

# Salmon Idaho Mountain Bike Association (SIMBA) Spring 2022 Newsletter



## *Greetings Mountain Bikers of Salmon!*

After a couple year hiatus, Salmon Idaho Mountain Bike Association (SIMBA) is back! As we kick off the 2022 mountain biking season, we'd like to share a bit of news and information.



## Very Important News!

***IMBA Chapter Integration.*** SIMBA is now a local chapter of the International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA). What does this even mean, you ask? It means that we can now leverage the *international* resources of IMBA to achieve all of our hopes and dreams on the local level. IMBA provides non-profit status for SIMBA as well as the experience and know-how to keep everything legal, and manages membership and accounting so that we have more time to work on local issues. IMBA also provides support for local projects, as well as national-level advocacy for big issues.

***SIMBA is ready to work for you!*** With hundreds of miles of singletrack trail right here in our back yard of Lemhi County, SIMBA is ready to provide trail advocacy, stewardship, and events to support the local mountain biking community. Whether it's our local Discovery Hill trail system, the Barracks trails, Williams Creek, Twelvemile, Wagonhammer, North Fork, the Continental Divide Trail, or somewhere deep in the backcountry of the Lemhi Range, we are all about the TRAILS, the COMMUNITY, and the attainment of high quality outdoor experience (*aka EPIC RIDES*). We are working with our partner organizations and agencies to make these trails better than ever throughout Lemhi County.

**Interested in becoming a member?** Join us for the ride! Your membership helps to fund operating costs and equipment, and makes this all possible. When you join, you become a member of the SIMBA local chapter of IMBA. You can even sign up the whole family with a Family Membership. Most of your membership dues stay right here with the local community, and you will get some nice perks from IMBA as well. To join, visit [our new website!](#)



## What's SIMBA Up To In 2022?

**IMBA Chapter Integration.** Our number one priority this year has been to become an IMBA chapter. We're happy to say that we have accomplished this task, and now we're ready to move on to more exciting things. Bear with us while we are getting started up again. We are not quite completely organized yet, but we're getting there!

**Spring Flowers.** The 2022 Spring Flowers Ride at Discovery Hill was a great success. Thanks to all who attended and all of the great costumes. A *substantial* amount of money was raised for the Tiffanie McAllister "Be Brave" Scholarship Fund!

**Twelvemile Project.** We are working closely with the Salmon Challis Trails Group to develop proposals for potential enhancement and development of mountain bike trails and routes in the Twelvemile area. If you're a fan of this amazing area right in Salmon's back yard, stay tuned for more information and opportunities to provide input into this process.

**Trail Work.** With over 1,500 miles of trail in Lemhi County (*as mapped on [Trailforks](#)*), it is no small task to keep all of these trails clear of deadfall and in sustainable condition. SIMBA will be working toward this goal through formal long-term adoption of Continental Divide Trail (CDT) segments through the Continental Divide Trail Coalition, improvements to the Discovery Hill trail system, trail work days in various locations, and coordination with our trail stewardship partner organizations. To accomplish much of this, we depend on our awesome volunteers - if this sounds like you, stay tuned for more opportunities.

**Upcoming Events.** We are in the process of planning events such as mountain bike clinics, group rides, women's rides, kids' rides, horse-bike clinics, and potentially the long awaited return of the Disco Endurance Race in 2023. Stay tuned for more information. Is there an event that you would like to see happen? Let us know!



## Join Us for the Ride

**Trail Heroes!** First of all, hats off to all of you trail heroes out there - those of you that have previously been members of SIMBA, those of you that have volunteered countless hours maintaining trails or doing trail advocacy, and all of our future members (visit [our new website](#) to join!). Most importantly, we thank you for getting out there and riding the trails. Without people to ride the trails, we would not get very far at all.

**Get out there and ride!** While you're at it, let us know how the trails are where you ride. You can help us out by submitting trail reports on [Trailforks](#) to let us know of any trail issues that need attention (ie, deadfall, drainage issues, missing signs, tread repair, etc). Or, you can also just send us this information directly.

**Work on a Trail!** Join us for a trail work day. We'll provide the tools and endless conversation about bikes and local mountain bike trails. Or, if you prefer to clear trails independently, keep up the good work! We encourage you to submit trail reports on [Trailforks](#) (or send to us directly) to let us know what has been done and what still needs to be done. Then we can better coordinate future work with our partners to focus on the places that need the work.

**Let us know what we can do for you!** We are here to be a unified voice, representing the mountain biking community in Lemhi County, and we want to know what issues are important for you. Feel free to send any comments or suggestions our way.



## Contact Us

At this time, here are the best ways to contact us:

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**Facebook.** We are Salmon Idaho MTB at <https://www.facebook.com/SalmonIdMBA>

**For additional information or to join,** visit our website at <https://salmonidahomtb.org>

***Have a great riding season in 2022!*** And we wish you many, many epic rides! See you on the trails!

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