiles are not allowed. Riding in areas off limits to snowmobiles is considered trespassing. It is every snowmobiler's responsibility to know where they can legally ride and where it is prohibited.

While laws vary from state to state, trespassing will result in a fine if caught. Even more important, trespassing costs us access.

What has the American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA) done about the problem? We have used social media to bring attention to the issue and encouraged snowmobiles to use the Snowmobile Manufacturers "Take the Pledge" campaign. ACSA has held several contests to bring attention to trespassing. We are currently holding another contest for all ages, to bring attention to the issue through the youth and hopefully their parents. Participants may have a chance to win prizes by submitting coloring pages, a word search, memes or a short video. For more information go to the ACSA website at www.snowmobilers.org.

What can you do? When someone riding in your group rides where not allowed, call them out and explain to them why it is a problem. If you catch someone trespassing report them to your local law enforcement. Let your local law enforcement know where problem areas are, so they know where to best use their resources when patrolling. Clubs can also use their social media pages to bring attention to trespassing. Make sure your trails have appropriate signage to educate everyone to stay on the trail and only ride where allowed.

We ask clubs who experience trail closures resulting from trespassing to report them to their state snowmobile association so we can show the true cost of this issue. We find many times clubs just react to the closure by finding a re-route.



We encourage everyone to be part
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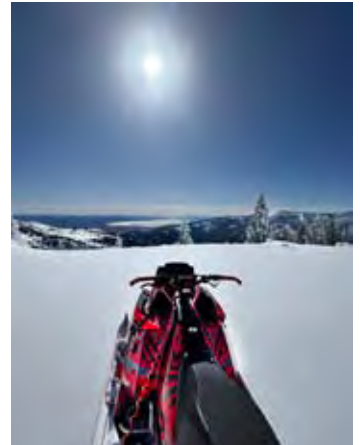
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With fall rapidly approaching the Hi Desert Storm Troopers are excited for another winter season of grooming and snowmobiling. Over the summer we have been busy getting our snow cat repaired as we lost our implement hydraulic pump at the tail end of the 2024 season. We will soon be beginning our preventative maintenance and checks to ensure a trouble-free grooming season for this winter.

Our first upcoming meeting of the season is on October 14th and we are ready to start thinking about snowmobiling and praying for some snow! With the predictions of a La Nina winter the stoke and hopes are high for a high snowfall winter. We look forward to keeping everyone updated through our Facebook page of grooming reports and things that are going on with our club. We hope everyone has a safe and fun winter season!



District 8 Report

We had a good group of members come out and stock the shelter for winter. It has been hot and dry in our forest, fortunately we have only had one level one evacuation issued for the Tollgate trail area. The 4 Corners Club in Heppner have had fires south and east of their riding area with evacuations, and are hoping that with the cooler weather, no new fires start. Our thoughts and prayers go out to those that have been displaced or lost access to riding this winter. Both 4 Corners and Tollgate are hoping to be able to brush more of the trails this fall, along with a few other projects.

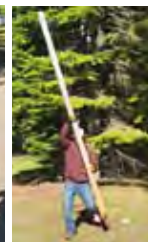
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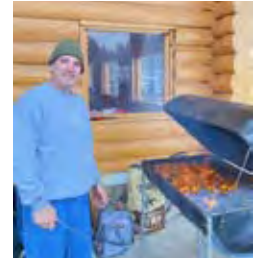
Firewood work party at Bone Springs

Click the link to view the video report from Brandon Christenson

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The season 2023-24 Golden Helmet Award presented by the Rogue Snowmobilers club every season to the Best/Worst case scenario, situation or screw up. Dave Miller received the award for breaking his ankle on a Rouge Club ride at 1,000 Springs.



Klamath Club steak feed at Annie Creek



Klamath group weekend camp and ride at Diamond Lake season 2023-24



2024-2025
Klamath Basin Snowdrifters
Schedule of Events

September 2024

Saturday 9-7-24 Trail Maintenance
Tuesday 9-10-24 General Club Meeting

October 2024

Tuesday 10-8-24 General Meeting @6pm
Saturday 10-12-24 Trail Maintenance
Saturday 10-26-24 Snowmobile Day / BBQ and Swap Meet

November 2024

Saturday 11-9-24 Trail Maintenance
Tuesday 11-12-24 General Meeting @6pm (TBA)

December 2024

Tuesday 12-10-24 General Club Meeting
Tuesday 12-17-24 Club Christmas Party at Hope Lutheran Church and (general meeting)
Saturday 12-21-24 Club Chili Feed and club ride weather permitted @ Cat Shed off HWY 140

January 2025

Tuesday 1-14-25 General Meeting @6pm (TBA)
Thursday 1-16 through 1-18 OSSA Convention at Diamond Lake / No Host Event
Saturday 1-18-25 Club Ride (TBA)

February 2025

Tuesday 2-11-25 General Meeting @6pm (TBA)
Saturday 2-22-25 Club Steak Feed and club ride (TBA)

March 2025

Tuesday 3-11-25 General Meeting @6pm (TBA)
Saturday 3-22-25 Club Ride (TBA)

April 2025

Tuesday 4-8-25 General Meeting @6pm (TBA)
Saturday 4-19-25 End of Year Banquet at Trappers @ 5pm

May 2025

Saturday 5-3-25 Trail Maintenance
Saturday 5-31-25 Trail Maintenance

June 2025

Saturday 6-21-25 Trail Maintenance

Membership: 18 members in attendance for September meeting.

Financial: Ending Balance as of 9-10-24 \$15,457.99.

OSSA Report: 2024 updates:

- Convention to be held at Diamond Lake January 16-18th No host. (Burns was unable to hold due to fires and forest closures)
- Budget Cuts: 30% of grooming budget cut from previous years, no extra monies will be available once the budget is spent for this and upcoming years.

Groomers Report:

- Klamath Club to get back cat from Hyatt Lake and a loner from Piston Bully and will resubmit for a new cat in 2025.
- OSSA was able to meet required miles this past season in part by clubs venturing out and cleaning up, scouting and trail work this spring and summer, earning our bonus of an additional 80,000 this past year.

Unfinished Business: *Roof on Big Meadow shelter.

