

California Four Wheel Drive Association, Inc.



New Club Kit

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FORWARD

Organized four-wheeling is one of the fastest growing forms of family oriented outdoor recreation in America today. With the help of this booklet and a few friends who share your enthusiasm for four wheeling, forming an organized four-wheel drive club is not a difficult task.

The information included in this booklet serves two purposes. First, it is a step-by-step procedure directed toward assisting individuals to band together to form a club with definite purposes and objectives in mind, but allowing latitude to develop specific needs and desires of the members.

Second, this booklet can serve as a guide to prospective clubs for meeting the requirements necessary for application for membership into the California Four Wheel Drive Association, Inc. Please call upon the association or your district membership chairman for required assistance.

Good luck on your venture into the wonderful world of organized four-wheeling.

GUIDELINES ON HOW TO ORGANIZE A FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE CLUB

1) TO SOLICIT MEMBERSHIP:

- a) Local Publicity
 - i) Newspapers: (See Sample Publicity Article)
 - ii) Club flyers.
 - iii) Radio Station Announcements, (Club Calendar)
 - iv) Television Announcements.
- b) Telephone Contact. (Ask your local four-wheel dealers for names as well as calling persons you know are interested.)
- c) Personal Contact. (Talk to other four-wheel drive vehicle owners.)

2) MEETING SCHEDULES:

- a) First Meeting
 - i) Elect a temporary Chairman.
 - ii) Elect a temporary Secretary.
 - iii) Call for volunteers for a by-law committee.
 - iv) Discuss general purposes and by-laws. (See sample set of by-laws enclosed as a guideline).
- b) Second Meeting
 - i) Accept by-laws.
 - ii) Elect Charter Officers.
 - iii) Appoint necessary committees.
 - iv) Organize a Club trip or activity.
- c) Third Meeting
 - i) President calls for reports of Officers and committees.
 - ii) Brief discussion of any business. (Refer detailed business to committees.)
 - iii) Business meeting adjourns.
 - iv) Program. (Speakers, films/videos, etc.)
 - v) Social hour.

Suggestions:

Meeting times, days and places are optional. Most clubs meet once a month for business and schedule a club activity for another meeting. Since there are many activities offered by the Association, plus car shows, rallies, trips and events put on by other groups, it will be up to members to decide on meeting schedules.

All clubs need funds to operate. The obvious need for stamps, stationery and refreshments are usually absorbed by the membership until a treasury is established. Big items like decals, club jackets, club bulletins, dues to other organizations, etc. can be dealt with in a variety of ways as they are initiated into your operation.

Live up to your by-laws and support your Officers. Abide by the majority rule and your club should function well.

GENERAL SUGGESTIONS FOR ORGANIZED FOUR-WHEELERS

MEMBERSHIP: Your club may be organized as a non-profit organization for social and recreational activities for families who own four-wheel drive vehicles. Both men and women could hold office. Actual organizational structure is up to you. Membership could be restricted to owners of one specific make of vehicle, locale or other interest. It is generally accepted that new applicants be sponsored by a member in good standing. Prospective members are often asked to fulfill requirements such as attending a certain number of meetings, participate in a specified number of outings, etc. Prospective members obviously should hold a valid driver's license and be covered by adequate insurance. These requirements are up to the club but should be included in your by-laws to avoid any problems.

GENERAL ACTIVITIES: Besides the obvious business meetings, some activities could include camping, with provisions made ahead of time about each member carrying his own food, camping gear, water, gas, etc. Sometimes a potluck is planned, but again this would be up to your activities committee. It is suggested that survey trips be made if the area is not familiar to your. You should always check to see that proper permits are obtained if you are going onto BLM or Forest Lands, and that permission is granted for you to use private roads. Other activities could include combined trips with other groups, attending CA4WDA sponsored events, attending jamborees, road rallies, seasonal parties, fund raisers, open house shows, fairs, etc.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES: Club members often help out at parades (even entering them), Search and Rescue, Disaster services, Educational Driving Seminars, March of Dimes Rallies, and providing volunteer labor for conservation projects.

SOCIAL PROGRAM: These two activities are often combined. Usually there is some sort of program offered at the end of a business meeting in the form of potluck suppers and simple refreshments can be included in any program. Films/Videos may be borrowed from the CA4WDA film/video library, from other clubs, from vehicle dealers, libraries, or from other organizations. The local law enforcement groups offer excellent speakers.

