

The Vital Role of Volunteers



November 2025

Volunteering in a Snowmobile Club

Building Community, Maintaining Trails, and Fostering the Spirit of Adventure

Snowmobile clubs serve as the backbone of winter recreation for countless enthusiasts across America. From organizing group rides to maintaining hundreds of miles of trails, these clubs offer a sense of community and adventure. At the heart of every successful snowmobile club are the volunteers. Dedicated individuals who generously donate their time, skills, and energies to ensure the club thrives and its members have safe, enjoyable experiences.

Volunteers are essential to the very existence of snowmobile clubs. Without them, many clubs would struggle to function, as most club activities rely on unpaid help. Volunteers handle administrative duties like membership management, event planning, fundraising, and communications. Their work ensures that the club operates smoothly, remains financially viable, and continues to grow.

One of the most critical responsibilities that volunteers undertake is maintaining the club's trail system. This often means braving harsh

winter conditions to clear fallen trees, groom trails, install signage, and repair bridges or culverts. Volunteers ensure that trails remain safe, accessible, and enjoyable for all riders. Their efforts directly prevent accidents and help preserve the natural environment for future generations.

Beyond physical labor, volunteers are instrumental in building relationships with local communities, landowners, and public agencies. They advocate responsible riding, educate new members about safety and environmental stewardship, and represent the club at community events. These outreach efforts help foster understanding, support, and collaboration, which are vital for securing land access and maintaining a positive reputation.

From group rides and safety workshops to fundraising dinners and holiday parties, volunteers are the driving force behind the club's social calendar. Their commitment to organizing memorable events contributes to the camaraderie and sense of belonging that makes snowmobile clubs so appealing. These activities also help attract new members and strengthen bonds among existing ones.

Volunteers' contributions extend far beyond the immediate needs of the club. They help perpetuate the traditions of snowmobiling, promote outdoor recreation, and inspire others to get involved. By selflessly giving their time, volunteers demonstrate a passion for their sport and their community, ensuring that snowmobile

clubs remain vibrant and sustainable for years to come.

Recognizing and appreciating the importance of volunteers is crucial—not only for the continued success of individual clubs but for the future of snowmobiling as a beloved winter pastime.

Thank You for being a member of PLSA.

November Membership Drive

November 12th 7 P.M.

At our November 12th meeting we will be having our annual meeting and membership drive. Come and enjoy the meeting and Hors d'oeuvres. This is a great opportunity to learn how you can be involved in the club and how you can support snowmobiling.

It's amazing how helping at just one event or helping maintain a trail makes a difference and it doesn't take much time. This year, if you bring a friend and they become a new member, you will receive a PLSA hat.

Raffle Winners

On October 27th we had the drawing for the 1st annual raffle fundraiser. This fundraiser is a means to support the July Landowner's appreciation dinner that is held at the Scott County fairgrounds. Of the 800 tickets available, I believe only a handful were not sold, which is very exciting. Thank you everyone that helped sell the raffle tickets and thank you if you purchased a ticket.

The winners are:

\$2500	Rob Casey	Prior Lake
\$1500	Jeanne Johnston	Texas
\$750	Corey Berg	Savage
\$500	Tony Kornder	Belle Plaine
\$250	Terry Hutchinson	Prior Lake

Trail Clean up

Recap

On October 17th and 18th, several dedicated members joined forces to clean up our trails, accomplishing an impressive amount of work over the course of two days. Their efforts focused on the trails located within ditches, since crops on private property had not yet been harvested and access was limited.

- Brushed and mowed approximately 32 miles of trails, most of which were cleared to a width of 12 feet.
- Removed and cut up over 60 fallen trees from the trails.

New Trail Development Along Hwy 13

In addition to cleanup, a new trail was created in two areas along Hwy 13 just south of Prior Lake. This improvement means riders no longer need to travel directly on Hwy 13 in those sections, effectively eliminating significant safety concern.

Acknowledgments

Special thanks to the City of Prior Lake for granting access to these areas, which made these vital trail improvements possible.

Christmas Celebration

The club is excited to announce that this year's Christmas party will take place on December 13th in basement of the Prior Lake VFW. This gathering is designed as a fun family event, providing an excellent opportunity for members and their loved ones to come together and celebrate the holiday season. If you have not attended in the past, you can look forward to delicious food and plenty of laughter, especially during our traditional gift exchange.

