



Selected Safety Education Programs

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Snowmobiling can be a fun and family-oriented activity. Many snowmobile clubs offer safety education activities to their members. The following are examples of clubs that offer a variety of programming for youth and families. The CSN National Children's Center for Rural and Agricultural Health and Safety does not endorse a specific program or curriculum, but offers these as examples. You may contact each organization for information to initiate or strengthen a youth snowmobile safety program in your community.

Little is known about the impact of youth snowmobile safety education. Therefore, it is premature to draw conclusions regarding the effectiveness of safety education programs in preventing snowmobile-related injuries to youth. These programs should be continually monitored through evaluation to document their impact on the knowledge, attitudes, practices, and the injury experience of program participants.

Selected Program Descriptions

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Snomads Snofari Club, Inc.

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Description

The Snomads Snofari Club provides members in the Detroit metropolitan area with recreational snowmobile and safety education opportunities. Sixteen Department of Natural Resources (DNR) certified instructors provide youth snowmobile safety training. The training outline is provided by the DNR and supplemented with practical lessons such as map reading and trip planning. Family members are encouraged to participate. Youth who successfully complete the course are permitted to operate a snowmobile in Michigan.

The club works with several state and local organizations including law enforcement, a local 4-H club, snowmobile dealers, and media to increase snowmobile safety awareness. Activities range from staffing snowmobile safety displays to giving interviews about snowmobile safety. The club has taken a role in promoting safe snowmobile operation by requiring its members to abide by the snowmobile code of ethics, incorporating safety information into monthly newsletters, and instituting a ride rating system to assist members in selecting trail rides that match their skills.

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Club Name/Address	Description
<p>Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club</p> <p>Glynn Davis PO Box 457 Waitsburg, WA 99361 ☎ 509-337-6323 email: gdavis@bmi.net</p>	<p>The Blue Mountain Snowmobile Club reaches the youth and families of southeastern Washington with snowmobile safety training and recreational activities. The club serves a rural/agricultural area of 100,000 residents in four counties. An annual snowmobile certification training for youth ages 12 to 15 years is required to operate a snowmobile in the state of Washington. Training is based on the curriculum developed by the Washington State Parks and includes a broad range of topics from the history of snowmobiles to safety.</p> <p>This club emphasizes family-based activities. The club supports community charities and events. Attention to snowmobile safety has increased by opening trail rides to representatives from the media. The club has been instrumental in assisting with the creation of Sno Parks. Sno Parks are safe areas to park vehicles at trail heads.</p>
<p>New York State Snowmobile Association</p> <p>PO Box 62 Whitesboro, NY 13492 ☎/FAX 315-736-8187 Website: http://www.nyssnowassoc.org</p>	<p>The Herkimer County Snowmobile Trade & Trail Association is located in upstate New York. The association is comprised of eleven snowmobile clubs within the county. The Young Snowmobiler Safety Course uses a curriculum developed by the New York State Department of Parks & Recreation. Special emphasis is placed on safety and property rights. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend classes and review the safety curriculum with youth.</p> <p>The organization supports the Winter Special Olympics, fund-raising for the purchase of winter rescue equipment, special youth events and law enforcement liaisons on the trails.</p>

For additional information about safety education programs your area, see the "Selected State Snowmobile Safety and Enforcement Organizations" sheet included in this packet.

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