TRIP RULES: It is best to have a printed set of TRIP RULES, revised as necessary to meet the needs of a well-organized outing. Trip Rules are usually provided for all non-club members making a run with your club, and should be reviewed by the established members of your club from time to time. Attached is a suggested set for use as guidelines.

VEHICLE SAFETY: Both vehicle and passenger safety are a prime importance to successful four wheeling. The CA4WDA has pamphlets outlining vehicle safety suggestions available upon request. Vehicle checks should be part of your clubs routine. A sample set of guidelines is offered in this booklet.

PERSONAL SAFETY: Passengers and by-standers as well as the driver are a part of every activity connected with four wheeling. There are certain recommendations herewith attached that should help you have a safe and fun-filled outing.

Again, these are only suggestions and can be tailored to fit the needs of your group as you wish.

A SAMPLE PUBLICITY ARTICLE

The following is offered as a sample of the kind that should appear in the local papers from one to two weeks prior to the date set for the organizational meeting. Check with the paper to get the best coverage. Some papers will use articles and others will accept it as a news item.

ATTENTION FOUR WHEEL DRIVE OWNERS

If you own a four-wheel drive vehicle and are interested in meeting other people who enjoy four-wheeling; if you are interested in sharing your four-wheeling experiences and entering into new areas of the sport of off-highway driving, and if you are interested in good fellowship, conservation and the proper use of public lands for recreational activities – YOU ARE INVITED!!!!

A group of interested four-wheel drive owners is sponsoring a meeting for the purpose of forming an organized club for people in the area. This is to be a non-profit organization formed for the purpose of having fun, participating in conservation projects and maintaining standards of safe and courteous driving.

This is to be a family club. Membership will include all members of your family including children, but is not restricted to families only. Single persons are cordially invited to join.

The meeting will be held on (date) (name the day as well as give the numerical date) at (time) at (place) (give directions if necessary).

For more information please call (name and phone number. Give time to call, such as evenings, afternoons etc.)

A SAMPLE SET OF BY-LAWS

The following set of by-laws is offered only as a sample. Obviously, number limitations, dates, places; times for meetings and financial amounts are at your club’s discretion. However, the format of these by-laws conforms to the accepted CA4WDA, Inc. membership standards.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the organization shall be: _____

ARTICLE II - PURPOSES AND AIMS

This organization shall be non-profit in character, bringing together and promoting the interest of 4 wheeling as well as enjoying our country’s natural resources. This organization shall support the California Four Wheel Drive Association, Inc. And abide by its by-laws and procedures.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

1. Membership is open to owners of four-wheel drive vehicles, by invitation, who have participated in at least 3 club activities and attended 3 club meetings within a period of 6 months.
2. Membership is limited to _____ vehicles.
3. Dues for this organization shall be \$_____ Initiation Fee and \$_____ Yearly. (Per vehicle or per family optional).
4. There will be one vote per family.
5. The minimum age for members shall be eighteen (18) years. Each member must hold a valid driver’s license and have adequate insurance coverage.
6. Roll bars and seat belts are mandatory in soft-top vehicles; seat belts in hard top vehicles.
7. To remain in good standing a club member must pay his/her dues within 60 days of due date; attend 6 club functions and 6 club meetings a year. Any exceptions to these requirements are to be submitted to the Board of Directors and presented to the membership for action.
8. All members must conduct themselves in a responsible, respectable, and orderly fashion at all times.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS AND DUTIES

1. The officers of this club shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.
 - a. The President shall be the executive officer and will preside at all meetings. He/she shall have the duty of carrying out the policies and decisions of the members. He/she shall co-sign checks with the Treasurer.
 - b. The Vice President will assist the President and act on his/her behalf in case of absence.
 - c. The Secretary shall record all minutes of the meetings; maintain the records; write any correspondence as directed; notify the membership of meetings and events.
 - d. The Treasurer shall receive all monies; be responsible for the bank deposits; disburse funds as authorized; co-sign checks with the President and have the books open for inspection by authorized auditors or club members.
2. Delegate - (may or may not be an elected office)
 - a. The delegate shall attend all District meetings of CA4WDA Inc. and shall make a full report to the membership. He/she shall have the authority to make decisions for the club if he/she has not been previously instructed.