Dinner Menu

The menu for this year may seem familiar, but it never disappoints. Guests will enjoy Broasted Chicken, BBQ Ribs, Au Gratin Potatoes, Corn, Salad, and a dinner roll. These favorites are sure to please everyone's palate.

Event Schedule

- Social Hour: Begins at 5:00 p.m.
- Dinner: Served at 6:00 p.m.

This event is only \$10 per person to attend for all current club members.

Gift Exchange

For those that wish to participate in this always fun game. Please bring a gift of \$25 value and mark as a Guy, Gal or either gift. Remember this is a family event and Alcohol makes a great gift but not for those under 21.

Registration Information

To attend, please click below to sign up and provide the names of all individuals who will be joining you. If you register but later find that you are unable to attend, it is important to cancel your reservation by emailing myc90touring@gmail.com. Please note that the club is responsible for paying for your plate regardless of whether you attend the dinner. The deadline to register for the event is December 7th.

Click here to register for Christmas Celebration.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EA4A72EA0FDC70-52684893-holiday>

Toys for Tots

The Toys for Tots program has returned this year, and our goal is to surpass the achievements from last year. In the previous year, we

successfully donated over 200 toys and raised an additional \$250 in cash for the event.

How to Contribute

We encourage all participants to bring an unwrapped gift or a cash donation to either the November or December meeting. Your generous contributions will help us continue to make a positive impact on our community.

Alternatively, donations can be made online at priorlakesnow.com. If you choose to donate online, please remember to email us to notify us of your contribution.

MARINE CORPS RESERVE



Snow Fall Guessing Challenge Returns

The Snow Fall Guessing Challenge is back for the season! This popular event gives participants the chance to predict the total snowfall for the upcoming winter season.

How to Participate

Starting at the upcoming meeting and continuing until December 1st, you are invited to submit your guess for the total snowfall that will occur between December 1st and April 1st. Your goal is to estimate the snowfall as closely as possible to the tenth of an inch. Sign up forms at meeting or you can email Gail at gail@abnbins.com.

Prize

The participant whose guess is closest to the actual total snowfall will win a prize of \$100. Prize to be awarded at April meeting.

Updates

Monthly updates on the challenge and snowfall totals will be posted in the newsletters, keeping everyone informed of the latest standings.



2026 MnUSA Calendar Sales

The 2026 MnUSA raffle calendars are now available for purchase. The club is seeking volunteers to help with selling these calendars as part of our ongoing participation in this annual fundraiser.

Each year, 6,000 calendars are printed as part of the MN USA raffle. There are 365 daily winners, making this calendar both a practical item for home use and an exciting opportunity to win prizes throughout the year.

Gift Idea

The calendars make excellent Christmas gifts for family members and friends. They also serve as a fun addition to any household, offering daily chances to win while supporting our club.

Sales Details

Calendars are priced at \$20 each. For every calendar sold, the club receives \$5 to support its activities and initiatives. Get them at the meeting or call Terry Hutchinson at 612-581-6627 and he will get you what you need.

How You Can Help

We encourage members and supporters to assist with selling the 2026 MnUSA calendars. Your participation helps ensure the success of this longstanding fundraiser and benefits our club directly.



Buck Can Winner

At our October meeting, we launched an exciting initiative: the Buck Can Winner program. As part of this program, we awarded \$100 to one of our members in attendance. From now on, at each upcoming meeting, one lucky attendee will receive a \$100 prize. Please note that you must be a current member to be eligible to win.

October Winner

The winner of October's Buck Can and the \$100 prize was Kris Murray. Congratulations, Kris!

Potential Winners

In addition to our winner, we also drew the names of other members who would have won if they had attended the meeting. These individuals were selected in no order:

- Adam Ruden
- Andy Brotzler
- Jonny Olson
- Matt Wieskus
- Dan Moss
- Brian Burkart
- Mike Spanier

Club Trips

Thanks to Gail Adelmann

Virginia

Pine View Inn

903 17th St N

January 15th – 18th

15 rooms blocked for PLSA Members

Cost - \$109 per night

Call 866-263-0535 Talk with Penny and make sure you state you are with the club.

