

Chapter vs Trail Center Program

What is best for you?

VMBA offers two methods for trail groups and organizations to be a part of VMBA. There are two programs: the Chapter Program and the Trail Center Program. The following outlines what each program offers and where your group/organization could best fit into the model.

BASE CHAPTER PROGRAM:

Cost:

There is no annual fee to be a part of the Chapter Program

VMBA Membership is \$60 for individuals and \$120 for Family (2-4), \$15 for each additional member.

The membership fee is split 50/50 with the selected Primary Chapter. For example, Fellowship of the Wheel would receive \$30 and VMBA would retain \$30 to cover admin. services.

Membership Season: April 1 - March 31

Chapter Services:

- Consistent and effective advocacy with private land managers, towns and public land managers
- Legislative and land statute representation
- Access to the VMBA Trail Clinic
- Access to the VMBA Trail Grant, RTP grants, and the Naming Grants program
- Online membership enrollment services
- Umbrella 501(c)3 status and accounting services
- Annual membership packet mailing, which can include Chapter specific stickers and/or letters
- Insurance covering: directors & officers, riders, trail day volunteers, landowners, and events
- Event promotion on vmba.org, social channels and newsletter
- Onsite event support (per request)
- Representation on the VT Trails and Greenways Council
- Listed on www.vmba.org/chapters/
- Access to Chapter Resource Library

TRAIL CENTER PROGRAM:

Cost:

There is no annual fee to be a part of the Add On Program

Trail Centers are only available as an addition to a VMBA Membership. Each Trail Center is an additional cost of \$40 for an Individual and \$80 for a Family (2-4) Membership. VMBA retains a \$5.00 transaction/membership. The Add-On receives \$35 for an individual and \$75 for a Family.

Example: Joe Smith's membership could look like this:

VMBA Individual Membership

Primary Chapter - FOTW (\$60)

Add-On - Catamount Outdoor (\$40)

Total Membership Cost: \$100

Membership Season: April 1 - March 31

Add-On Services:

- Consistent and effective advocacy with private land managers, towns, and public land managers
- Access to the VMBA Trail Clinic
- Legislative and land statute representation
- Online membership enrollment services
- Annual membership packet mailing, which can include Trail Center specific stickers and/or letters
- Event promotion on vmba.org, social channels, and newsletter
- Onsite event support (per request)
- Ability to apply for representation on the VT Trails & Greenways Council
- Listed on www.vmba.org/chapters/ and on Plan Your Ride platform
- Access to Chapter Resource Library