ARTICLE V - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall be made up of the elected officers and Directors elected by the membership. Elected Directors shall be Finance Chairman, whose duty it will be to establish fund raising events. He/she shall work with the Treasurer. A Membership Chairman, whose duty it will be to review new club applicants and present them to the membership. He/she shall be responsible for introducing guests and shall keep a log of all visitors at meetings and on club outings. A Social and Program Chairman shall provide for refreshments when necessary; correlate programs for meetings and special affairs. A Conservation Chairman whose duty will be to work closely with the CA4WDA's Conservation Coordinator and District Conservation Chairman. He/she will make arrangements for conservation projects for the club to carry out locally.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

Membership meetings shall be held once a month, date, time and place at the discretion of the membership. Special meetings may be called ½ hour prior to the regular meeting for any designated purpose. Board meetings will be at the call of the President.

ARTICLE VIII - ELECTIONS AND VOTING

Elections of officers and Board of Directors shall be held at the regular (monthly) club meeting each year. Nominations will be accepted from the floor. A Majority of 3/4 membership votes allowed will the rule for all matters.

ARTICLE IX - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Robert's Rule of Order, revised, and shall be the parliamentary authority in all matters not covered in these by-laws.

TRIP RULES (sample set)

To Our Visitors and Membership:

These are suggested rules, which we have found to be helpful on a club outing. They are simple rules not intended to restrict your fun, but rather to act as reminders for a safe and enjoyable trip.

1. Don't be a "Litter Bug." The rule is, "IF YOU HAUL IT IN - YOU HAUL IT OUT."
2. Don't be careless about matches and cigarettes. Be sure FIRES ARE PUT OUT COMPLETELY.
3. Firearms are not allowed to be exposed in camp.
3. Speed limit in and around camp is 5 miles per hour.
4. When traveling with other vehicles, always wait at the turn for the vehicle behind you. Keep the vehicle in back of you in sight when possible. If you don't see it, STOP. Go back after a reasonable length of time. Radio contact should be made if possible.
5. If you leave the caravan or trip, please notify the person in charge (Trail Boss).
 - a. Obey the Trail Boss as to the rules for each trip. Often you are on government or private lands and it is the responsibility of the trip leader to see that the privileges extended to the group are not violated.
6. Park, Forest and other Land Regulation are Laws and shall always be obeyed.
7. The destruction of plants, soil, meadows, etc. is to be avoided.
8. Outdoor bathroom stops may be handled by "men to the left, women to the right", when such stops are necessary.
9. Overnight camping is basically the same except for the fact you are together out of your vehicles for a longer period of time. COURTESY is the keynote and certain areas should be taken into consideration: NOISE - keep radios, motorbikes, musical instruments, voices, and vehicles as controlled as possible. CAMPFIRES - check to be sure campfires are permitted and consult the group as to location. ANIMALS - all pets should be kept under control at all times. CHILDREN - keep track of your own. Lost children are a disaster.

If you have any questions, please consult your Trail Boss or another Club Member. It is better to be safe than sorry.

Have a good time. We are happy that you could join us.

PERSONAL SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS

Four-wheeling involves people: drivers, passengers and bystanders. These safety recommendations are suggested to help in the protection of the people involved, both directly and in association with the vehicle.

1. No four-wheeling should be done on club runs without two or more vehicles taking part.
2. All passengers should be afforded the protection of roll bars. In the absence of a full roll cage bar, the windshield should be removed or latched down. (Especially applicable in the sand dune areas.)
3. No standing in vehicle while it is in motion.
4. Loose objects such as passenger seats, toolbox, ice box and spare tire should be firmly secured.
5. Children should never be left alone in a vehicle. Be sure to remove the keys when vehicle is parked or unoccupied.
6. Members should be responsible for his/her guests on club trips. Members should also be responsible for their own pets and children.
7. All persons should be kept safely away from vehicles engaged in hill climbs or when overcoming obstacles on the trail.
8. Select the proper gear for going down steep slopes. New drivers should be instructed in proper four-wheeling techniques by seasoned four-wheelers.
9. Dry your brakes immediately after passing through water to avoid brake failure and possible accident.
10. Avoid traveling on side hills if possible.
11. Don't tailgate, especially while on the trail.
12. Don't pull or tow anyone on sleds, racks, sheet metal or other material. (Especially in sand dune areas).
13. Firearms should not be unnecessarily displayed within the camp area, and should be discharged only at safe and prudent distance from campsite.
14. Citizen Band Radios are highly recommended, however, operators should abide by Federal Communication Rules. Don't let children play with the CB.
15. Excess drinking and intoxication should be avoided. Persons who are drinking should absolutely not be allowed to drive.
16. **ORDINANCE RULE:** Some wilderness areas have been used for military maneuvers and extreme caution should be used with respect to any unfamiliar objects encountered. DO NOT TOUCH OR DISTURB OBJECT IN ANY MANNER!!! However, since the area is considered wilderness we should not be in it at all.
17. Conserve the environment. ENJOY – DON'T DESTROY!!!!