Detroit Lakes

Holiday Inn Lakefront

1155 Highway 10 East Becker

February 5th – 8th

Standard Queen (2 beds) – Thurs. \$109.00 per night plus taxes – Fri. \$149.00 per night plus taxes – Sat. \$149.00 per night plus taxes

Queen Lakeview Balcony – Thurs. \$119.00 per night plus taxes – Fri. \$159.00 per night plus taxes – Sat. \$159.00 per night plus taxes

King Standard (1 Bed) - Thurs. \$109.00 per night plus taxes – Fri. \$149.00 per night plus taxes – Sat. \$149.00 per night plus taxes

King Lakeview (1 Bed) - Thurs. \$119.00 per night plus taxes – Fri. \$159.00 per night plus taxes – Sat. \$159.00 per night plus taxes

Queen or King Lakefront Walkout - Thurs. \$159.00 per night plus taxes

To reserve call 218-847-2121 ask for reservations sales@dlinn.com

Bemidji

Double Tree by Hilton

115 Lakeshore Drive

February 19th – 22nd

Queens \$149 per night 10 rooms available

Singles \$149 per night 5 rooms available

Reservation: 218-441-4400

Caleb Carlson

Caleb.carlson@hilton.com

Prior Lake Musicfest 2026 Volunteer Information

Volunteer sign-up for the Prior Lake Musicfest 2026 begins on December 1st. If you have volunteered for this event in the past, you will receive an invitation to select your preferred time slot for this year's Musicfest using SignUpGenius. Past volunteers are given priority and have until January 15th to choose their position and time slot before volunteer opportunities open to all club members.

This year, our goal is to fill 170 volunteer positions or time slots, building on last year's accomplishment of 140 filled positions.

About the Event

For several years, the Prior Lake Sailing Association (PLSA), together with members from other clubs, has supported the Rotary's Musicfest by volunteering for the past 6 years. The 2026 Musicfest will take place on July 9th and 10th and features both a country night and a rock night. This year's country artis is Keith

Urban along with Jackson Dean and Karley Scott Collins. Rock night to be announced in the coming weeks.

Volunteer roles include bar backs, beverage distribution, event set-up, promotional handouts, clean-up, semi-truck support, and security.

Volunteer Position Details

- **Bar Backs:** Shifts run from 4:00 PM to 7:45 PM, and 7:45 PM to 10:30 PM. Responsibilities include filling stock tanks with beverages and ice, opening beverages, and supporting bartenders.
- **Beverage Distribution:** Shifts are from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM and 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Volunteers distribute cases of beverages from semi-trucks to four tent areas and stock the walk-in coolers. This role requires the use of motorized carts and involves significant lifting.
- **Set-Up:** Set-up takes place on Wednesday and Thursday from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Tasks include setting up tents, tables, fencing, and other event infrastructure. This position involves lifting and a faster pace of work.
- **Semi Truck Support:** Shifts are 4:00 PM to 7:45 PM and 8:00 PM to 10:30 PM. Duties involve keeping bar back areas stocked from the semi-truck and supporting stock needs in other distribution areas. Some lifting is required, but the position also has periods of downtime between stocking activities.
- **Security:** Volunteers are needed in all areas, although specific time slots are not currently assigned. Security responsibilities include ticket and ID verification (4:00 PM to 8:00 PM and 8:00

PM to close), as well as end-of-night crowd control (9:00 PM to midnight).

- **Clean-Up:** Clean-up takes place on Saturday and Sunday mornings from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. There are no dedicated time slots for this role on SignUpGenius. If you are interested in volunteering for clean-up, please reach out via email at myctouring@gmail.com.

Calendar of Events

December

- December 1: Trails open for the season.
- December 6: Snowmobile Youth Training Event at Savage Legion starting at 8 a.m.
- December 13: PLSA Christmas Party at Prior Lake VFW.
- December 11: Club Meeting at Prior Lake VFW, beginning at 7 p.m.
- December 20–21: Sunday Funday at ERX in Elk River, featuring snowmobile and snowbike races.

January

- January 9–10: US Air Force Snowcross National AMSOIL Championship at Canterbury, Shakopee.
- January 14: Club Meeting at Prior Lake VFW, beginning at 7 p.m.
- January 15–18: Virginia Club Trip
- January 31: Veterans Ride

February

- February 5–8: Detroit Lakes Club Trip.
- February 11: Club Meeting at Prior Lake VFW, beginning at 7 p.m.

PLSA Board of Directors

The following individuals serve as the current members of the PLSA Board of Directors:

Executive Officers

- President: Terry Hutchinson
- Vice President: Kris Anderson
- Treasurer: Craig Root
- Secretary: Kris Murray

Other Roles

- Newsletter Editor: Tom Schutz
 - Chairman of the board

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- Gail Adelmann
- Doug Lind
- Tom Laridaen



