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PRESIDENT'S DESK

First Lady



Stephanie Steward

Dear IASC –

As First Lady of our President, I am stealing his monthly article to talk to you all about the Convention. This year's convention was November 8th at the Hilton Garden Inn in Rockford. For those of you that attended, thank you. I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did.

We will once again be sending out a survey to see what you all liked, didn't like, and would like to see in the future. Please fill this survey out, be honest so we can keep making Conventions a place you all want to be.

Friday night started out with a great Open House/Welcome in the ballroom. It was a great opportunity to talk with others and meet some of our new friends from other states that came in to participate in Saturday's meetings.

Saturday's seminars included a very informative social media presentation by our Vice President Kaite Polhill and our newly elected Secretary Jessica Dicker. I'm pretty savvy on the computer, and I still learned a few things from them. I hope you all take that information back to your clubs and the social media influence from our clubs increases in the next year.

Our second seminar was a talk from Terry Quam on Leadership. He's been a long-time board member and president of the Lodi Agricultural Fair, Chairman of the University of Wisconsin Discovery Farms and has been on the local and state Cattlemen's Association. His list of accomplishments is pretty incredible, especially when he speaks to you about "just" being a rancher from Wisconsin. He spoke a lot about the qualities in a good leader, especially one in a volunteer organization. Through his stories, he taught us a few things, kept us entertained and wanting more. The hour listening to him flew by.

For lunch, Lori Heideman the AWSC president, Erika Voelker, Lindsey Burzinski and Rachyl Burzinski, talked to us and answered questions about their Next Gen program and how the program is hoping to take off nationwide partnering with the ACSA. The Next Gen riders are a group

of young adults 21-35 years old that support, promote and work to grow the sport of snowmobiling. Erika, Lindsey, and Rachyl are all past Miss. Snowflakes and are really incredible ladies. They did a great job informing us of their program and how they are working to get more 21-35-year-olds involved.

Our annual meeting was in the afternoon. Thank you to Jennifer Baumgartner for stepping up and being on the board for the past couple of years. Although she will no longer be Secretary, we will still see Jennifer at our meetings since she was wearing multiple hats and is also the Region 5 Director. As far as Board changes go, Don Schaefer will now be our Member at Large and Jessica Dicker will be the new Secretary. Kai Steward will remain as President, Kaite Polhill will remain as Vice President and Carol Bly-Julian will remain as Treasurer.

Our evening banquet was well attended. The food was great, entertainment was on point and the awards were well deserved. Thank you to everyone that came out and spent your evening with us.

I really appreciate those that stayed for the Annual Scholarship Auction. We raised \$5,600 in the auction for our Scholarship program. Thank you, just isn't enough. Dave Mayer has been coming to convention to help out with the scholarship program for more years than I can count at this point. He does an incredible job on the microphone. The program wouldn't be successful without the help of all the clubs and regions that donated. We had a lot of beautiful items! Year after year some of the best volunteers in snowmobiling help with the Auction. Thank you, Ellen Hazzard, Suzy Giese, Carol Bly-Julian, and Lorri Mayer for all you do. This year, I suckered a couple of newbie's into helping as well, Shannon Vernola and Hayden Long. Thank you.

The convention would not have been as great as it was without Kaite Polhill. She is the master of organization, and I thank you very much for keeping us on track.

I've taken over for long enough... and probably way overwrote this snippet of an article I was supposed to write, but when it comes to thanking everyone in a volunteer organization, I could keep going and going. There are so many people that help behind the scenes. Please know you are all very appreciated.

Praying for lots of snow, smooth trails and making it home safely with a smile.

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Registrations – Fuel for the Trails

By Mark Hazzard

Now is the time to get your sled registered in Illinois if you haven't already done so. Go check, does your registration decal say that it expired in 2024? Go to the DNR website <https://dnr.illinois.gov/recreation/snowmobile/renewyoursnowmobilerregistration.html>

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Carol Bly-Julian

It is that time of year when we start looking forward to snow and getting out on the trails. It is also the time of year when we renew club membership. Yes, that cumbersome task of collecting member information and dues and then completing the documents you submit to the IASC. I get it, this is not how you want to spend your time. The holidays are coming, and we have to prep our sleds. But the renewal paperwork is a necessary evil.

