

FAQs

Why IMBA?

The International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA) is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit educational association whose mission is to create, enhance and preserve great mountain biking experiences.

Since 1988, IMBA has been bringing out the best in mountain biking by encouraging low-impact riding, volunteer trailwork participation, cooperation among different trail user groups, grassroots advocacy and innovative trail management solutions.

IMBA's worldwide network includes 35,000 individual members, more than 750 bicycle clubs, more than 200 corporate partners and about 600 retailer shops. IMBA's members live in all 50 U.S. states, most Canadian provinces and in 30 other countries.

IMBA's headquarters in the United States are located in Boulder, Colorado. We currently have 42 full-time staff members, including seven regional directors located in the Pacific Northwest, Southwest, Rocky Mountains, Upper Midwest, Great Lakes, Mid-Atlantic and Southeast regions of the United States

Who started the chapter?

A few local bikers and all the local shops got together and decided we needed the strongest advocacy platform for local mountain bikers. IMBA's chapter program was a no-brainer

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IMBA Chapters

There are two ways in which a local group can affiliate with IMBA; 1) as a stand alone club, and 2) as a chapter. IMBA chapters are more closely connected to IMBA and have an increased level of support for sustaining the local group's infrastructure including joint membership, e.g., the chapter's members are also automatically members of IMBA. An affiliated club's members would need to join IMBA separately and in addition to joining as a local club member.

IMBA Clubs build trails, organize events and advocate for bike access around the world. Your local mountain bike organization can join IMBA's network — or renew your affiliation with us — by visiting our club membership pages.

IMBA Chapters have taken the next step in aligning with IMBA and unifying a world wide mountain biking movement. The U.S.-based Chapter Program features joint memberships that allow individuals to join IMBA and their local organization with single membership.*

Chapter development is coordinated by IMBA's Regional Directors. These IMBA paid professional staffers operate in distinct territories — currently IMBA has regional staff positions in the Great Lakes, Pacific, Rocky Mountain, Upper Midwest, Mid-Atlantic, Southeast and Southwest regions of the USA.

*SMBC is a IMBA Chapter

Advocacy

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Organizing

Successful trail systems involve collaboration between land managers, volunteer groups, and other local stakeholders, such as businesses, private landowners, environmental organizations and community leaders. SMBC and IMBA's approach to advocacy and organizing is based on building coalitions amongst players like these.

The most fruitful partnerships include mutual agreements between stakeholders to enhance a trail system, improve its management, or simply resolve the conflicts that sometimes arise on trails that are beloved by all. Good partnerships are more than the sum of their parts—they allow diverse groups to come together and create capacity that simply wouldn't exist without that cooperation.

What can I Do?

First join your local Chapter, The Sedona Mountain Bike Club



Join as a Individual



Join as a family

Or Go To www.Sedonamtclub.com

What up?

SMBC is working with the Red Rock Ranger District and local businesses to initiate fund raising programs. The club is also actively participating in the RTCA grant program to secure funds for trails master planning. In addition as the weather cools down SMBC members will be involved in trail volunteer days around the district. The club is working to outline a trail maintenance program that allows bottom up community participation and input without sacrificing progress.

The SMBC has lots of exciting areas where members can pitch in. Projects like web development, artistic work, trail work, ride leaders, social event planning and others are all cool ways to participate. In fact we have learned that there is almost no skill or talent we can't figure out how to use in our efforts.

The feeling you get when you ride the trails knowing you are supporting the continued use of bikers is awesome. The rewards of giving into a thing you love stay with you everyday.

Each week the club sets up a ride that is a great time to visit and ride with friends both old and new. Check out the website for ride updates all over town including club rides and shop rides. You will also see posts on current projects and links to IMBA news, local weather, trail conditions and other resources.