



## Why Join The Rogue Snowmobilers?

**Representation** – Of the \$45 dues to the Rogue Snowmobilers, \$25 goes to our state organization, The Oregon State Snowmobile Association. They represent snowmobilers as an organized group and there is power in numbers. Every year more and more acres of land are no longer available for use to snowmobilers and other groups. This organization is dedicated to protecting our rights and keeps us informed with information important to us at both the state and national levels.

**Education** – We offer several FREE programs that are funded through our club. The first is our state certified Snowmobile Safety Education Program. Although this is open to all ages, it is very popular for the kids in our club as they must be certified to drive a snowmobile. We also offer free CPR classes for our groomers and then for other members on an availability basis.

**Grooming** – Our club has an extensive all volunteer grooming program. We groom and maintain more than 600 miles of trails. The more members we have, the more money we get for our grooming programs through funds from gas taxes and license fees. It is important to note that for each \$10 snowmobile registration license fee and gas taxes, the OSA gets over \$38 to distribute to the local clubs for grooming and maintenance.

**Community Service** – All the work of our officers, board members, groomers and members is done on a volunteer basis. In addition, we support our community in other ways. Every year we raise money for Candlelighters (kids with cancer and their families) and also sponsor a day where the kids and their families can come up and enjoy a day riding snowmobile, playing in the snow and eating a wonderful meal. We also sponsor several families at Christmastime who might otherwise go without gifts and a Christmas dinner. This year we are also sponsoring a blood drive and a canned food drive.

**Information** – Through our newsletters and website, we strive to keep our membership informed of important information from the political to when and where fun events are to be held.

**Socializing** – Last but not least, we are a very social group. We have many club sponsored rides every year which include a potluck afterwards where the club provides the main dish. We have club meetings on the first Tuesday of every month between September and April. We have an annual Winter Banquet at Diamond Lake Resort. As you can imagine, the \$20 per family membership would not begin to cover all our costs so we have our annual Mt Bailey \$3000 Poker Run. This event raises the money for our club to finance our free classes, donations to the community and our social events in addition to being one of the highlights of our year. It's a lot of work and takes many volunteers from our club to pull this off but it is also tons of fun.