You should have received the membership renewal information via email (another necessary evil) from iasc.sled.il@gmail.com to the email address of record. The due date for the membership renewal is December 31, 2024. If you have not received your renewal paperwork or have questions about it, feel free to call or email the IASC office.

As snowmobilers, we know the importance of working together to keep our sport alive in Illinois. It is through your efforts as club members, and our efforts as your state association that we continue to educate and advocate for our sport!

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**First Ever Sycamore Speedway/
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 & Dekane Snotrackers Swap Meet**

By Dwain "Duey" Stadie

On Sunday, October 20th, the first ever Grass Drags & Swap Meet was held at the Sycamore Speedway on Rt. 64. Located about 15 miles west of St. Charles, 5 miles east of Sycamore, and just north of Maple Park, it was another fun event close to home for me. While this was the first ever Grass Drags held at the speedway, it was not the first snowmobile race at the speedway. When I was a much younger man, some oval racing was tried at the track in the winter. The flyers said rain or shine, but it turned out to be a sunny and warm day. This event had many different classes of racing, including Open 340 and 440 Vintage, 500, 600, 700, 800, 900 and 1000 Trail Stock, 600, 700, and 900 Improved, 700, 800, and 1000 Modified, Outlaw, Mini Sleds, SXS Sport, and Pro Class. There were 41 racers competing in these classes.

Gates opened at 9 am and races started at noon. It was \$5.00 general admission and \$20.00 for a pit pass. The entry fee per race division was \$30.00 and \$25.00 for a swapper space. Overall, costs were very reasonable. There were 35 swappers on site that day that were selling all kinds of powersports stuff, and as a friend of mine told me, "If your negotiation skills are on point, all of this stuff could follow you home." Sycamore Speedway washrooms and concessions were open. So, with the speedway concessions open, I was able to obtain my favorite, the legendary speedway steaks (hot dogs) that I enjoy at every summer stock car race I attend.

It was a fun afternoon for the Dekane Snotracker's first ever event. I can genuinely say I had a fun time, and I sure hope they have it again. If you are interested, I would suggest you follow their web page at dekanesnotrackersclub.com and their Facebook page to keep up on the club activities. Hopefully, you will see info soon on the upcoming second annual Grass Drags & Swap Meet.

As always, I hope to see you all soon, whether it's at a snowmobile event or on the trail.

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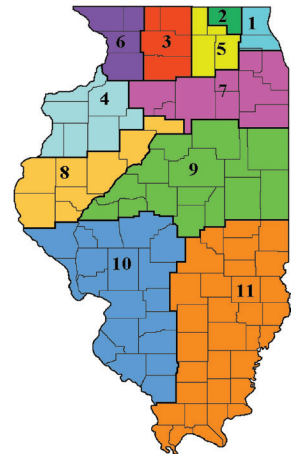
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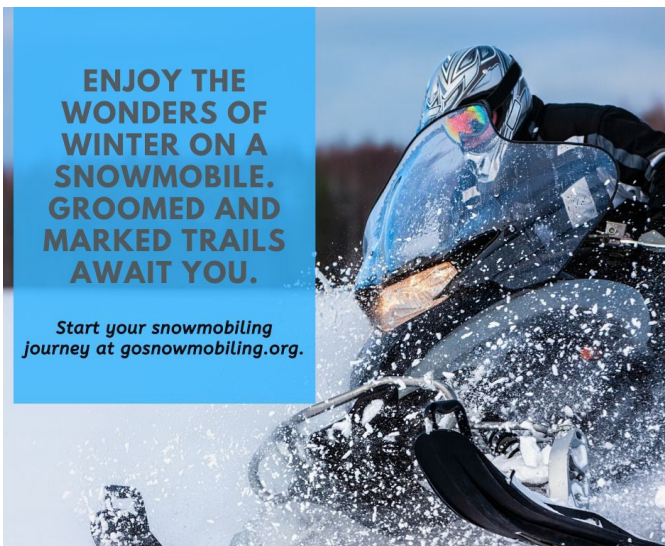
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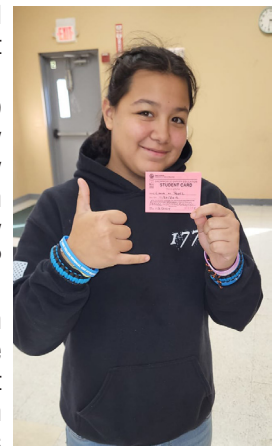


A Special HWR SEP Class

By Dwain "Duey" Stadie

Saturday, November 2nd was the Hampshire White Riders Student Education Program (SEP) class held at the Hampshire Park District building. It was a very special day for the club. Genice Brettschneider, our club's SEP instructor for the last 20 years, is retiring. This was her last class. I remember when Genice said she was interested in teaching SEP, and I swear it seems only like a couple of years ago. I would like to publicly say thank you to Genice for the past 20 years of service. One must donate many hours to teach for such a length of time. The entire Hampshire White Riders Snowmobile Club and I say thank you so much for your dedication. We appreciate all you have done.

