



KLONDIKE SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION



Volunteer Information

~ GROOMER OPERATOR ~

Welcome to the Klondike Snowmobile Association, and thank you for volunteering with us! Here is some information to help you get started with your new role. If you have any questions please reach out to the board any time.

GROOMING TEAM: For the KSA, like most snowmobile clubs and associations, winter trail grooming is a key part of what we do for our members and our community. We are very fortunate to have a strong team of dedicated volunteers who spend hundreds of hours grooming multi-use trails throughout the Yukon each winter.

- The KSA operates a fleet of three trail groomers based in the Whitehorse area.
- We also provide support for several independent groomer operators throughout the Yukon.
- All of our trail groomers are 100% volunteer operated.
- Our grooming equipment was purchased with a combination of grants, donations and membership fees.
- Fuel and parts are often donated, with the rest paid for with membership fees.

YOUR ROLE: As a Groomer Operator your role is to groom the snow surface of multi-use trails throughout the Yukon to significantly improve the winter trail experience for snowmobilers and other winter trail users. You will be:

- Operating our grooming snowmobiles (Ski-Doo Skandic or similar) with specialized grooming drags attached via our custom made hitches.
- Occasionally removing obstacles such as trees or garbage blocking the trail when encountered while grooming.
- Occasionally assisting other trail users on the trail when needed.

TIME COMMITMENT: A minimum of 25 hours of your volunteer time is expected during the snowmobiling season. Typical grooming runs take a minimum of four hours each, and most of our standard grooming routes take between six and 12 hours per go.

BENEFITS FOR YOU:

This role is a perfect opportunity for you to...

- Learn and practice new skills
- Learn more about the science of snow
- Get to know our multi-use trail network
- Make a positive difference in your community

WHAT YOU'LL NEED: This position is open to any of our members that meet the requirements listed below. Please note due to the time, effort and money spent on training for this role we do ask for a larger time commitment than for most of our other volunteer roles. Some previous experience operating heavy equipment is preferred but not required.

- A current KSA membership is required to operate our equipment.
- A valid drivers licence is required.
- You will need to sign an activity waiver.
- You will need to come appropriately dressed and prepared for several hours of outdoor winter work and snowmobile operation.
- You will need to transport yourself to and from where our groomers are stored.

WHAT WE PROVIDE: When a new Groomer Operator starts out we will have a board member give them a training session and then travel with them for the first couple of grooming runs to ensure safety and answer any questions.

- We will provide guidance on the required standards for trail maintenance.
- We will provide maps and directions for trails to be groomed.
- All training will be provided.
- Grooming snowmobiles and drags will be provided.
- You will not be paid for your work, but you may be reimbursed for any reasonable expenses incurred.

HOW TO START: Ready to get started as a Groomer Operator for the KSA? Choose any of the following...

- Come out to any of our meetings listed on the events page of our website.
- Contact us directly any time.

QUESTIONS / COMMENTS / CONCERNS? Contact us any time...

E-mail: klonsnow@gmail.com

Phone or text: 867 667 7680

Website: <https://ksa.yk.ca>

Social Media: <https://facebook.com/klondikesnowmobile> <https://twitter.com/KSAyukon>

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BENEFITS FOR US:

Your participation in this role will help us...

- Groom more multi-use trails throughout the Yukon more often
- Create a better winter experience for locals and visitors