

# CATO TRAIL BLAZERS

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## SNOWMOBILE SEASON IS GETTING CLOSER

The snowmobile season is just around the corner. The Adirondacks have already had their first measurable snow. Snow flurries were in the air in Cato already too. Remember to go through your sled before it's too late. Don't wait to join the club too, as our membership secretary also rides and isn't usually available at a moment's notice.

**Trails open December 21**  
Do NOT ride them until then. Remember, most trails are over private property. We sign most of them before opening day, but you cannot ride them. Violation of this can cause us to lose trails.

We'll post trail conditions on our website during the season.

**Christmas Party Dec 9**  
Bring the family and a dish to pass to our annual Christmas party. 6pm.. Santa will hopefully be there, so you can bring a wrapped gift for your child, and Santa will give it to him/her at the party. We are a family oriented club, and it's events like these that help create lasting memories for kids.

**Want to operate a groomer?** We'll be having a groomer operator course Dec 15, 7pm. This is required each year for every groomer operator.

**Get your money raffle tickets now,** see a board member. 1<sup>st</sup> Drawing December 9.

**How much snow do I need to ride?** You can ask 10 different snowmobilers this and get 10 different answers. State guidelines state minimum of 3 inches of snow, **but that won't work on most of our trails.** 3 inches of packed snow can work on a smooth surface, which is very little of our trails. Even that can damage private property, causing us to lose trails. Most of our trails are over fields, with ruts. Those fields require a foot, or even two to ride safety, not damaging your sled. Winter crops require much more than 3 inches of snow. If you think there isn't enough snow, then there probably isn't! Be smart and be patient!

## SNOWMOBILE SAFETY COURSE

Pre-registration is required

Snowmobile safety course will be held **January 7, '17** from 8-4pm at the club house. Anyone 10 years of age or older can take it. We recommend everyone take it at least once, even adults. The safety course covers general riding tips, safety

guidelines, snowmobile trail signs, basic snowmobile maintenance, signs, related laws, and more. Lunch is provided. Advance registration is usually required as we tend to fill up the class. To register, please call or text our lead instructor,

Tim Hodson 246-2144. Children taking the course can be dropped off, but remember, they must be at least 10 years old the day of the course. And you must arrange to pick them up on time. You can take the course with them. IT'S FREE!!!!

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Dec 9 – Christmas Party 6pm  
1<sup>st</sup> Money Raffle
- Dec 15 – Groomer Course 7pm
- Jan 7 - Safety Course 8-4
- Jan 12 – Meeting 7:30
- Feb 9 – Meeting 7:30

### Board Members

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### Money Raffle: A

fundraiser for our club. No more than 100 tickets sold. 8 chances to win \$100. You can win more than once. Tickets at regular meetings Dec-March (Dec is at Xmas Party). Buy a ticket from active member or at meeting. \$20 donation.