Just last year, Linda Gustafson retired after 18 years of teaching SEP. I wasn't sure what the club was going to do. Luckily, two club members came up to me just like Genice did and said they were interested in teaching SEP. History repeated itself. Mike Reid and Keith Lima have completed the necessary training to become the club's new SEP instructors. Genice taught her last class, and at the same time Mike and Keith taught their first class. The Hampshire White Riders Snowmobile Club couldn't be happier that these two gentlemen stepped forward to continue the club's SEP program.



I would like to say thank you to Pat Pendergast (IASC SEP Committee Chairman/Coordinator), Cody Gray and Hunter Nikolai (IDNR) for all their help getting Mike and Keith into the SEP instructors' program. I believe everyone will agree how important this program is. All the SEP instructors in the state are teaching today's youth, who are the future of our sport, tomorrow's leaders. Thank you all.

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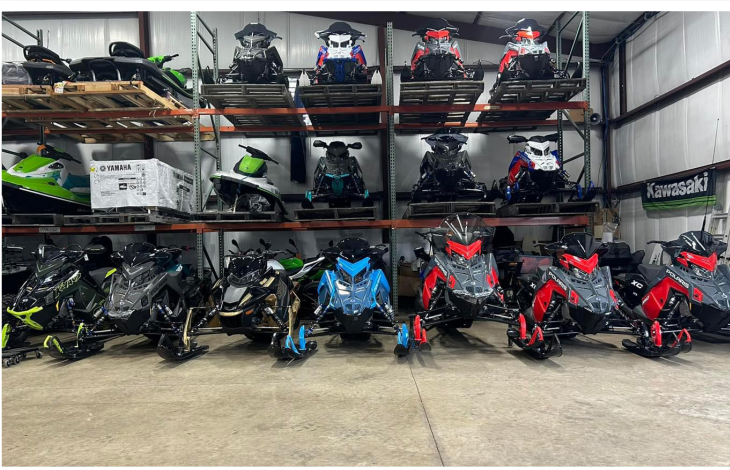
2024 Dealer of the Year

By Dwain "Duey" Stadie

Every November, the Illinois Association of Snowmobile Clubs (IASC) holds their annual convention. During this convention, there is a banquet featuring an awards ceremony. Convention attendees eagerly await what outstanding, resolute individuals will be honored for the amazing things they have done to better the sport of organized snowmobiling. One of the many distinguished awards is the Dealer of the Year award. For a dealer to win this award, they must show commitment and enthusiasm toward the sport, their customers, their local clubs, their region, and to the IASC. Hammertime Sports of Belvidere had the great honor to be named the winner this year.



To win this award once is impressive, but this is the second win for Hammertime Sports, as they also were the winner in 2010. Dave Hammer established the company in 1993, and Hammertime is now led by Dave's son, Spencer Hammer. Hammertime Sports is located at 2252 Anderson Dr (Rt. #20) in Belvidere. They sell Kawasaki, Polaris, Yamaha, and Suzuki products, as well as Triton and Karavan trailers. Their facility is filled with anything power sports you may desire, from snowmobiles, ATVs, and UTVs, to personal watercraft, boats, and more. They offer service, repair, and a full line of parts and accessories, making them a staple all year round. Additionally, they have a storage facility where you can store your power sport toys and more.





Hammertime Sports

I have personally met Spencer and talked to him several times. I can attest that he is one of the nicest guys in the field. He is a big supporter of the local clubs and the IASC. Their staff of 17 are also very client-driven, which is immediately apparent from the nothing but five-star reviews available for them online. They perform all the maintenance and repairs to the local club's groomer, they've supplied gift baskets to all the SEP students at the Belvidere Prairie Riders Fall class, and they donate to the local community in countless ways. They even provide vehicles for events like the high school homecoming. With all this in mind, their win for Dealer of the Year feels like a no-brainer.



