



Douglas Area Trails Association Snowmobile News

July 2024

Douglas Area Trail Association Annual Meeting Notice

The DATA annual meeting will be held at 6:00 pm on August 12 at the DATA shop located at 1298 Centennial Lane NW, Garfield. Charitable Gambling and the DATA board meetings begin immediately after the annual meeting. All members are invited to attend this meeting as well as any DATA meeting throughout the year. Meetings are held the second Monday of the month.

Thank you Landowners!

The landowner appreciation dinner was held on Sunday, July 21. The DATA board members, along with the 4H club and Pork Producers served over 400 landowners and volunteers. Thank you to all who helped.

We would not have the trail system in Douglas County without willing landowners who allow the trails to pass through their private property. Thank a landowner and STAY ON THE TRAILS.



A Word From The President

Randy Dertinger

Hope everyone has been enjoying this summer! We have a lot going on at Douglas Area Trails Association.

Our shop location is a little harder to get to with the road construction going on. But we are still planning on the Annual meeting to be at the shop! Hope some of you can make it.

As most of you may have heard, we are looking for a new Trail Administrator. Check our website and Facebook page for information on applying. We will be wrapping up our interviews soon.

Lastly since this is my last newsletter as my term as president comes to a close. Thanks to everyone, it's been some work, but mostly fun! I will be staying on as a board member to pass on what we have been working on the past years.

I know it's August, but think SNOW!!! We are going to need it before you know it!!!!

A Message from The Depot Smokehouse & Tavern

Support the Douglas Area Trails Association by purchasing charitable gambling pull tabs when you stop at The Depot Smokehouse & Tavern. There is plenty of parking and The Depot is located right on the Central Lakes Trail in beautiful downtown Alexandria.

American Council of Snowmobile Association Trespass Contest

ACSA is holding a national trespass contest for all ages to help create awareness! (there are multiple different contests by age) As you all are aware, trespassing is a major issue snowmobile clubs face each year causing the closure of countless trails.

The contests runs August 1, 2024 thru January 15, 2025. Please click on the links for details and help educate snowmobilers about the importance of NO TRESPASSING.

[Ages 0 thru 6 Coloring Contest](#)

[Ages 7 thru 12 Word Find](#)

[Ages 13 thru 17 Meme Creation](#)

[Ages 18+ Video Creation](#)

DATA to Exhibit at Youth Outdoor Activity Day

DATA will exhibit at the Youth Outdoor Activity Day in Alexandria scheduled for Sunday, August 25 from 10 am to 4 pm at the Alexandria Shooting Park. DATA will share information about snowmobile safety and youth safety training. Games will be available for youth to play and win prizes. Youth Outdoor Activity Day is an event that aims to introduce children and their families to various outdoor activities. It provides free equipment and opportunities for kids to explore their interests. Registration and information can be found at this link [Youth Outdoor Activity Day](#).

Volunteer Opportunities!

The MnUSA Membership Committee needs your help at Upcoming Summer Events in the MnUSA Booth.

If you are planning to attend any of these events in the coming weeks, and would be willing to offer a few hours of support to MnUSA booth, please see sign up online!

[VOLUNTEER HERE NOW!](#)

Current Available Events:

Polaris 70th Anniversary

Outlaw Grass Drags

Hay Days

All volunteers who sign up to volunteer prior to August 1st will receive complimentary admission to the event from MnUSA. All volunteers after 8/1/24 will be responsible for obtaining their own admission.

DATA & MnUSA Memberships

DATA needs your help and support. We encourage you to be a member of DATA and MnUSA. DATA builds and maintains 368 miles of trails in Douglas County and maintains relationships with 700 landowners. MnUSA was created 40 years ago so snowmobilers would have a voice at the state level. Do you know someone who would like to become a member of DATA? Visit our website at douglasareatrails.com and click on the Membership link.