



MEMBERSHIP INFO KIT

United Four Wheel Drive Associations will soon celebrate our 35th Anniversary. Join today and help support United Four Wheel Drive Associations for another 35 years!

Below you will find a guide to assist you with understanding why you should join United Four Wheel Drive Associations. We offer exciting new benefits and are stronger than ever!

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Why Join UFWDA?

The answer is simple, there is power in numbers!! If you want United Four Wheel Drive Associations to be able to continue to make a positive impact on national legislation and in turn on your local level, we need the support of the entire four wheel drive enthusiast community. While what you do on the local level is affective, local legislators follow the lead of the national legislators and we represent you on that level. The success that you have had has been because of the legislation that is passed and the work that is done

on a national level to set that precedent. Without national representation those successes will not continue.

In the past 35 years United Four Wheel Drive Associations has seen its share of ups and downs, good and bad times. Any organization that has been around for 35 years will tell the same story. What is unique about UFWDA is that we are still the only International Organization that represents you, the OHV Enthusiast, only. United Four Wheel Drive Associations is here to represent you on the issues that impact your lifestyle. Whether you are interested in parks or private lands, UFWDA can benefit you. The Anti-access groups are very well organized and work very hard to close the areas that you enjoy your sport. It is imperative that we have ONE National voice that represents you! You can be involved as little or as much as you like. Simply joining makes a great difference. Let your voice be heard. Join today and become part of the collective voice!

New! UFWDA Event Insurance

UFWDA now offers event insurance for full supporting roster clubs and associations. If you are a member club and you bring your full roster of members, you have an opportunity to hold events at a very affordable rate. The UFWDA Event Insurance program is a great way for your organization to hold events, club meetings, and trail clean ups at an affordable rate! If you are interested in learning more about the insurance program and how it can benefit your organization email us at insurance@ufwda.org.

New! Land Use Committee

UFWDA now has a Land Use Committee that is chaired by our Director of Environmental Affairs and is made up of Land Use Directors from across the country. There are several purposes of the Land Use Committee, to stay informed of the land use issues throughout the country, to share information with other land use directors that may assist in their efforts and to allow information to be shared with the Board of Directors to assist the Legislative Advocate with finding cases that have a national impact. Join us today and your land use director could be benefiting tomorrow! For more information on the Land Use Committee please contact our Director of Environmental Affairs at landuse@ufwda.org.

New! Land Use Email Alert System

United Four Wheel Drive Associations now offers a way to stay informed all the time about the latest in land use issues. You can now sign up to receive email alerts on a regular basis that will give you all the latest in land use information in one place. All you have to do is sign up for the email list at <http://eepurl.com/2ezc> and the emails will start rolling in! One stop shopping for all of the latest and greatest in land use news!

New! Communications Committee

Communication is key to any organization! UFWDA now has a communications committee that is working on new forms of communication all the time. The communications committee now offers Podcasts and will soon be adding webinars to our form of communication. The communications committee has also increased the number of forums that information is disseminated to by 200%. If you would like to join the communications committee or have ideas that you would like to share with the communications committee on ways you would like to see information distributed please contact our Public Relations Director at prdirector@ufwda.org

Education

United Four Wheel Drive Associations offers many programs for education. UFWDA has the 4WD Awareness Courses which offers the enthusiast the opportunity to learn about the sport of four wheeling, proper equipment and its usage.

UFWDA also offers information on how to start a club, where to join a club and whether or not your club should be incorporated.

Last, but not least, we offer the Volunteer Trail Patrol Program which educates the enthusiasts on proper user ethics and how to be a great land steward.

Publications

UFWDA offers two publications, The UFWDA Voice e-magazine and The UFWDA E-news publication.

The UFWDA Voice is distributed on a quarterly basis and has a little bit of everything. The Voice offers everything from members, clubs or associations to articles from professional contributors such as Scott Brady of Overland Journal, Bill Burke of Bill Burke's 4-Wheeling America, Moses Ludel, the author of the Jeep Bible and Frank Ledwell of JPFreek magazine. The UFWDA E-news publication is monthly and offers information that is more time sensitive and cannot wait for the Voice publication. You will find great international articles, land use alerts and information, and much more!