Next, the IASC Dealer of the Year, Hammertime, will be submitted to the American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA) for Dealer of the Year award at the International Snowmobile Congress (ISC) held this year at Prince Edward Island in Canada. Let us all keep our fingers crossed so that Hammertime wins this award, too.

Congratulations to Spencer Hammer and the entire staff for a job well done!



Riverbend Bender's New "Bathtub Trailer" in Use

By John Saigh

Announcing our latest piece of equipment to assist with trail marking, the Polar trailer manufactured by Clam. We've affectionately nicknamed it the "bathtub trailer" for aesthetic reasons. Indeed, we were excited to use our new "bathtub trailer" during this season's trail marking. It made

all the difference. We snapped some photos to share with everyone. At the time these photos were taken, there were approximately 50 stakes in the bed. As you can see, we could have easily fit 50 more stakes. That's because this trailer has a load size of 22 cubic feet, 27 cubic feet for heaped load size. It can handle 1,500 pounds of capacity. It helped us save a lot of time and be more efficient, because we didn't have to constantly return for more stakes. In addition, we were able to store all our trail signs, cordless drills, and jars of screws in the back of the UTV. We had easy access to everything, which really sped up the trail marking process.



A special thanks to Bill Rieke, Ken Voss, and other members of the McHenry County Snowmobile Association (MCSA) for supporting this initiative and helping us purchase the trailer and accessories with grant money.

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UW-Platteville Clean Snowmobile Team

By Kendra Dilg

The 2024 SAE Clean Snowmobile Challenge looked very different for many universities that competed. For the team at UW-Platteville, it made for some issues while competing for what would have been the team's third win in a row for the spark ignition class. As many know, the snow was very limited for the 2023-24 snowmobile season. The competition which was held in Houghton, MI was almost canceled, but thanks to all the hard-working staff at SAE International, they made it happen. The staff at SAE International worked up until the first day of the competition to make it the best it could be given the circumstances. Majority of the competition was held at the ski hill.

Now let's get to the team's results for the 2023-24 season. The Yamaha VK 540 with a Kubota D902 diesel engine won the overall title for the compression ignition class as well as quietest snowmobile. The Yamaha Sidewinder with the Ford 1.0L EcoBoost engine won quietest snowmobile given the technical difficulties the team faced. The members at UW-Platteville were prepared to run on minimal snow and

have a summer set up to keep the sleds cool. This entails radiators added to the rear of the sleds. The team planned to run these at competition but were requested that they be removed when going through the technical inspection. This later led to the Ford snowmobile overheating and limiting the amount of events that the team could compete in.

For the 2024-25 season, the team is preparing to run the Kubota snowmobile for one more year and make the switch from the Ford to a Polaris 850 as the competition is switching to more of a 2-stroke set-up. Members have been conducting a great variety of testing and designing for when the Polaris chassis arrives.

On February 1st of 2025, the team will be hosting a radar run and we invite everyone to come and participate. For more information in regards to the radar run or the team, please follow us on Facebook at UW-Platteville Clean Snowmobile Team or email us at uwpcsc@gmail.com.

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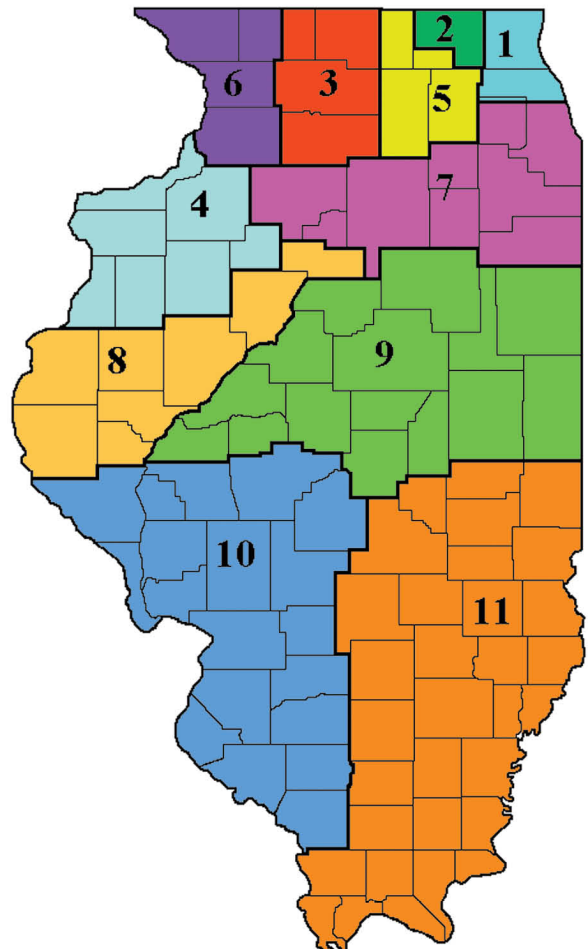


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Snowmobile Safety Certificate – What do I need?

