



Your O.F.A.H. Zones

Take an active role in your Federation by attending an O.F.A.H. Zone meeting in your area. Your Zone is indicated on your O.F.A.H. membership card.

Zone A	Bruce Hamilton	807-274-2558
Zone B	Glenn Rivard	807-935-3148
Zone C	Peter Sword	705-647-7986
Zone D	Roy Polsky	705-897-6556
Zone E	Kimberley Roberts	705-457-5360
Zone F	Mike MacDonald	613-378-2684
Zone G	Jim Etherington	905-827-9321
Zone H	Rob Little	519-941-2093
Zone J	Felix Barbetti	905-892-4381

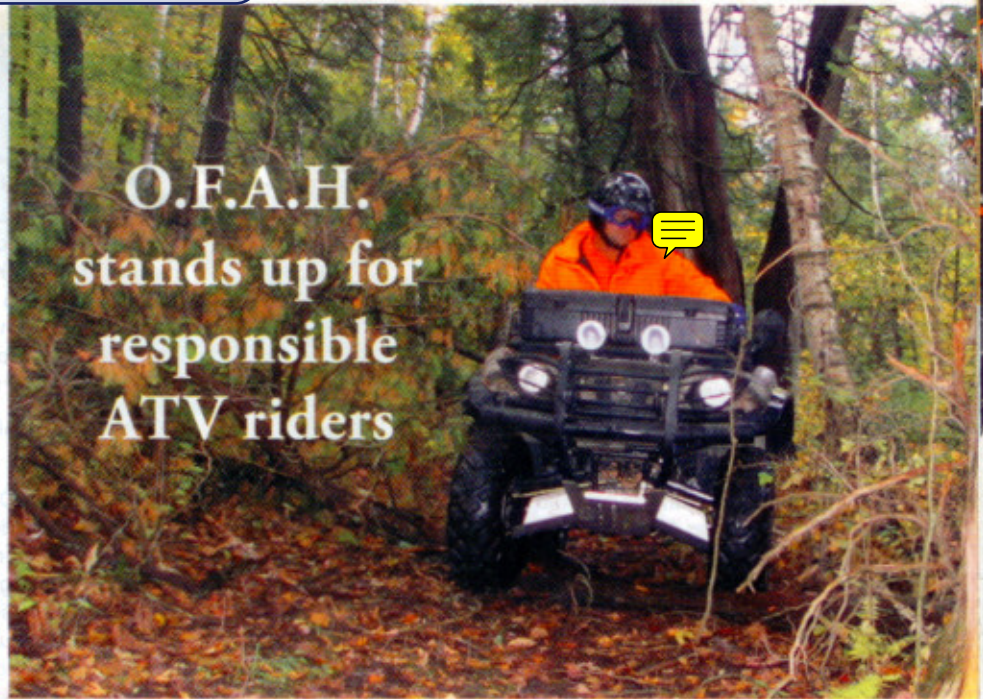
Attend O.F.A.H. Zone meetings for a chance to WIN!!!

To help remind members about the value of attending O.F.A.H. membership meetings, some zones are now offering spectacular incentives for your participation. Here's what is in store for meeting attendees in O.F.A.H. Zones G, H and J:

O.F.A.H. Zone G – WIN A CHARTERED SALMON FISHING TRIP -- Any O.F.A.H. Zone G member who attends three or more Zone meetings will have a chance to win a chartered salmon fishing trip.

O.F.A.H. Zone H -- WIN A SAVAGE .17 cal. RIFLE – For each Zone meeting that a Zone H member attends, starting March 2006 and ending at the Zone H Annual in November, he/she will receive one ballot for a chance to win a Savage stainless synthetic .17HMR calibre rifle.

O.F.A.H. Zone J – WIN A FISHING CHARTER – This incredible trip will be awarded to one lucky Zone J member who has attended at least two O.F.A.H. Zone J meetings.



O.F.A.H. stands up for responsible ATV riders

Why do so many O.F.A.H. members own all-terrain vehicles?

"It is because we use an ATV as a tool for hunting and fishing, just as we use a gun or a boat," said Rob Pineo, O.F.A.H. Forestry and Wildlife Specialist. "We use ATVs to get to our fishing spots and hunting camps, and we frequently use them to efficiently retrieve game. It is these ATV users that the O.F.A.H. proudly represents."

In a recent survey of O.F.A.H. members, 48.75% said they own at least one ATV.

Despite the obvious outdoor benefits, these "tools" have become a target of criticism by groups and individuals that are trying to ban ATV use in large tracts of public wilderness areas. Some would have us believe that all ATV riders destroy the environment and threaten "ecological integrity." However, there is no evidence to support that claim.

"Driven responsibly ATVs do not tear up and destroy our rugged wilderness, as some ATV opponents suggest. ATVs are generally restricted to trails and abandoned logging roads. In most cases, venturing off an established trail involves a very slow and technical ride. It would be a challenge for anyone to find longterm damage caused by a single pass of an ATV."



Snowmobile permits required for trail riders; anglers and hunters exempt

Before revving-up the snowmobiles this winter, we're reminded that, just five years ago, the O.F.A.H. worked in cooperation with the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs to reverse a decision that nearly put hunters and anglers on the hook for mandatory trail permits.

At that time, the O.F.A.H. reached a consensus with the OFSC and the government to help guarantee trail permit exemptions in order to reach hunting, fishing and trapping destinations on Crown land. However, the O.F.A.H. and OFSC remind anglers and hunters that, if they are using the trails for recreational snowmobiling, they must purchase a trail permit. Those riding without a trail permit must show a valid Outdoors Card and be able to clearly demonstrate they are, in fact, travelling directly to a fishing, hunting or trapping location – and again – on Crown land.

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