New Business:

- Dave Miller resigned as Vice President of the club. We will be needing to fill this position, will be voted on in next meeting.
- Wanting committees for: Christmas Party, Steak Feed, and Annual End of Year Banquet. (Dan Riblett will head the Chili feed)
- Clif to contact George with LOW and discuss and get more information on their plans to move forward for a warming hut at the Aspen Parking area. Questions being sought after: Access for the Snow Cat, accessibility by club and other people seeking a warming hut for winter activities, where this is to be placed, who is responsible for care and upkeep (these were just a few of the concerns being addressed).
- District 5 Play Date: Clif was nominated 1st Wes French, 2nd Don Roberts and 3rd Dan Riblett to contact Gregg from Medford Club and discuss dates and event.
- Dan Riblett brought to the clubs attention the matter of Medicine Lake being sought after by the Tribes in and around that area as becoming a National Monument Area. This is a work in progress as of present.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:55pm Motion made by Clif, all in agreement.

Meeting locations to be announced prior to meeting on FB, due to limited seating and options. In addition location for club rides will also be announced prior to, at meeting and on FB.



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About Us

The Mission of the Wallowa Avalanche Center is to keep winter backcountry travelers safe in the mountains of Northeast Oregon through education, avalanche advisories, mountain weather information and observations.

We begin bi-weekly avalanche forecasts in the fall after enough snow accumulates in the mountains for on-snow travel in the backcountry and continue them until early April. We also offer a variety of classroom and field based educational programs, including instruction specifically aimed towards youth, backcountry skiers, snowmobilers, and professionals.



Victor McNeil, Director

victor@wallowaavalanchecenter.org

Victor began spending winters in the Wallowas in 2009, and has worked as a professional ski and mountain guide for the past 12 years. As a native of Oregon, Victor graduated from Southern Oregon University, with a degree in Small Business Management. During the spring and summer, Victor guides in Alaska, Washington and Peru on high altitude peaks and technical summits. As an American Mountain Guide, Victor has achieved the highest level of certification in Mountain Guiding, through the American Mountain Guides Association. Victor has achieved a Level 3 Avalanche Certification through the American Avalanche Institute. La Grande, OR is home for Victor with his wife and 2 Golden Retrievers. When not out backcountry skiing, Victor is working on his snowmobile skills and how to develop better avalanche education for motorized backcountry users.



Rex Stanley, Development Director

Rex hails from the small town of Baggs, WY, where he grew up snowmobiling with his family and learning to snowboard on the slopes of Steamboat Springs, CO. He attended Boise State University where he graduated with a degree in Business Management. Currently living in La Grande, OR, he's learning to explore the backcountry of the Wallowas and Elkhorns via his split-board and snowmobile. He hopes to increase the reach that the WAC has for all backcountry users, and build upon the growing backcountry culture here in Northeast Oregon. When the snow melts, he can be found hiking and riding his bike with his pup and wife. He also serves as board member of the local mountain biking chapter, Blue Mountain Singletrack Trails Club.



Michael Hatch, Avalanche Specialist

hatch@wallowaavalanchecenter.org

Michael Hatch grew up in Boise, ID and earned a B.S. in Resource Conservation/Wilderness Studies from the University of Montana, and an M.S. in Education from Eastern Oregon University. Currently Hatch is the director of the Outdoor Adventure Program and instructor of Health and Human Performance for EDU. Hatch worked for over a decade as a backcountry ski guide in the Sawtooths and Wallowas. One of Hatch's biggest passions is teaching avalanche courses, as an AIARE Course Leader for Level 1 and 2 classes. Hatch is a professional member of the American Avalanche Association and is also a board member for the WAC.



Nick Burks, Avalanche Specialist

Nick began skiing before he can remember. He started working on the Mt. Hood Meadows Pro Patrol in 2005 and became the Snow Safety Supervisor there in 2014. Nick spent the summers of 2016 and 2017 working as a ski area avalanche forecaster in the Cradleburn mountains of New Zealand. He has traveled to ski in Chile, Argentina and Japan.



Caleb Merrill, Avalanche Specialist

Caleb Merrill grew up on the coast of Maine, eventually venturing west in search of more snowfall and vertical relief. He began his career in the snow and avalanche arena in 2006 as a ski patroller at Solitude in the Wasatch mountains of Utah. Early morning avalanche mitigation routes with explosives along exposed ridgelines are amongst the favored memories of this job. Caleb became a guide with Ruby Mountain Helicopter Skiing in 2014, and has enjoyed exploring the nooks and crannies of this hidden gem of a range while learning amongst some of the best guides in the industry. He is the creator, host, and producer of *The Avalanche Hour* Podcast- a side project aimed at creating more dialogue amongst the snow and avalanche community. Caleb is actively progressing through the AMGA ski guide program in hopes of certification. He completed an AIARE level 3 course in 2014, and is currently an AIARE course instructor. He looks forward to a winter in the Wallowas- getting to know the terrain, snowpack, and people.



Kelly McNeil, Avalanche Specialist

Kelly grew up in Eastern Wyoming where she started exploring the Big Horn mountains on snowmobiles and dirt bikes at an early age. During that time, she also learned to ski in the South Dakota Black Hills. Kelly moved to Montana for her undergrad and was introduced to backcountry skiing. After many years of school and earning her Ph.D. from Oregon State University in 2009, she began a career as a professor at Eastern Oregon University, where much of her work focuses on public health and research in outdoor physical activity including the study of behavior in outdoor environments. Recently Kelly has started to assess how public health theories and practices can be utilized for avalanche education and forecasting. Since 2017, Kelly has helped organize and run operations at the Wallowa Avalanche Center, including teaching avalanche courses for both motorized and non-motorized users. In 2019 Kelly took her Professional Level 1 Avalanche Course and will be taking her Professional Level 2 Course this February. Last winter Kelly completed her AIARE Instructor Training Course at Togwotee, WY on a snowmobile. Kelly is a Professional Member of the American Avalanche Association, a guest host on the *Avalanche Hour* Podcast, and has also completed her AMGA Alpine Skills Course.



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2025 WAC Motorized Course Schedule

- **Rescue Course - La Grande (Catherine Creek Sno-park) Jan 11th**
- **Rescue Course - Joseph (Salt Creek summit Sno-park) Jan 12th**
- **AIARE 2 Course - Halfway (Clear Creek Sno-park) Jan 18th-19th**
- **AIARE 1 Course - Halfway (Clear Creek Sno-park) Jan 25th-26th**
- **Snowmobile Riding Clinic - Halfway Jan 23rd**
- **Snowmobile Riding Clinic - Halfway Jan 24th**



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January 2025

THU 3
AIARE Level 1 Avalanche Course Jan 3-5, 2025 Hut Based La Grande

What: New for this winter the WAC is teaming up with local outfitter Eagle Cap Mountain Guides to offer a hut-based AIARE Level 1 Course. Participants will meet Friday at 8 am, and head into the Buck Creek Yurt after a quick breakfast and intro in town. This course is a hybrid design with pre-course online learning that [...]