By Hunter Nikolai, Illinois Department of Natural Resources

Headed out of state to ride? Depending on your snowmobiling destination, you may be required by law to complete a snowmobile safety class. Each state and Canadian province has varying snowmobile safety requirements depending upon rider age, birthdate and where you are riding (public trails vs. private property, etc.).

All that said, I encourage everyone, regardless of legal requirements, to take a snowmobile safety class. If you are an experienced rider, you might learn something new that could end up saving your life or another snowmobiler's life. If you are a new rider, you will pick up on the basics, along with a wealth of knowledge from experienced volunteer instructors that will set you up for years of safe riding!

Better yet, most states and provinces have reciprocity with one another, so if you complete snowmobile safety certification in Illinois, you should be set when headed out to explore new trails far from home. Remember to carry proof of your snowmobile safety certification on your person whenever riding.

Below is a synopsis of snowmobile safety requirements in popular midwestern states. Be sure to confirm these requirements, along with other snowmobiling laws, before hitting the trails in a new state or province.

Illinois – Those ages 12 through 15 years old are required to have a snowmobile safety certificate to operate a snowmobile on their own. Those ages 12 through 15 years old may operate a snowmobile without a snowmobile safety certificate if they are accompanied on the snowmobile by a parent/guardian or a person at least 16 years old designated by a parent/guardian. Those ages 10 or 11 may operate a snowmobile if they are accompanied on the snowmobile by a parent/guardian or a person at least 18 years old designated by a parent/guardian. Students must be 11 years old to attend a snowmobile safety class for certification (certifications are issued to 11-year-olds once they turn 12).

Michigan – Those ages 12 through 16 years old are required to have a snowmobile safety certificate to operate a snowmobile on their own. Those ages 12 through 16 years old may operate a snowmobile without a snowmobile safety certificate if they are under the direct supervision of a person 21 years old or older, but they may not cross a highway or street. Those under the age of 12 may operate a snowmobile if they are under the direct supervision of an adult, but they may not cross a highway or street. There is no minimum age to take a snowmobile safety class.

Minnesota – Minnesota residents born after December 31, 1976, are required to have a snowmobile safety certificate to operate a snowmobile on their own. Non-residents who are 18 years or older do not need a snowmobile safety certificate. Those under the age of 14 may operate a snowmobile on public lands, waters, and trails without a snowmobile safety certificate if they are supervised or accompanied by a parent/guardian or a person at least 18 years old designated by a parent/guardian. Those under the age of 14 may not drive a snowmobile across state/county roads or on streets or highways in a municipality. There is no minimum age to take snowmobile safety classes (certifications become valid once students turn 12).

Wisconsin – Those born on or after Jan. 1, 1985, are required to have a snowmobile safety certificate to operate a snowmobile on their own. Those under the age of 12 may operate a snowmobile if they are accompanied on the snowmobile by a parent/guardian or someone 18 years old or older. There is no minimum age to take snowmobile safety classes (certifications become valid once students turn 12).

In Illinois, a group of dedicated volunteer snowmobile safety instructors deliver free in-person snowmobile safety classes. These classes are typically offered in late fall and early winter leading up to and during the early snowmobiling season. To view scheduled in-person classes and online class options, visit the Illinois Department of Natural Resources website at www.dnr.illinois.gov/safety/snowmobilesafety.

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Hampshire Trail Sign Building Work Party

By Dwain "Duey" Stadie

Every other year, the Hampshire White Riders Snowmobile Club's Trail Boss, Ed Hagendorn, has a sign building work party at the storage unit. It's not really a party. There isn't a band or dancing, but that's what it's called. Every spring when the trail signs are removed and put back in storage, any sign that does not meet Ed's approval is set aside. A couple of club members will get together and make new trail signs to replace the old worn-out, faded, and broken trail markers. An enjoyable day in September is usually picked to do this couple-hour project, not too cold or too hot just in time for fall trail marking. You know the season that comes after summer, trail marking season. Sure beats building signs on a 20 degree day in late fall.