RECOMMENDED VEHICLE SAFETY GUIDELINES

As a four-wheeler you are especially dependent upon the performance and equipment of your vehicle. These guidelines are aimed toward your having a safe vehicle. ALL VEHICLES DRIVEN ON PUBLIC HIGHWAYS AND ROADS SHOULD MEET THE CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE REQUIREMENTS.

ROLL BARS - ROLL CAGE

Should be a commercially manufactured roll bar or the equivalent; bolted vertically and horizontally as applicable; .095 minimum wall thickness, steel tubing 1 ½" outside diameter. Should have a 3" head clearance. Padding recommended. Full cage also recommended. No vehicle should be excluded from Roll Bar requirements.

SEAT BELTS

Seat belts must be provided for all occupants of the vehicle and should be in use at all times. Belts should be secured by bolting to body or frame.

FIRST AID KIT

A fully equipped First Aid Kit is a must. Check CA4WDA information for items making up kit. It is also recommended that as many club members as possible have First Aid training.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER

A 2-½ lb. dry chemical extinguisher with operative pressure gauge should be carried in each vehicle.

SAFETY FLAG

A safety flag at least 12ft. From the ground atop a pole or a whip antenna is recommended especially when the terrain is of a hill and gully nature. Flags are especially recommended for sand dune four-wheeling. Lights may be added for night travel, but care should be taken not to damage your CB antenna.

AXE - SHOVEL - BUCKET

Particularly recommended as part of your equipment while traveling in forest or brush areas.

TOW ROPES - WINCHES

All vehicles should have some means of being helped or helping others out of tight situations. However, extreme care and caution should be enforced when any towing, winching or rescue work is being done. By-standers stay clear.

EMERGENCY BRAKE

All vehicles should be equipped with an operating mechanical emergency brake.

CUT-OUTS AND OPEN EXHAUSTS

Should be avoided and should conform to State and Federal Laws regarding off-highway vehicle use.

REPAIR ITEMS

All vehicles should carry such items as a jack, lug wrench, a piece of wood for a jack base, tire repair kit and air pump.

EXPENDABLE COMMODITIES

Such items as extra gas, water, toilet paper, waterproof matches, electrical and duct tape are all items that should be taken along on any trip as part of your vehicle equipment.

SAFETY CHECKLIST

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Replace
TIRES				
BRAKES				
EMERGENCY BRAKE				
WIRING				
BROKEN OR CRACKED PARTS				
UNIVERSAL JOINTS				
FAN BELTS				
AIR CLEANER				
OIL - CLEAN OR DIRTY				
OIL FILTER				
TOOL KIT				
FIRST AID KIT				
EMERGENCY FOOD & WATER				
CB RADIO				

INFORMATION FOR ORGANIZED CLUBS

METHOD OF ACCEPTING MEMBERS INTO THE CALIFORNIA FOUR WHEEL DRIVE ASSOCIATION

The California Four Wheel Drive Association, Inc., believes it is important to have an ASSOCIATION to provide strength in upholding the rights of the citizens for Public Lands. The Association provides help in maintaining the principles of freedom through membership of organized Clubs, Individual Members and Associate Members made up of business, firms and other organizations with related interests.

As a member you will receive a membership card, decals, dash plaque, the bi-monthly newspaper *In Gear* magazine sent directly to your home address, four-wheeler "Alert" bulletins, notices of association events, etc. Member clubs have the right of one Delegate vote per club.

The association is divided into three geographical districts: North, Central and South. It depends on the city or town in which your club meets as to which district your club will be in. Each district elects, by Delegate vote, a Vice-President, a Membership Chairman and a Secretary/Treasurer. These officers preside at the quarterly District Meetings held in January, April, July and October. The District Membership Chairman is assigned the responsibility of assisting 4WD owners in the formation of new clubs. Contact the Sacramento Office to arrange for CA4WDA representatives to attend local meetings for the purpose of organizing a new club. CA4WDA can provide speakers; film/video presentations and answer questions about how your club can participate in organized four-wheeling.