\$375

THU 4
AIARE Companion Rescue Jan 4, 2025 Anthony Lakes

Student Learning Outcomes At the end of the Avalanche Rescue course the student should be able to: Describe what to do if they or a member of their party is caught in an avalanche. Identify and be able to use gear necessary for avalanche rescue. Set up a realistic scenario in order to practice an [...]

\$150

THU 4
AIARE Level 1 Jan 4-5, 2025 Anthony Lakes

What: This course is a hybrid design with pre-course online learning that should take on average 8 hours to complete. Students will also be required to participate in a 2-hour Zoom session approximately 1 week before the start of the two field sessions. Pre-course online learning materials will be sent out a month before the course [...]

\$600

THU 10
AIARE Level 2+Companion Rescue Jan 10-12, 2025 Hut Based La Grande

New for 2025 we are offering a 3-day hut-based AIARE Level 2 Course combined with a Companion Rescue Course at the Buck Creek Hut operated by Eagle Cap Mountain Guides. Course Description The AIARE 2 is a three-day/24-hour course that allows backcountry travelers to advance their decision-making skills in more complicated situations such as being a leader within [...]

\$825

SAT 11
AIARE Motorized Rescue Course January 11, 2025 La Grande

Who Should Take this Course The Avalanche Rescue Course is a one-day course aimed both at new and experienced recreational backcountry travelers and aspiring avalanche professionals. Student Learning Outcomes At the end of the Avalanche Rescue course the student should be able to: Describe what to do if they or a member of their party [...]

\$150

SAT 11
AIARE Level 1 Jan 11-12, 2025 Anthony Lakes

What: This course is a hybrid design with pre-course online learning that should take on average 8 hours to complete. Students will also be required to participate in a 2-hour Zoom session approximately 1 week before the start of the two field sessions. Pre-course online learning materials will be sent out a month before the course [...]

\$600

THU 12
AIARE Motorized Rescue Course January 12, 2025 Joseph

Course Description AIARE Avalanche Rescue is a one-day stand-alone course that is intended to be retained on a regular basis in order to keep abreast of best practices in rescue techniques and gear. New participants will learn the basics of companion rescue, while returning participants will expand their skill set with advanced topics and [...]

\$150

FRI 17
AIARE Level 1 Avalanche Course Jan 17-19, 2025 Hut Based La Grande

What: New for this winter the WAC is teaming up with local outfitter Eagle Cap Mountain Guides to offer a hut-based AIARE Level 1 Course. Participants will meet Friday at 8 am, and head into the Buck Creek Yurt after a quick breakfast and intro in town. This course is a hybrid design with pre-course online learning that [...]

\$375

SAT 18
Motorized AIARE 2 January 18-19, 2025 Halfway

This course will utilize a hybrid model, in which all participants will receive online pre-course learning materials that should take around 8-hours to complete. A Zoom session will be held before the two field sessions to answer questions about the pre-course material, cover the AIARE Framework and mapping tools. It is imperative that participants [...]

\$600

THU 23
Snowmobile Riding Skills Clinic Jan 23, 2025 Halfway

The WAC is hosting a snowmobile riding clinic in Halfway, OR January 23. Ride with Boondockers Legends DJ Osborne, Aaron Case, and Ryan Seale. Regardless of your skill level, these amazing instructors will elevate your riding game. We will break riders into groups with a maximum ratio of 6:1. Cost is \$250 per day. You [...]

\$250

FRI 24
Snowmobile Riding Skills Clinic Jan 24, 2025 Halfway

The WAC is hosting a snowmobile riding clinic in Halfway, OR January 24. Ride with Boondockers Legends DJ Osborne, Aaron Case, and Ryan Seale. Regardless of your skill level, these amazing instructors will elevate your riding game. We will break riders into groups with a maximum ratio of 6:1. Cost is \$250 per day. You [...]

\$250

FRI 25
Motorized AIARE 1 Jan 25-26, 2025 Halfway

Details: Jan 25-26 in Halfway, OR. Field sessions will take place over 2-days from the Clear Creek Creek area park, 6:1 student-to-instructor ratio. Participants must have: snowmobile or snow bike (reliable and appropriate for mountain riding) - avalanche rescue gear (digital avalanche transceiver, shovel, probe) -backpack (airbag pack optional) -DOT-approved helmet -the ability to ride off trail in [...]

\$600

February 2025

SAT 8
AIARE Level 1 Feb 8-9, 2025 Joseph

What: This course is a hybrid design with pre-course online learning that should take on average 8 hours to complete. Students will also be required to participate in a 2-hour Zoom session approximately 1-week before the start of the two field sessions. Pre-course online learning materials will be sent out a month before [...]

\$600

SAT 15
AIARE Level 1 Feb 15-16, 2025 Joseph

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\$600





I would like to thank everyone who attended and helped with the 2024 OSSA convention. Convention was a success and now look forward to the 2025 convention @ Diamond Lake.

Unfortunately, with all the fire danger and smoke this summer the club was unable to schedule any summer rides. With the Darlene 3 fire threatening to move up the mountain towards Paulina Lake the club had to move their snowcat. Thank you to Dennis & Kathleen Wallan for letting us park the cat at their home.

OSSA along with the Lodgepole Dodgers are working on getting a RTP grant to do repair work to the 10-mile sno-park. OSSA board voted to move forward with a letter of intent to do the project. We are still looking for letters of support for the project. If you would like more information, please email lodgepoledodgers72@yahoo.com.

Club is looking at bringing back **Stephanie Cumming** this year and will have more info about the event after our first meeting.

La Pine Lodgepole Dodgers Club is planning to have the **annual Sled Swap** this year at **Pro Caliber in Bend on Saturday October 26, 2024**. More info to come and please follow us on our Facebook page at La Pine Lodgepole Dodgers.

The Lodgepole Dodgers voted to rename the warming shelter at 10-mile sno-park after **John & Peggy Spieger**. A metal sign was made by a local artist, **Bonny Bowens @ Deschutes Custom Metal Arts**.

