

# **STEP Signage FAQ's**

## **Who are STEP Signage classes for?**

These classes are for club trail workers to receive first hand information on signing trails according to state administrative guidelines.

AND, for snowmobilers that want to see safer trails and consistent trail signage statewide by volunteering to become a trained Safe Trail Advisor.

## **What does a Safe Trail Advisor do?**

Each Advisor is partnered with a nearby club to ride their trails and provide feedback to the club on how their signage meets signing guidelines.

## **What happens in these classes?**

Information is presented in a Powerpoint format and is divided into two parts. The first part is strictly information on signing guidelines. The second part is the training on becoming an Advisor. To become an Advisor, you would need to be present for both parts. The entire class lasts about 3 hours.

## **What is the demand for Advisors?**

There is a big shortage of Advisors to work with clubs in the state. Over 230 clubs are involved with trail maintenance. Of these, approximately 60 clubs are part of a county organization-run Satellite program. To work with the remaining 170 clubs, there are approximately 45 trained Advisors.

If you are interested in seeing safer snowmobiling, consistent trail signage from one end of the state to the other, then consider becoming a Safe Trail Advisor.

## **Do you need to sign up in advance?**

There is a form to sign up for the Advisor training which gives the instructor some opportunity have sufficient materials. Advance sign-up is not required. No sign-up is necessary for club trail workers that are attending the signing guidelines part of the program.

## **What is the Satellite program?**

In a Satellite program, the county snowmobile organization selects a Satellite Manager and prepares a Plan to submit to the Trails Committee. Training is done in the county. When completed, the Satellite Manager then partners their own Advisors (that have gone through the training and are part of an approved Plan) with their own clubs. This program has been very successful.

**Questions?** Contact the NYSSA Trails Coordinator