

IASC MISSION STATEMENT

The Illinois Association of Snowmobile Clubs was formed to provide:

- ▶ Education
- ▶ Safe snowmobiling
- ▶ Pleasant riding experiences in Illinois
- ▶ Family snowmobile activities
- ▶ Preservation of a trail system
- ▶ Proper use of snowmobile grant money
- ▶ Sharing of snowmobiling information
- ▶ A working relationship with other trail users
- ▶ Identification of situations that affect organized snowmobiling

EDUCATION – SAFE SNOWMOBILING

The IASC and the IDNR work together to provide Snowmobiling safety education classes every year. The IASC offers an additional program with awards to its' young member students. The IASC promotes the Safe Rider! Program administered by the International Snowmobile Manufacturers Association.

PLEASANT RIDING EXPERIENCES IN ILLINOIS

Illinois has nearly 2,500 miles of trails, many of which are groomed. The local clubs that build and maintain the trails welcome visitors. For a quick weekend getaway, check out the Illinois trails!

FAMILY SNOWMOBILE ACTIVITIES

Many clubs promote the family aspect of snowmobiling. The club trips, cookouts, work parties, plus many more activities. Come out and enjoy the beautiful winter environment with family and friends.

A WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER TRAIL USERS

The IASC works with other user groups when possible to create and maintain multiple use trails.

PRESERVATION OF A TRAIL SYSTEM

Urban sprawl continues to threaten portions of our trail system. The IASC works with local clubs, park districts and the IDNR to protect our existing trails and to develop new trails on public lands.

PROPER USE OF SNOWMOBILE GRANT MONEY

The IASC recommends to the IDNR how your Snowmobile registration money is spent. Become Involved in your local club and help shape the future of your trail system.

IDENTIFICATION OF SITUATIONS THAT AFFECT ORGANIZED SNOWMOBILING

There are groups and political leaders who believe that the National Parks, Forests and other lands are not places for snowmobile. The IASC, along with you, the average American snowmobiler, disagree with those views. The IASC needs your support both financially and as a member. There is strength in numbers. The IASC is a member of the American Council of Snowmobile Associations, The Blue Ribbon Coalition and the Lake States Resource Alliance. The IASC is also a member of these Illinois based associations: Greenways to Trails, Illinois Trails Conservancy and the Illinois Conservation Congress.

SHARING OF SNOWMOBILING INFORMATION

The IASC provides up to date information to clubs, its members, the media, government agencies and officials. The IASC and IDNR jointly created an Illinois Snowmobile Trail Map. For you cyber sledders, the IASC's website address is www.ilsnowmobile.com

WHAT IS THE IASC?

The IASC (Illinois Association of Snowmobile Clubs) is a not for profit corporation whose membership is comprised of Illinois snowmobile clubs. Its officers and members are volunteers who come from all walks of life.

STRUCTURE

The IASC is comprised of eleven geographical regions. Each region is comprised of clubs within its area.

HISTORY

The IASC was formed in 1972 as the first unified voice of Illinois snowmobilers. The IASC initiated the Illinois snowmobile safety education program. Early years were spent as a watchdog for legislation unfavorable to snowmobiling and promoting legislation favorable to snowmobiling. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) is the government agency responsible for regulating snowmobiling in Illinois. Since 1977, the IASC has continually worked to improve the relationship with the IDNR. The result has been a mutual beneficial relationship.

ILLINOIS SNOWMOBILER MAGAZINE

The Illinois Snowmobiler magazine is one of the finest snowmobile publications available today. With an emphasis on the Illinois reader, the magazine covers Illinois trails and snowmobile-related events, local club and state news, plus snowmobiling opportunities in other states. Publication is September through March and is a benefit of IASC membership.

ILLINOIS SNOWMOBILE CLUBS

BACKBONE OF THE SPORT

Snowmobile clubs are the strength of the sport, not only in Illinois, but also across the snow belt. Without snowmobile clubs, there would be no snowmobile trails in Illinois today. Who gets the landowner's permission for trails? Who marks and grooms the trails? Who volunteers to teach our children the safe way to ride snowmobiles? The snowmobile club members do.

PERSONAL BENEFITS

A prime reason to join a snowmobile club is not just the sense of responsibility of doing something positive for the sport. The best reason to join a snowmobile club is to have more fun. Snowmobiling is a very social sport. We like to share it with others. It is much more fun to be with a group than to snowmobile alone. Snowmobile clubs provide an opportunity to meet other people with the same interest. You'll discover new places to ride, plus take club trips. Even the work parties become fun because of the camaraderie. Club events such as hayrides, picnics, campouts and dances are held to keep the fun going all year long.

CHOOSING A CLUB

Most snowmobile clubs in Illinois are members of The IASC, the parent organization representing the sport of snowmobiling in Illinois. There are nearly 80 clubs throughout the state, with one probably close to you. The IASC will be happy to refer you to a club in your area. We can even help you start a new club if you wish. If there are several clubs in your area, visit them, then make a choice and join. Annual family membership dues are typically \$20-\$30.

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IASC MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

_____ I am interested in joining an IASC club. Please send me further information.

_____ I am interested in helping form a new snowmobile club. Please send me further information.

_____ I wish to join the IASC as an Individual Associate Member. Dues are \$25.00 annually and include a subscription to Illinois Snowmobiler and membership card. Enclose \$25.00 check payable to IASC.

_____ I wish to join the IASC as a Business Associate Member. Dues are \$35.00 annually and include a subscription to Illinois Snowmobiler, a membership decal and listing on the IASC website. Enclose \$35.00 check payable to IASC.

_____ I belong to a snowmobile club, but our club does not belong to the IASC. Please send information on the benefits of our club joining the IASC.