We are pleased to announce 2 special rates for snowmobilers in La Pine

• Best Western Newbery Station

16515 Reed Rd., La Pine, OR 97739 (541) 536-5130

The Best Western is offering a single queen room for \$105.00 a night plus tax, November 1, 2024 – March 1, 2025. When making a reservation please mention the Lodgepole Dodgers to receive the special rate. Rate does not include holidays.

• Cascade Meadows RV Resort

53750 US-97 La Pine, OR 97739 (541)536-2244

Cascade Meadows RV Resort is located at the Hwy 97 Paulina Lake Rd junction. They have laundry, showers and a recreation room. They are offering 30A full hookups for \$24.90 a night and 50A full hookups for \$34.38 a night. When making a reservation please mention the Lodgepole Dodgers to receive the special rate.

Thank You
Roger Ellis
President, La Pine Lodgepole Dodgers



Whitey Bloom honored for his 20 years as Panhandlers Snowmobile Club President.

He retired from that job this year, but we really appreciate all the years and time he has put in.

GREAT JOB WHITEY!





We hope everyone has a great season.
Panhandle Snowmobile Club officers for this year are:

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We started the season out with a great BBQ & potluck before our meeting.

We plan on continuing our Highway Cleanup in October and the POKER RUN/RAFFLE in February—President's Day weekend.

I want to encourage everyone to get your dues paid. You can pay online by going to oregonsnow.org and clicking on Join Now. Or send dues to the Secretary/Treasurer.

Submitted by Mary Herold, Sec

**PANHANDLE SNOWMOBILE CLUB
2024-2025 SCHEDULE**

SEPTEMBER 10	FIRST MEETING	BBQ & POTLUCK
OCTOBER 8	MEETING	POTLUCK
OCTOBER 20	HIGHWAY CLEANUP	2 PM
NOVEMBER 12	MEETING	POTLUCK
DECEMBER 10	MEETING	POTLUCK
HELP DECORATE HALFWAY--TBA		
CHRISTMAS DINNER—TBA		
JANUARY 14	MEETING	POTLUCK
OSSA STATE CONFERENCE—TBA		
FEBRUARY 11	MEETING	POTLUCK
FEBRUARY 17	POKER RUN/RAFFLE	
MARCH 11	MEETING	POTLUCK
APRIL 8	LAST MEETING	BBQ & POTLUCK
END OF SEASON DINNER—TBA		



Motorized Avalanche Rescue Class

Friday, January 31, 2025

8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Description



Certified class by American Avalanche Association. Prerequisite for level II, but can be taken anytime. Fast paced eight hour class with minimum of six hours in field. This is a motorized specific class and you will be traveling to areas with your snowmobile or snow bike. Classroom portion will be online at your own pace on your time. No scheduled video conferences.

Who? For recreational riders, pros, guides, and search and rescue teams.

Class content: Escape and survival techniques, rescue safety/response, scene safety, communication, transceiver, shoveling and probing techniques, victim basic care, deep burials, close proximity rescues, using advanced features on your transceiver, three ways to utilize snowmobiles in rescue, leading a rescue, rescue scenarios, timed transceiver searches and much more.

These are the advanced skills that were previously taught in level II classes, it is now a separate course and a prerequisite for level II.

Location: 10 Mile Snow Park. LaPine, OR 97739

Cost: \$300

Refund policy: No refunds will be given within 30 days of class start date.

Date: Friday January 31, 2025

Time: 8:30 am -5:00 pm

Class starts: Friday 8:30 am at the 10 Mile Snow Park and then we travel by snowmobile or snow bike into the backcountry. Be ready with gear and all gassed up. Tight schedule, please don't delay the group.

Register >>

📍 **10 Mile Sno-Park**
21498 Paulina-
East Lake Rd
La Pine, OR
97739 United
States

<https://oregonsnowmobileassociation.growthzoneapp.com/ap/Events/Register/AnFBjgliVCdCN>

Event Contact: Lisa Mahoney
(541) 797-8880
info@oregonsnow.org

What to do for preparation: Read your transceiver manual and know the features of your transceiver. Practice single and double burial transceiver drills before class. Make sure all your gear is ready. Make notes on questions you have for class.

The riding in class. We are using Jeep roads and single track to access terrain in class. Have your machines in excellent working order.

What to bring: Snowmobile or Snowbike. Transceiver (3 antenna), shovel, probe, tunnel bag, backpack or airbag pack, sunglasses, **multiple pairs of gloves**, sunscreen, face protection, survival and first aid gear, hat, food (**lunch**) and water for in the field, extra layers, head lamp, camera. If you don't have gear, please let me know and I can supply it.

Dress warmer than expected. We are out in the elements for long periods of time at high elevation. Bring a thermos with hot liquids if it is going to be cold. We do not cancel for cold weather.

What we supply: I can supply digital 3 antenna transceiver if you do not have one. Let me know.

Instructor: Mike Duffy. Professional member and Certified instructor American Avalanche Association. Teaching at American Avalanche Institute, Alaska Avalanche School, Colorado Mountain College and Silverton Avalanche School. Rescue/avalanche team leader/ Vail Mountain Rescue Group. Graduate of National Avalanche School, National Academy of Winter Guiding, AVPRO & Professional Avalanche Search & Rescue. Mountain Snowmobiler for 25 years. Provided training for Arctic Cat, Polaris, Ski-Doo, FBI and Navy Seals. Backcountry Guide/riding instructor. 24 years' experience in proven, effective avalanche education.

Looking forward to this! Any questions or running late, please contact Mike Duffy at 970-390-9433 or duffyavalanche1@gmail.com.



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Motorized Level 1 Avalanche Class

Saturday, Feb 1, 2025 8:30am to Sunday, Feb 2, 5:00pm

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East Lake Rd
La Pine, OR
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States

Event Contact: Lisa Mahoney
(541) 797-8880
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Class content: Class follows American Avalanche Association guidelines. Taught by AAA pro member and certified instructor, Mike Duffy. Covers: equipment, rescue, nine different types of avalanche problems, forecasts, stability tests, transceiver, shoveling and probing skills, terrain recognition, terrain traps, route finding, islands of safety, backcountry guidelines, group dynamics, communication, deep burials, multiple burials, observations, contributing factors, using snowmobiles in rescue and much more.

Format for winter 24-25. Classroom session will be online using a special level 1 version of Backcountry Ascender. Online is self-paced on your time using the fun and engaging Backcountry Ascender platform. No scheduled video meetings and more time on the snow. This is a snowmobile/snow bike specific class and we will be traveling to areas by snowmobile or snow bike. Certified American Avalanche Association instructor and course provider.