CLUBS: The following pages contain samples of various forms necessary for membership application with explanations and directions for their use.

When your club applies for membership, you must send a Delegate (one member who is chosen to represent your club) to a District meeting with a copy of your club by-laws, a complete Roster, Dues Certification Form and proper remittance. At this time the Membership Chairman will present your club application to be voted upon by the Delegates for your acceptance into the Association. Upon your acceptance, your Delegate may vote at this meeting. It is not mandatory to have a Delegate at every District meeting but the Association would hope you would continue to attend and become actively involved and stay informed. Applications for membership may be sent to any District Officer or to the Sacramento Office prior to any scheduled meeting, but YOU MUST HAVE A DELEGATE PRESENT AT THE MEETING in order for your club to be accepted. Notification of meeting dates and agendas are sent to all clubs or potential member clubs prior to the meetings.

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP: Individuals who own four-wheel drive vehicles may belong to the Association, receiving all benefits accorded a club member. Individual members are represented and have one vote at the district and association meetings by the district individual delegate. A membership card will be issued designating him/her as an "individual member". Membership is not confined to California residents. The fee for Individual Membership in the association is currently \$50.00 per year. An application form is in the back of this packet.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP: Associate Members are those businesses, firms, other organizations or persons who share the common interest in promoting and sustaining four-wheeling as a recreational activity. There are several classes of associate membership ranging from \$60.00 per year for a limited retail outlet to \$365.00 per year for associate sponsors. Associate members are represented and have one vote at the district and association meetings by the district associate member delegate.

All necessary forms for Membership Applications, or for further information will be provided upon your request.

APPLICATION FOR CLUB MEMBERSHIP

Our four-wheel drive club, agreeing to abide by the Constitution and by-laws, the Rules and Policies of the California Four Wheel Drive Association, Inc., hereby petition for membership in the Association.

Pursuant to the application we submit the following information about our club:

NAME OF CLUB _____

MAILING ADDRESS OF CLUB _____
(street or P.O. box no.)

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

NUMBER OF FAMILIES IN CLUB _____ CLUB INCORPORATED? YES ___ NO ___

CLUB WEBSITE (if applicable) _____

NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE # OF PERSON TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION:

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE (_____) _____

EMAIL _____

ATTACHED HEREWITH ARE:

- A copy of the Club's by-laws
- A complete Club Roster (listing names, complete addresses including zip codes, phone numbers and any other pertinent information)
- A copy of the California Association DUES CERTIFICATION Form
- REMITTANCE: Check or Money Order made payable to CA4WDA.

Initiation Fee of \$35.00 for the Club	\$35
Dues of \$50.00 per club member per year	
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED	

SIGNED: CLUB PRESIDENT _____

CLUB SECRETARY _____

DATE OF APPLICATION: _____

CA4WDA, INC. DUES INFORMATION

Article IV, Section 2 of the California Four Wheel Drive Association, Inc. Dues from member clubs shall be fifty (\$50.00) per club member per year, based on 100% of the club's membership. Members belonging to more than one club shall pay dues through their primary club. A one-time \$35.00 initiation fee is to be paid upon application for association membership.

Clubs will automatically forfeit membership if they do not have at least four paid members as of July 1 each year; however, this membership can be reinstated by a majority vote of the Delegates at the next District meeting, providing applications for reinstatements are accompanied by payment of all dues, in full, at the time of reinstatement.

The only way club dues may be raised or lowered is with a 2/3 (two-thirds) majority vote of the Delegates present at the Annual meeting, provided at least 40% (forty) of the delegates in the Association are present.

If, during the year your club accepts new members, your Secretary MUST notify the Sacramento Office giving full information as requested on the New Member Form, plus the remittance amount. New members may also be added in the portal at <https://cal4wheel.org> by club admins. Refer to your club admin procedures for details.

Upon receipt of the information, the new member will be issued a new member packet and names will be added to the *In Gear* magazine mailing list. Members will also be eligible to participate in association sponsored events.

Clubs shall submit a current set of bylaws, club officers and member rosters to the association office any changes for record keeping. Clubs shall also update their admins in their club portals.

