

## Date set for young Trapper's Workshop



Both adults and youngsters watch intently, as professional fur handler Richard Clark from Coleman Wisconsin, shows them how to properly prepare a raccoon pelt for market. Photo courtesy of Mike Lewis

Officials of the U.P. Trappers Association, District 3 announced that the date for the thirteenth annual Midwinter Trappers Workshop is February 3. This popular event is for youngsters (and adults) interested in learning more about trapping. Doors will open at 8 a.m. at the Community Center in Hermansville and the volunteers will be doing everything they can to make this a fun-filled, learning opportunity for all.

Trapping supply dealers and a fur-buyer will be on hand, so attendees can get needed supplies and sell their fur. All youngsters will receive a free weasel

box and trap and will be in a drawing to win other free trapping supplies. All youngsters will win a prize. Local trapping experts will be teaching kids (and adults) how to trap weasels, mink, muskrats, raccoons, etc. and a professional fur handler will demonstrate how to properly prepare them for market.

"We are hoping to once again see a large turnout of youngsters and adults at the workshop. It is always a fun day for the kids but also it is great to see veteran trappers interact with the youngsters. These guys have a lot of experience and are happy

to share their tips and trapping tales. They also happily answer all the kid's questions. This is a great, enjoyable learning experience for all. "We see a lot of kids retuning each year as they really enjoy our workshop," stated Eugene Arduin, long-time member of U.P. Trappers.

Open to the public (both adults and kids) and admission is free. Lunch and refreshments will be available for purchase throughout the day. For further information or directions call Mike Lewis at (906) 774-3592 or visit [www.uptrappers.com](http://www.uptrappers.com).

## Snowmobile trail pass required for all Wisconsin snowmobiles

2014 Wisconsin Act 142, effective July 1, 2015, expanded the snowmobile trail pass requirement to include snowmobiles registered in Wisconsin and increased the nonresident snowmobile trail pass fee. Beginning with the 2015-16 snow season, all snowmobiles operating on a Wisconsin snowmobile trail or corridor must display a valid snowmobile trail pass whether registered in Wisconsin or another state.

The following snowmobiles are exempt from displaying a trail pass:

- a snowmobile owned by the U.S., another state or political subdivision thereof if the owner's name is displayed on the cowling.

- a snowmobile that is present in this state for a period not to exceed 15 days provided it is used exclusively as part of an advertisement being used for the manufacturer of the snowmobile.

- a snowmobile that is 35 years or older and displays antique registration.

- The snowmobile trail pass is:

- an annual pass valid until June 30 each year.

- separate from snowmobile registration.

- a 3" x 3" decal required to be permanently affixed to the bottom center portion of the snowmobile windshield.

- not required to operate on private property, on a snow route, or on frozen water if not on a marked corridor.

**Snowmobile trail pass types, fees and how to order**

The snowmobile trail pass fee is dependent upon whether the snowmobile for which you are purchasing the trail pass is registered in Wisconsin and whether the owner of that snowmobile is a member of a snowmobile club and the Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs (AWSC). Trail pass fees are non-refundable.

Wisconsin snowmobile trail pass for club members (\$10) – for a snowmobile registered in Wisconsin and owned by a person who is a member of

a snowmobile club which is affiliated with AWSC. Passes may be ordered through the AWSC website or their office in DeForest. Trail passes are delivered by US mail. A temporary trail use receipt is issued to operate legally on snowmobile trails. Carry the receipt with you until your pass is delivered by US mail and affixed to your snowmobile's windshield. Please

days to the address specified. A temporary trail use receipt is issued to operate legally on snowmobile trails. Carry the receipt with you until your pass is delivered by the U.S. Mail and affixed to your snowmobile's windshield.

Note: Snowmobile trail pass fees are non-refundable. The department will not honor refund requests if the snowmobile's owner purchases a full priced snowmobile trail pass and later purchases a club member pass at the discounted rate.

**Antique snowmobiles**

Owners of snowmobiles 35 years or older and registered as antiques are no longer required to display a trail pass while operating on a public snowmobile corridor. To legally operate the antique snowmobile registration decal must be prominently displayed on both sides of the cowling.

**Snowmobile dealers**

All snowmobiles with a Wisconsin commercial dealer registration require the dealer purchase and display a valid Wisconsin snowmobile trail pass. Dealers registered in another state are required to purchase and display a nonresident snowmobile trail pass. Commercial dealers

may affix the annual trail pass and dealer registration to a plate that is a removable and temporary but firmly mounted to the snowmobile.

**How is snowmobile trail pass revenue used?**

The revenue generated from snowmobile trail pass sales directly benefits snowmobiling in Wisconsin by increasing the snowmobile segregated fund, which is used to pay for maintenance and development of snowmobile trails. The discounted club member pass provides incentive for membership in local snowmobile clubs, whose members provide the majority of the labor and equipment used to maintain the snowmobile trails.

For more information on the discounted club member snowmobile trail passes please visit [www.awsc.org](http://www.awsc.org)



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Wisconsin snowmobile trail pass (\$30) – for a snowmobile registered in Wisconsin. Available online, or at any DNR sales agent. All Wisconsin snowmobile trail passes will be shipped by US Mail within 2 business days to the address specified. A temporary trail use receipt is issued to operate legally on snowmobile trails. Carry the receipt with you until your pass is delivered by the US mail and affixed to your snowmobile's windshield.

Nonresident snowmobile trail pass (\$50) – for a snowmobile registered in or in the process of being registered in another state, province or country. Available online, or at sales agent. All Wisconsin snowmobile trail passes will be shipped by US Mail within 2 business

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