Hundreds of club volunteers across the country and Canada will put in countless hours marking this fall. Just think of that, it is just impressive. We have all these interconnecting trails, and all done by volunteers. I just talked with a landowner this past week and told him if you have the time and money, you can get on a trail in Hampshire and ride to Canada if you want. Let that sink in a minute. Isn't that just unbelievable? All those people put in countless hours to make that possible.

Thank you to everyone for all the trail work you do. I can never say this enough: the sport of snowmobiling could not exist without you. See ya on the trail soon, I hope.



+ Safety & Education +



Pat Pendergast

December is upon us already. How did that happen? I hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving, a great holiday in my book. December also brings the winter solstice, the first day of winter. Looks like it's Saturday the 21st this year. With any luck we'll see some snow before then. I always love a white Christmas. By now trails should be marked, sleds prepped and ready to roll and tow vehicles and trailers all set for action.

always awesome (and much easier on the pocketbook), especially with all of the work that we volunteers put in to brush, mark and groom trail systems. But there is something about the Northwoods that just makes a trip special. So, make sure the drive up there is a safe one. Take your time, pay attention to forecasts and road conditions. There is no sense ruining a trip because you didn't take the necessary precautions or got a little careless.

I'm going to wrap this up and wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Ride safely, folks.

Safety classes are in full swing now, too. There are 12 classes on the list as of this writing. That is the most we have had in a few years. I find that encouraging. Kids are so busy these days that the more options we provide them, the better our chances will be that they may consider taking an instructor-taught class. Thank you, instructors. Keep up the good work!

Do you have your trip(s) planned yet? Trip planning is always fun and suspenseful. Monitoring conditions and possibly keeping in touch with clubs is imperative for a successful trip. There are lots of other good sources for trail info too with trail cams, detailed groomer reports, etc. Our time is too valuable and fuel too expensive to make a long drive to find poor riding conditions. After last year's winter, we're all anxious to get to our favorite areas, but we need to make sure we do it right. Don't get me wrong, riding local is

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Which of the following is the purpose of Tread Lightly?

- a) Prevent snowmobile thefts and deter crime.
- b) Increase noise pollution.
- c) Encourage outdoor ethics to preserve wild lands.
- d) Promote hiking as a sport and reduce the number of snowmobiles on the trail.

Answer: c) Encourage outdoor ethics to preserve wild lands



Safety Class Schedule



Class Date	Location	Address	Time	Registration
12/14/24	Oneida-Wataga Fire Station	210 N Sage St., Oneida	8:00am-4:30pm	309-368-0620 or 309-335-4095
12/14/24	McHenry County Sheriffs Office	2200 N Seminary Ave., Woodstock	8:00am-4:00pm	Register at the following link: www.mchenrysheriff.org/snowmobileclass
12/15/24	Lena Community Center	497 Lions Dr., Lena	8:00am-4:00pm	815-990-2652
1/25/25	H.Q. Kane Cnty Forest Preserve	1996 Kirk Rd., Geneva	8:00am-4:30pm	Ron 630-546-8058 RgJulian@comcast.net
1/11/25	McHenry County Sheriffs Office	2200 N Seminary Ave., Woodstock	8:00am-4:00pm	Register at the following link: www.mchenrysheriff.org/snowmobileclass
1/18/25	Lake County Forest Preserve Operations and Public Safety Building	19808 W Grand Avenue, Lindenhurst	8:00am-5:00pm	847-968-3404 ncamos@lcfpd.org



Pre-registration is required. Call the number listed by the date and location of the class you wish to attend. Please note that most class sizes are limited. Instructors are volunteers and are not paid. Please remember to cancel your reservation if you find you cannot attend the class so that your spot can be filled by another student. For additional classes scheduled after the magazine deadline, please visit the IASC website or call the IDNR office at 800-832-2599 or 216-557-9206, the IASC office at 815-210-0587, Pat Pendergast at 309-344-2554. If you have lost your Snowmobile Safety Certificate verifying that you have passed the required safety class, visit the IDNR website at www.dnr.state.il.us/safety/safety.htm.

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