Land Use Efforts

OHV POLICY DEVELOPMENT

UFWDA continues to be involved in the 3 year process of the formation and adoption of national trails design and maintenance standards for the U.S. Forest Service. The U.S. Forest Service proposal, which was first introduced in 2006, originally proposed the elimination of all references to four wheel drive trails, formerly called "ways". UFWDA created trail design parameters for four wheel drive trails which were universally adopted by the US Forest Service. **These Standards are expected be finalized in 2009 based wholly on UFWDA recommendations. Had Four Wheel Drive trail standards been eliminated, as originally proposed by the U.S. Forest Service, four wheel drive enthusiasts would likely have lost the use of four wheel drive trails over the next decade!** Even worse was the danger that four wheel drive roads would have been converted to trails and access eliminated due to a lack of four wheel drive trail parameters.

UFWDA is taking a leadership role in shaping forest certification standards, which are believed to have the power to impact state and federal forest timber and OHV management. While this policy development has an immediate impact on the Great Lakes states such as MI, WI, and MN, it will have lasting effects upon every state, particularly for OHV management in state forests.

OHV RULE MAKING

UFWDA has been protecting member access at the national level by participating in negotiated rulemaking for ORV access with the National Park Service. The goal of Negotiated Rulemaking is to reach unanimous consensus between opposing stakeholders on the controversial issues surrounding off-highway vehicle management and species protection. Stakeholders involved in the process are routinely represented by national environmental organizations such as Defender's of Wildlife, National Audubon Society, National Resources Defense Council (NRDC), The Nature Conservancy, and the Wilderness Society. **Environmental organizations such as these, and many others, are coordinating their efforts to prohibit four wheel drive vehicle use at all National Parks** saying "The pollution and habitat degradation associated with Off-Road Vehicles has made a variety of controls on their use necessary for the protection of wild places. Wildlands CPR fights for these protections in a variety of ways". **UFWDA is standing up against their anti-access efforts.**

LAND USE PLANNING

UFWDA continues its long tradition of involvement in local land use planning concerning 4x4 access and development. Land use planning ranges from specific trail and road management decisions to broader forest management impacts upon OHV recreation. Environmental organizations and some state and federal land managers work actively to prohibit OHV use, through species protection management, invasive species management, wilderness study and roadless area management, and user conflict management. **The UFWDA work in targeted planning projects builds a foundation upon which all members in all areas can build from in defending access in their own recreation area.**

LAW SUITS TO PROTECT or DEFEND 4X4 ACCESS

Whether UFWDA is bringing a law suit to defend 4x4 access or joining a government defendant to protect our interest against OHV prohibitions, UFWDA utilizes the court system for cases having the potential to positively impact OHV use on a national level.

Step by Step instruction on how to join as an organization

STEP 1: Send your \$100 check in for your organization.

STEP 2: When you collect your dues for your club or association add \$15 per member and forward that to United Four Wheel Drive Associations for your club or associations member dues with the full roster of your members.

STEP 3: Fill out a spreadsheet with the information below and email it to membership@ufwda.org or mail it to:

UFWDA
P.O. Box 16982
Chesapeake, Va. 23328

- ♦ Full rosters should include name, address, phone number and email address. We will include an opt out of the email program so that if your members are concerned about having a lot of emails arrive from UFWDA they can “opt out” of the program.

Direct Member Rates and How to join as a Direct Member

Class 1 - \$20/year

Includes a full year subscription to the United Four Wheel Drive Associations Voice publication, decal, access to the Land Use Committee, podcasts, education, land use email alert system and contributes to preservation of access efforts.

Class 2- \$35/year

Includes all of the benefits of the Individual Membership plus a tote bag or hat.

Life Membership \$500

Life membership is a one-time payment of five hundred dollars. This exclusive member class includes - Life Membership badge; UFWDA decal; UFWDA jacket inscribed with your name and "Life Member"; and a subscription to United's Voice for twenty years.

Ambassador Membership \$1,000

Ambassador Membership is a one-time payment of one thousand dollars. This prestigious member class includes - Ambassador Membership badge

and a special Ambassador Membership Certificate; UFWDA decal; UFWDA jacket inscribed with your name and "Ambassador Member"; and a subscription to United's Voice for twenty years. This special member class also entitles you to receive a copy of the UFWDA Annual Report, the minutes of all United meetings and special recognition annually during the UFWDA Convention.

Joining as a Direct Member is easy! You can join on line at https://www.ufwda.org/memberapps/join_individual.php

Or mail us an application to:

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If you have any questions or need assistance with joining or your membership please email membership@ufwda.org or call 1-800-44UFWDA or 1-800-448-3932.

Join today and do your part to save the trails!