Who? For recreational riders, pros, guides, and search and rescue teams.



Location: 10 Mile Snow Park, La Pine, OR

Class start: Saturday 8:30am in 10 Mile Snow Park LaPine, OR

Be dressed to ride and spend the day outside.

Dates: February 1-2, 2025. Saturday 8:30am – 5pm. Sunday 9:00am -5:00pm.

Cost: \$650

Refund policy: No refunds will be given within 30 days of class start date.

Schedule:

Saturday 8:30 am-5:00pm

Group meeting/discussion outside: 8:30am-9:30am.
Daily preparation-4 steps. Waivers.

Bring a lunch. Dress warm.

9:30-5:00 Travel into Backcountry.



Sunday 9:00am -5:00pm

9:00-9:45 Daily plan in Snow Park.

9:45-4:00. In the backcountry. Bring lunch.

4:00-5:00 Course wrap up. Course evaluations, certifications, coupons.

What to do for preparation: Read your transceiver manual. Practice single transceiver burial. Make sure all your gear is ready. Bring notebook and pen to class. Read the avalanche forecast. Make notes on questions you have for class.

Apps that you will need for class:

Inclinometer or inclinometer app: Suggest BCA-free. Avalanche Inclinometer-Iterum, LLC,

Google Earth:

Slope shading for steepness: Gaia, Caltopo or a topo map.

Avalanche Forecast: Avalanche Forecast.

Weather: My Radar

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UPCOMING EVENTS 2024-2025 SNOWMOBILE SEASON

Regular Monthly Meetings (subject to change)

Our meetings are every 3rd Thursdays of each month starting in September. The Club will have our potluck starting at 6:00 PM and our meeting will start at 7:00 PM in case you just want to attend the meeting. Please be sure to bring your own table service and drinks to potluck-meetings. Dates and times are subject to change so please check the schedule each month.

These are the dates for our next meetings.

- * ***Thursday September 19, 2024, Board Meeting at 5:00, potluck at 6:00 NO Meeting at 7:00***
- * Thursday October 17, 2024
- * Thursday November 21, 2024
- * Thursday December 19, 2024
- * Thursday January 16, 2025
- * Thursday February 20, 2025
- * Thursday March 20, 2025
- * Thursday April 17, 2025



June 8, we had only a few club members that had interest in going to Austin House for a club ride for lunch. With that said, we chose not to ride ATV's and drove since it was so dusty already. LOL It was a great lunch, as always, Thanks to Mark and Mindy food and service they provide. Even though it was a small group, it was nice to visit with everyone. Thanks to everyone that came.

The rest of the summer was a blur. With it being so hot and dry, everyone did there on thing. Now it's September and the start of the new Snowmobile Season. Hope we have a great season. Hopefully we can get as many members to join the club as last year. We had over 100 family members that joined. Thanks to all for your support. It helps the club and OSSA. See you at the meetings or on the trails.

At our September board meeting, we only had 3 board members attend the meeting along with 3 club members.

We had 21 people at the dinner/meeting. The club provided Tri-tip and members filled in the side dishes and desserts. Thanks to Wes Christensen for doing such a great job in preparing the Tri-tip. If you didn't make it, you don't know what you missed. This was the dinner for the non-club-members that helped with our Poker Run. It's really nice to have the extra people to man the stations and help where we need them. We can't stress enough how they are needed and all the merchants that help also.

Don't have really any updates happening yet so I don't have much to report. Groomer is ready and waiting for the winter season.

See you at the meetings or on the trails.

SPECIAL EVENTS

This Season our Poker Run will be on Feb. 15, 2025. That will be President's Day weekend.

We have started to take membership dues starting September 1, 2024 and to those of you who would like to join the club during the 2024-2025 season, it's \$45.00 with \$35.00 going to OSSA and \$10.00 for club dues please contact me (Jane Leatherman) at svbmsc-secytreas@oulook.com or call me 208-739-3498 and I will get an application out to you. Also, you can go to the OSSA website and pay online to join our club and other clubs. **Thank You** for your support.

We really need participation from young and old. At stake are our rights to use public lands. Your dues help fund the lobbies that continue the fight to retain the use of public lands for snowmobilers, atv's or if you're just driving around in the woods.

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2025 KEN HAEVERNICK OSSA SCHOLARSHIP

OSSA scholarship is available to either graduating high school seniors or a person currently enrolled in a college or trade school full time (12 semester credits), either physically or online. Scholarships will be given to the winners regardless of other grants or scholarships that the students may receive.

2025 OSSA Scholarship Application [Link](#)

<https://www.oregonsnow.org/assets/pdt/2025+Ken+Haevernick+OSSA+Scholarship+Application/>

Requirements are as follows:

1. The applicant or immediate family must be a paid member of Oregon State Snowmobile Association.
2. The applicant must submit the completed application form.
3. The applicant must submit a cover letter. This letter must include the student ID number and college/trade school name and the address to which a scholarship check would be sent.
4. The applicant must submit a resume detailing his/her involvement in snowmobiling as well as extra-curricular/volunteer activities.
5. The applicant must include an essay (essay subject on the application form). The essay **MUST** follow the format below to be accepted and should be sent in Word or Google Docs:
 1. Minimum of 2 pages – typed.
 2. Double-spaced.
 3. Font – Times New Roman.
 4. Font size – 12 point.
 5. Margins – set to 1 inch for all margins (top, bottom, left side, right side).
 6. Page numbers (if included) should be .5 inch from the top of the page (not within the 1" margin).
 7. A header (for example, the essay question) can be added 1 inch from the top of the first page, and then enter a double space to begin your essay.
 8. Do **NOT** use bold-faced type or other special settings.
 9. If work is cited, add an additional "work-cited" page at the end of the essay. This information will **NOT** be counted as part of the 2-page minimum.

The applicable documents must be received via email at the OSSA Office by April 1, 2025. Please email to Lmahoney@oregonsnow.org using a subject line of OSSA Scholarship Application. All applicants will be notified of the final scholarship selection by April 15, 2025. The scholarship winner will be announced at the OSSA Board Meeting in May 2025.

6. Any entry that does not meet ALL of these requirements will be disqualified. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Additional rules:

1. Students must use the scholarship within one year of receiving it.
2. All scholarship checks will be written directly to the college and not to the student. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

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2025 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

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 - d. Font size – 12 point.
 - e. Margins – set to 1 inch for all margins (top, bottom, left side, right side).
 - f. Page numbers (if included) should be .5 inch from the top of the page (not within the 1" margin).
 - g. A header (for example, the essay question) can be added 1 inch from the top of the first page, and then enter a double space to begin your essay.
 - h. Do **NOT** use bold-faced type or other special settings.
 - i. If work is cited, add an additional “work-cited” page at the end of the essay. This information will **NOT** be counted as part of the 2-page minimum.

