

Summit Sno Riders – Newsletter

Fall 2025

2025-2026 Officers, Board Members:

President: Bret Ryder

Vice President: Jennifer Lawton

Secretary and Membership Coordinator: Deirdre Dibble

Treasurer: Donna Rivenburgh

Board Members: Cody Becker, Steve Dibble, Tim Markel



Other Positions:

Trail Signage/Trail Coordinator: Bret Ryder

Updates:

Club members have been busy recently with maintenance of trails, cleaning the groomer barn, establishing relationships with landowners for potential new trails to Jefferson and Charlottesville, among other things. As per NYS regulations, snowmobile trails cannot open until after the extended holiday hunting season is over. This means they cannot open until the evening of January 1. Another regulation that determines when our trails can open is the amount of snow that is covering them. There must be a minimum of six (6) inches of snow cover before we can open trails. Do NOT ride on trails if you have not seen notification from the club that they have been opened. Doing so jeopardizes our use of the trails.

Landowners:

Without our generous landowners, we wouldn't have much of the trail system that we have. One of the most important ways you can thank them for allowing us to utilize their land is to stay on the marked trails. Remember, they do not have to let us use their land for our enjoyment. By the way, if you see any of our landowners, please make sure to thank them and let them know we appreciate them.

Club Meetings:

Regular club meetings are held from September to April. The September meeting is usually held the first Wednesday of the month due to the Labor Day Holiday and the October to April meetings are held the first Monday of the month. Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Summit Conservation Club located at the end of Bear Gulf Road. We would love to have you (and your family!) join us at any of our meetings.

Snowmobile Safety Course

A Snowmobile Safety Course is scheduled for Saturday, January 10, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Summit Conservation Club located at the end of Bear Gulch Road. You can sign up for the course on the NYS Parks website at www.parks.ny.gov, click on Activities, Snowmobiling, Snowmobile Education then Find A Course Near You. You can also register for the course via the NYSSA website. Locate Safety, select Safety Courses, then select Click Here for Snowmobile Safety Course Availability. You can either use your location or select zip code and enter 12175. This will bring back a list of courses in the area. Locate the Summit SnoRiders January 10 course to register.

Membership:

If you haven't already done so, please renew your membership as soon as possible. Membership dues make a significant difference as they fund trail maintenance, provide land access and provide support for the

New York State Snowmobile Association (NYSSA). NYSSA acts as a unified voice for snowmobilers, helping to protect the sport we love, defend against discriminatory legislation and they work with various State agencies.

Your membership benefits include reduced snowmobile DMV registration fees and a social network with others who enjoy snowmobiling. By joining the Summit SnoRiders, you will receive a voucher so that your snowmobile registration will be \$65 instead of \$135.

Membership cost is \$30 whether it is for an individual or for a family membership. The fee is broken down as follows: \$24 goes to the Club, \$5 goes to NYSSA, \$1 goes to SLEDNY, which is NYSSA's 501(c)(3). SLEDNY is used to keep our costs for the annual forum conference at a reduced rate.

As a reminder, when you are registering or joining a club using the NYSSA website, make sure you are using the same full name and address on your NYSSA membership as you are when you do your DMV snowmobile registration (example: "Joe" on the NYSSA membership vs. "Joseph" at DMV is not a match and will not be acceptable by DMV). New members must create an account with NYSSA before registering their snowmobile with DMV. If you are going in person to a DMV office, you will need a printed voucher for EVERY snowmobile you intend to register. So, if you have joined a club as a family, you need to list the number of snowmobiles you are registering with DMV and print a voucher from the NYSSA website for every snowmobile you register. Example: Joe joined Summit SnoRiders as a family planning to register three snowmobiles, he must print three vouchers from the NYSSA website and bring them to DMV to register the snowmobiles.

Please make certain that your e-mail address is correct and up to date on your NYSSA membership. If you do not have an e-mail account, please check the box indicating this on the application. It is also important, if applicable, that you add all family members who will be included with your family registration. You are limited to one spouse or partner and all children under the age of 18.

There are two ways to renew your registration with the Summit Sno Riders. The preferred method is online through the NYSSA website at: www.nysnomobiler.com. Locate Membership and select Join or Renew a Club Membership. Create an account or enter your login information. Enter all required information and be sure to select our club, Summit SnoRiders. After your payment has been processed, be sure to save/print your voucher (again, one for every snowmobile if you are going in-person to DMV).

If you do not have access to the internet, you may apply directly to the Summit SnoRiders by mailing an application with a check in the amount of \$30. Applications should be mailed to: Deirdre Dibble, Membership Coordinator, 2729 State Route 10, Summit, NY 12175. Applications will be processed once a week, and your voucher will be mailed to you. Please allow a reasonable amount of time to have your voucher returned to you. **Please note, If you are one of our landowners, you are eligible for a free voucher.** Be sure to note your landowner status on the mail-in application. For any questions regarding membership, please contact Deirdre Dibble at dibbleds@midtel.net.

Did you know?

We have a Facebook page - Summit Sno-Riders Inc. Trail information and club event updates can be found here. Our website, www.summitsnoriders.com, is currently under review and we anticipate updating it within the next month or so.

Think snow!

Sincerely,
Bret Ryder, President