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Waukesha County Snowmobile Association let the kids play

Merton, WI – It was a day of fun for the children of members who belong to one of the 17 snowmobile clubs in Waukesha County. The first annual Waukesha County Snowmobile Association's Youth Ride & Bonfire event was held at the Monches Recreation Park in the Town of Merton on Saturday, February 6 with help from the Merton Flake Chasers Snowmobile Club. While parents kept warm around the bonfire there was just enough snow for the children to run the pint-size snowmobiles around the track, drivers from Waukesha County Groomer Corp. gave rides in the groomer to anyone who asked and every child received a raffle ticket to win one of the many donated door prizes. For 15-year-old Savannah Steinmann of Oconomowoc, who recently aced her snowmobile safety test, it was an opportunity to drive some of the bigger sleds around the track, too.

The goal of the event is to share the snowmobile experience with the youth. Had there been enough snow they would have taken a group ride on the nearby snowmobile trail system that runs throughout Waukesha County.

For event organizers, Andy and Jodi Slaby and Becky Tetzlaff of the Merton Flake Chasers Snowmobile Club, this was an event for the kids. "We received a lot community support to make this a fun day for the kids," said Andy. "The Monches Rec Club donated the use of the club house, Benchmark Survey and local individuals and clubs donated funds for the kids raffle, Pistol Pete's of Brookfield donated burgers along with donations of food and time from many others made this a fun day for all."

Special thanks to: Woody's Bar & Grill – North Lake, Brownberry – Milwaukee, Throttle Jockeys Snowmobile Club - Oconomowoc, Moon Shiners Snowmobile Club – Pewaukee, Sussex Sled Bugs Snowmobile Club, Lac La Belle Cooney Riders, Lake Country Last Call, Dousman Snow Troopers, Merton Flake Chasers – Merton, and Mike Becker of the North Lake Nomads.

About the Waukesha County Snowmobile Association (WCSA)

The Waukesha County Snowmobile Association is an organization of 17 concerned snowmobile clubs whose aim is to serve the needs of snowmobiling in Waukesha County. By uniting, the clubs have a stronger voice with city, county, and state government over issues concerning our sport.

Waukesha county has the largest number of registered snowmobiles in the state and the WCSA is working towards bringing more state trails to the county. To date there are nearly 100 miles of state funded trails in Waukesha County; trails funded by the snowmobilers' share of the gas tax revenue and the new trail pass. Funded trails are groomed as the weather permits. In short, without WCSA, there would be no state funded trails in Waukesha County.

Visit **waukeshasno.org** for more information about the Waukesha County Snowmobile Association or to join a snowmobile club.

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Pictures and descriptions attached:

Picture: WCSA 1 - Youth Event - Chad & Cora Reimer

Caption: Chad Reimer with daughter Cora, 6, of Oconomowoc.

Picture: WCSA 2 - Youth Event - Groomer - Savannah Steinmann

Caption: Savannah Steinmann, 15, of Oconomowoc enjoys a couple of laps around the track in

one of three groomers that groom the snowmobile trails in Waukesha County.

Picture: WCSA 3 - Youth Event -Kids on the pint-size sleds

Caption: (Left to Right) Conner(6) & Hayden(8) McDonald, Logan Tetzlaff (7), Landon Tetzlaff (10) and Michael Funk (8) getting ready to run their sleds around the the groomed track.

Picture: WCSA 4 - Youth Event - Everyone w-parents

Caption: Parents and children who attended the Waukesha County Snowmobile Association's

Annual Youth Ride and Bonfire on Saturday, February 6.

Picture: WCSA 5 - Youth Event - Groomer - Alex Serres

Caption: 5-year-old Alex Serres getting ready for a ride in one of groomers provided by the

Waukesha County Groomer Corp.