The applicable documents must be received via email at the OSSA Office by April 1, 2025. Please email to Lmahoney@oregonsnow.org using a subject line of OSSA Scholarship Application. All

applicants will be notified of the final scholarship selection by April 15, 2025. The scholarship winner will be announced at the OSSA Board Meeting in May 2025.

6. **Any entry that does not meet ALL of these requirements will be disqualified. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Additional rules:

1. Students must use the scholarship within one year of receiving it.
2. All scholarship checks will be written directly to the college and not to the student. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**



OREGON STATE SNOWMOBILE SCHOLARSHIP
2025 APPLICATION FORM

Applicant Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Postal Code: _____

State Association: _____

Member of which local Club(s)? _____

Graduated from what high school or GED equivalent? _____

Attending which college, technical or vocational institute? _____

If already enrolled in a program, what year are you in? _____

High School or Equivalent GPA: _____

If applicable, college, technical or vocational GPA: _____

- Have you attached a cover letter introducing yourself and provided your student ID number and your college/trade school name and address to which a scholarship check would be sent?
- Have you attached a resume detailing your involvement in snowmobiling as well as extra-curricular school activities?
- Have you attached an essay on the following subject (must be at least 2 pages, double-spaced and typed)?





OREGON STATE SNOWMOBILE SCHOLARSHIP
2025 APPLICATION FORM

Essay Topic:

A week after President Biden took office, he signed an executive order that announced his commitment to protecting 30% of U.S. land and water by 2030.

Essay Challenge:

- How does this executive order impact snowmobiling?
- What action should snowmobilers take on the order?

Note:

Essays will be judged on depth of content, clarity, organization, and persuasiveness.





ACSA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2025

The American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA) scholarship is available to either graduating high school seniors or persons currently enrolled in college or trade school full time (*12 semester credits*), either physically or online. Scholarships will be given to the winners regardless of other grants or scholarships that the students may also receive.

Requirements are as follows:

1. The applicant or immediate family must be a paid member of a state snowmobile association, and the state association must be a member of ACSA.
2. The applicant must submit the completed application form.
3. The applicant must submit a cover letter. This letter must include the student ID number and college/trade school name and the address to which a scholarship check would be sent to.
4. The applicant must submit a resume detailing his/her involvement in snowmobiling as well as extra-curricular activities.
5. The applicant must submit an essay (*essay subject located on the Application Form*). The essay **MUST** follow the format below to be accepted and should be sent in **Word or Google Docs**:
 - a. Minimum of 2 pages - typed.
 - b. Double-spaced.
 - c. Font - Times New Roman.
 - d. Font size - 12 point.
 - e. Margins - set to 1 inch for all margins (top, bottom, left side, right side).
 - f. Page numbers (if included) should be .5 inch from the top of the page (not within the 1" margin).
 - g. A header (*for example, the essay question*) can be added 1 inch from the top of the first page, and then enter a double space and begin your essay.
 - h. Do NOT use bold-faced type or other special settings.
 - i. If work is cited, please add an additional 'work-cited' page at the end of the essay. This information will NOT be counted as part of the 2-page minimum.
 - j. The essay must follow the essay topic or be disqualified.
6. The applicable documents must be received via email at the ACSA Office by February 1, 2025. Please email to info@snowmobilers.org using a subject line of ACSA Scholarship Application.
7. **Any entry that does not meet ALL of these requirements will be disqualified.**
NO EXCEPTIONS.

Additional rules:

1. Students must use the scholarship within one year of receiving it.
2. All scholarship checks will be written directly to the college and not to the student.
No Exceptions.

All applicants will be notified of the final scholarship selection by April 15, 2025. The scholarship winner will be publicly announced at the International Snowmobile Congress (ISC) in June. While ACSA understands it may be difficult for the winner to attend the ISC, at the very least, ACSA may attempt to make an electronic presentation to the winner and record it for playback at the ISC.



ACSA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM 2025

Applicant Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Postal Code: _____

State Association: _____

Member of which local Club(s)? _____

Graduated from what high school or GED equivalent? _____

Attending which college, technical or vocational institute? _____

If already enrolled in a program, what year are you in? _____

High School or Equivalent GPA: _____

If applicable, College, Technical or Vocational GPA: _____

“ Have you attached a cover letter introducing yourself and provided your student ID number and your college/trade school name and address to which a scholarship check would be sent to?

“ Have you attached a resume detailing your involvement in snowmobiling as well as extra-curricular school activities?

“ Have you attached an essay on the following subject (must be at least 2 pages, double-spaced and typed)?

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ACSA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM 2025

Essay Topic:

How do you, as a young snowmobiler, perceive how to get the business of the organization (your local club) done on a monthly/timely basis and not make the meeting boring, as is often a sentiment expressed.

Essay Challenge:

1. The business aspect of an organization includes finances, records/minutes, projects your club is doing for your local trail, fundraising and other club activities and decisions.
2. The social aspect of an organization includes enticing meeting attendance, an enjoyable setting, membership growth and representation of your club at a higher level, such as at State Association, American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA) or International Snowmobile Congress (ISC) meetings/events.
3. How would you propose to transition an existing club into what you would like your club or club meetings to be like.

Note:

Essays will be judged on depth of content, clarity, organization, and persuasiveness.

Trail Conditions/Grooming Reports

<https://members.oregonsnow.org/grooming>

Be sure to always check avalanche conditions before you ride!



The Oregon State Snowmobile Association provides snowmobile trail grooming in the state of Oregon with a 100% volunteer effort. Our volunteers are out on the snow almost every day grooming the trails to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for snowmobilers, snow shoeing, cross country skiing and other recreationalists.

A typical volunteer grooming day begins with arriving at the grooming shelter before sunrise to get the equipment ready for the day. Not only do our volunteers groom the trails but we also remove fallen trees and obstacles from trails. In addition we provide search and rescue assistance in emergencies. It's not uncommon for our volunteers to put in a 10 or 12 hour day grooming. It takes many many hours of training to become a primary groomer. Our groomers are trained in first aid, CPR, and equipment safety and maintenance.

Be sure to show your appreciation by joining OSSA and your local snowmobile club today!