CLUB INFORMATION FORM

DISTRICT: NORTH CENTRAL SOUTH (please circle one)

CLUB NAME _____

CLUB MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

WEBSITE: _____ COUNTY _____

CITIES SERVED: _____

IS CLUB OPEN FOR NEW MEMBERS? YES ___ NO ___

DOES CLUB HAVE SPECIFIC VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS? YES ___ NO ___

IF ANY, PLEASE DESCRIBE _____

CA4WDA DIRECTORY LISTINGS OF CONTACTS:

1. NAME _____ PHONE () _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____ Club Admin

2. NAME _____ PHONE () _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____ Club Admin

OFFICERS _____

(President)

(Vice-President)

(Secretary)

(Treasurer)

DELEGATE _____ PHONE () _____

DUES CERTIFICATION FORM

NO# OF FAMILIES IN CLUB: _____ X \$50.00 EQUALS \$ _____

ONE TIME INITIATION FEE \$35.00

AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ _____

This is to certify that the above information is true to the best of our knowledge and in accordance with (Article II, Section 1) of the by-laws of the California Four Wheel Drive Association, Inc.

SIGNED _____

(PRESIDENT)

(SECRETARY)

Annual Dues \$50 per family

CLUB MEMBER FORM

CLUB NAME _____

CLUB ADDRESS _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

CLUB CONTACT NAME _____ CLUB CONTACT PHONE (_____) _____

Please print or type information as clearly and as completely as possible. When asked for Primary or Secondary club, remember that a primary club is the club through which the member pays his/her association dues.

Current Member: YES NO <small>If current member, please write member #:</small>	Life Member: YES NO	Current Member: YES NO <small>If current member, please write member #:</small>	Life Member: YES NO
Member Name:		Member Name:	
Spouse/Co-member Name:		Spouse/Co-member Name:	
Address:		Address:	
City, State, Zip:		City, State, Zip:	
Phone: <small>(with area code)</small>		Phone: <small>(with area code)</small>	
E-mail: Subscribe to: ___ Email Updates ___ Access Alerts		E-Mail: Subscribe to: ___ Email Updates ___ Access Alerts	
Vehicle Make/Model:		Vehicle Make/Model:	
Vehicle License No.:		Vehicle License No.:	
Primary Club:		Primary Club:	
Secondary Club:		Secondary Club:	
Date Joined:		Date Joined:	
Referred by:		Referred by:	
Amount Paid:	\$	Amount Paid:	\$
Total New Members:		Total Enclosed: <small>(include total due from all pages)</small>	\$
Notes:			

Please do not hesitate to contact the office or your district membership chairperson if you need help with this form. You may reach the office at (916) 381-8300.

CA4WDA FACT SHEET

WHO ARE WE?

The California Four Wheel Drive Association, Inc. Is a not-for-profit corporation formed in 1959 to promote family recreation and the sport of four-wheeling.

WHAT ARE OUR PURPOSES?

- To keep public lands open to off highway recreation
- To work with land management agencies to maintain existing areas for off-highway vehicles
- To plan for and create new recreational areas for vehicles
- To help create a better environment

WHAT DO WE DO?

- Sponsor annual four-wheeling events for members, such as Sierra Trek, Winter Fun Festival, Molina Ghost Run, Panamint Valley Days and Hi Desert Round-Up, just to name a few
- Sponsor new clubs
- Conservation and civic projects that benefit four-wheelers, the environment, community and wildlife
- Monitor legislation affecting land closures
- Develop 4WD driver education and safety programs
- Organize and coordinate search and rescue operations as needed
- Maintain a professional staff in Sacramento to provide management and resource consultants
- Maintain an Office of Emergency Services to help with disasters

WHO ARE MEMBERS?

- Over 5,000 family members who join as members of approximately 200 clubs or as individual members
- Hundreds of national, state and local businesses who, with their dues and donations, help support the goals and purposes of the Association

CAN I JOIN?

Yes! Ownership of a 4WD vehicle is not a requirement for individual membership. It may be, however, if you join through a club. Any individual, organized 4wd club, or business firm interested in encouraging and improving four-wheeling opportunities, and who has a sincere respect for our natural resources may join.

MEMBER PORTAL – <https://cal4wheel.org/MyAccount>

In addition to being able to manage their own memberships and contact information, club administrators have additional privileges that allow them to update their club's contacts, meeting information, mailing address and directory information. Club administrators can view the records of the primary members assigned to their club, including printing rosters and viewing reports on expiring members.

Please ensure that your club has at least one administrator assigned to this task. We will provide procedures and training to your club admins to help them get started.