**YOUTH OPERATORS
NEED SAFETY
TRAINING**

**KEEP THEM SAFE.
GET THEM TRAINED.**

This message brought to you by the American Council of Snowmobile Associations
www.snowmobilers.org

Are you New to snowmobiling ?

Do you want to learn how to ride Safely ?

Do you want your kids under age 16
to be able to ride Legally ?

Oregon Snowmobile Law says:

ORS 821.150 drivers license or permit required. Class D Fine up to \$250

**We can CERTIFY kids 16 and under
without a driver's license.**



The OSSA Safety Program



Below is a list of current state approved snowmobile safety trainers.

Please contact your local trainer to get your kids 16 or younger without a drivers license trained and obtain their snowmobile safety certificate now.

NAME	LOCATION	PHONE	EMAIL
TJ Reilly	Portland	503-804-2075	treilly@oregonsnow.org
Brent Younker	Boring Or	503-695-2911	b_totalrental@yahoo.com
Randy James	Enterprise	541-426-3854	
Dennis Jordan	Medford Area	541-826-6326	Djordan@oregonsnow.org
Lyle Klenski	John Day	541-620-1324	
David Miller	Klamath Falls	541-884-2423	DavesATVrepair@gmail.com
Glenn Shirek	Roseburg	541-673-3787	
John Vogel	Hood River	541-386-5584	Jvogel@oregonsnow.org
Maria Sammons	Salem	503-569-5552	cm97383@gmail.com







Oregon State Snowmobile Association

OSSA Membership

We encourage everyone to join their local snowmobile club which automatically includes an Oregon State Snowmobile Association membership.

You can be a member of OSSA without joining a local club. However, please consider joining the clubs where you ride in Oregon. These clubs groom and maintain the trails that you enjoy riding on.

If you live in another state or for some other reason don't want to join a local snowmobile club you are welcome to become an OSSA only Member.

Who Can Join?

Anyone who enjoys the outdoors can be a member including cross country skiers, snow shoers, dog sledders, snow bikers and of course snowmobilers.

Why should I join?

Our mission is to protect and enhance the sport of snowmobiling. We work closely with the Forest Service and BLM to keep areas open, resolve conflicts, and to provide the quality snowmobiling that Oregon is famous for. We work with local, state, and federal legislators to protect the rights of all snowmobilers. We fight any damaging legislation, and we support legislation that helps our sport. We coordinate with industry, national and international snowmobile groups to share knowledge, provide mutual support, and protect the sport we all love so dearly.

To enjoy this...



Volunteers are needed for this!



WE ARE SO THANKFUL FOR OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Klamath Basin Snowdrifters



Always wear protective gear to stay safe



DON'T MISS A SINGLE EVENT, RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

REPRESENTATION • EDUCATION • COMMUNITY SERVICE • GROOMING • SOCIALIZING



OSSA Membership

Become a general member online today at <http://oregonsnow.org/about/> Please also consider joining your local club to further help support our sport. (This is only for OSSA membership. Most club memberships automatically include a membership in OSSA. Be sure to check with your local club. Many of our members have memberships in several clubs. If you are a member of multiple clubs you would only pay OSSA dues one time.)

Use the online form at <http://oregonsnow.org/about/> to join OSSA only.

If you wish to join a local club, please contact your local club directly. Local club membership automatically includes a membership in OSSA. Thank you for your support!

Note: Many powersports dealers give discounts to OSSA Club members.

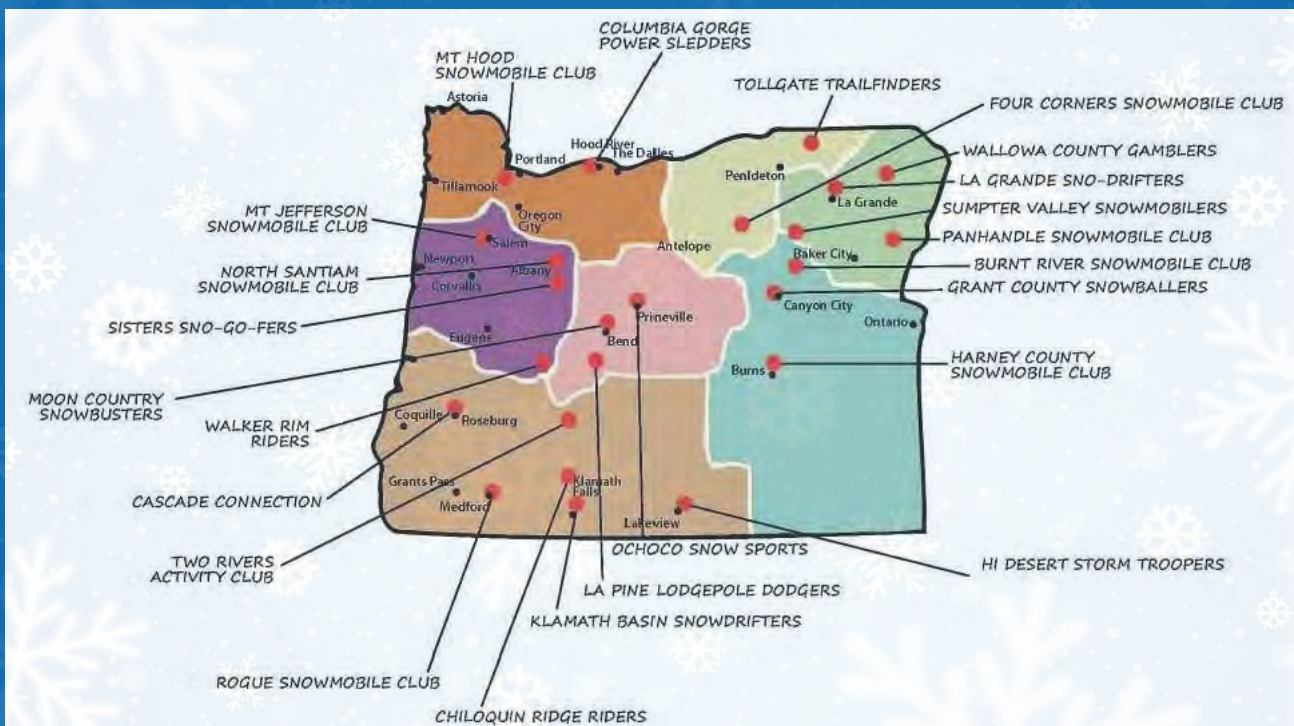
Some attributes of club membership include :

- * Cooperative enjoyment in club activities, rides and play days.
- * Assistance through club membership in formalizing legislation for snowmobiles.
- * Learning new areas to ride and familiarity with areas through joint rides.
- * Strength in state organization through local club organization and input.

- * Opportunity to gain knowledge of snowmobiling through club meeting speakers.
- * Obtaining a feeling of "Belonging" a common bond experience.
- * Meet new people and make new friends.
- * Promote and understand safe snowmobiling.
- * To protect and preserve the rights and freedoms to enjoy the sport of snowmobiling.
- * To help preserve and promote our natural resources.
- * Assist in search and rescue missions.
- * The ability to enjoy snowmobiling activities as a family and at a price reasonable for doing so.
- * Helping provide a trail groomer.
- * Helping to discourage bad snowmobiling practices.
- * Assistance in formulating and conducting youth driver education clinics.
- * Promote sanitation and non-littering in all areas used for snowmobiling.
- * Serve as a catalyst in service to state and federal agencies in providing new snowmobiling trails and parking facilities.
- * Club membership brings recognition to the member from both state and federal agencies and prestige in that recognition.

Our Volunteers spend hundreds of hours taking care of and grooming snowmobile trails.

A ski lift ticket for one person for one day is \$100 or more.
Say "Thank you" to our volunteers by joining your local club today.
It's only \$60 per year or less for your entire family. <https://oregonsnow.org/clubs/>





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www.BurntRiverSnowmobileClub.com

www.CascadeConnection.org

www.ChiloquinRidgeRiders.com

www.columbiagorgepowersledders.com

www.FourCornersSnowmobileClub.com

www.GrantCountySnowballers.org

www.HarneyCountySnowmobileClub.com

www.HiDesertStormTroopers.com

www.kbsnowdrifters.org

www.lapinedodgerssnow.org

www.snodrifters.com

www.mcsnowbusters.wixsite.com/website

www.MtHoodSnowmobileClub.org

www.mtjefferson.org

www.NorthSantiamSnowmobileClub.com

www.OchocoSnowSports.com

www.PanhandleSnowmobileClub.com

www.roguesnowmobilers.com

www.sistersnogofers.org

www.SumpterValleySnowmobileClub.com

www.tollgatetrailfinders.org

www.walkerrimriders.com

www.TwoRiversActivityClub.com

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Did you know that many of our members belong to several clubs. I am personally a member of 4 different clubs. I join every club in every area that I ride just to say "Thank you" to our volunteers.

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Join you local club today. You can join just to say "Thank you", or you can join to meet new friends.

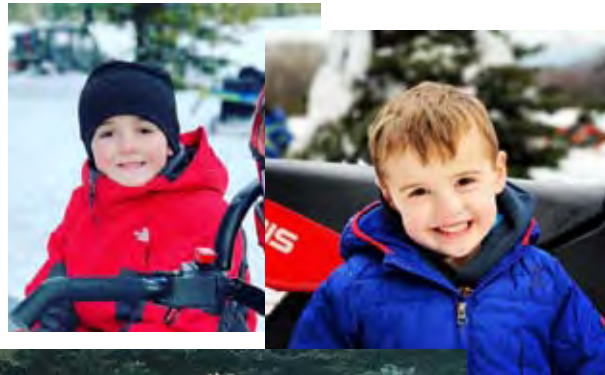


TJ Reilly
OSSA Vice President





Four Corners Club



Klamath Basin
SNOWDRIFTERS





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Burnt River Club



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Harney County Snowmobile Club







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 YOUR Club group, event and
 member ACTION photos
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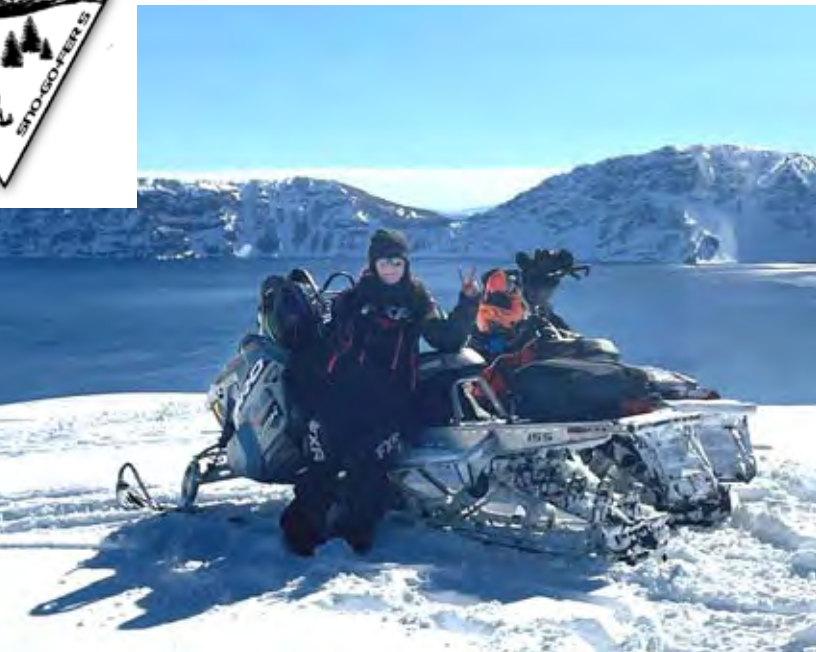
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Oregon State Snowmobile Association

The Oregon State Snowmobile Association is a non-profit organization formed in 1972 by a small group of snowmobilers working to find a way to provide a groomed statewide trail system and to assure continued access to our public lands. We are currently an organization with twenty-five member clubs and a trail system of 6,410 miles of multi-use snowmobile trails. We promote safe and responsible snowmobiling, represent snowmobilers as an organized group and promote proper recreational use of our land by working together with the Forest Service, BLM and other land managers to develop and maintain a quality trail system and winter recreation opportunities. Our mission, briefly stated, is to protect, promote and enhance the family sport of snowmobiling.

Our Mission

Our mission is to protect and enhance the sport of snowmobiling. We work closely with the Forest Service and BLM to keep areas open, resolve conflicts, and to provide the quality snowmobiling the Oregon is famous for. We work with local, state, and federal legislators to protect the rights of all snowmobilers. We fight any damaging legislation, and we support legislation that helps our sport. We coordinate with industry, national and international snowmobile groups to share knowledge, provide mutual support, and protect the sport we all love so dearly.

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