

WILMINGTON TRAIL CLUB ~ Membership/Renewal Form

Liability Release: I am aware that there are risks involved in hiking, cross-country skiing, canoeing, kayaking and biking. I have read the information on the reverse side of this application. In consideration of my being permitted to participate in Wilmington Trail Club activities and in further consideration of being allowed to enter onto any private lands which participants may cross, I, intending to be legally bound, waive and release any and all rights and causes of action that I may have against the Wilmington Trail Club or against the owners of such private lands, as well as their respective agents, representatives, and successors for any and all injuries or damages suffered by me or any of my minor children during or as a result of participation in Wilmington Trail Club activities.

**** PLEASE READ THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTICIPANTS LOCATED ON PAGE TWO BEFORE COMPLETING ****

STEP 1 Print Clearly:

Name(s) _____
(include all names in household)

Email #1 _____ Email #2 _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State ____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Phone #2 _____ Phone #3 _____
(work, cell - His, Hers) (work, cell - His, Hers)

Applicants' *Signatures*: _____ Date _____
(all household members must sign)

Date _____

STEP 2 DUES: PLEASE READ MEMBERSHIP DETAILS ON PAGE TWO BEFORE COMPLETING

NEW MEMBER

<input type="checkbox"/> Standard	<u>Mar - Jul</u>	<u>Aug - Oct</u>	<u>Nov - Feb</u>	
Individual - 18 yrs and older	\$35	\$25	\$15	
Household	\$55	\$40	\$24	
<input type="checkbox"/> Electronic	<u>Mar - Jul</u>	<u>Aug - Oct</u>	<u>Nov - Feb</u>	
Individual - 18 yrs and older	\$28	\$19	\$11	
Household	\$45	\$31	\$18	\$ _____

RENEWAL - Current Member

Standard - Individual - 18 yrs and older: \$30 Household: \$45

Electronic - Individual - 18 yrs and older: \$23 Household: \$35 \$ _____

Checks payable to: Wilmington Trail Club

STEP 3 Indicate your interest: Biking Hiking Paddling Skiing (cross-country)

I am interested in: Leaders: Biking Hiking Paddling Skiing (cross-country)

Other: Trail Work * Help with major club events *

* Adult members are expected to assist in club work

STEP 4 MAIL TO: WTC - Membership ~ c/o Ellen Forbes ~ 110 Torington Way ~ Newark DE 19702

wtcmembership@yahoo.com ~ (302) 652-6881 ~ www.wilmingtontrailclub.org

RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTICIPANTS

Because risks are involved in hiking, cross-country skiing, canoeing, kayaking and biking you are accepting all risks and release the Wilmington Trail Club from any liability. You should consider the following before participating in Club events:

1. The Wilmington Trail Club desires to conduct events in a safe manner and expects your cooperation. Therefore, when participating in Wilmington Trail Club events, you must follow certain basic safety rules: Hikers and skiers will not go ahead of the leader unless they first inform the leader, are experienced and know the trail or location.
 - Maintain contact with the person behind you. If you lose contact, call ahead to stop the group until the participant appears.
 - Watch your footing.
 - When hiking or skiing on roads, stay on the left side facing traffic.
 - Keep you skis under control at all times and walk down dangerous narrow trails.
 - Canoers and kayakers must wear an approved life jacket at all times while on the river, stay between the lead and sweep boats, keep a safe distance from the boat in front of them, and know and respect their limitations and paddle accordingly.
 - Closed boaters must wear helmets at all times. Open boaters must wear helmets on water rated Class II and above. Recreational kayakers (*boats not equipped with thigh braces or skirts*) are exempt from using helmets on Class 0-1.
1. **By signing up for Club events, you indicate that you have the experience and the ability to complete the events safely.** You should determine the difficulty of the event, possible hazards and probable weather/water conditions before participating. If at the start, you find conditions more difficult than you were prepared for, arrange with the trip leader to end your participation.
2. You are responsible for outfitting yourself with appropriate clothing, shoes and equipment, and for taking adequate food and water.
3. **Wilmington Trail Club leaders are amateurs – not paid professionals** – who volunteer to lead activities for the benefit of all. You must follow the trip leader's instructions and observe the above safety precautions in order to be considered a participant. If any participant is asked by the leader to leave an event for any violation of these rules or the leader's instructions, or chooses to leave, the leader will help with appropriate transportation arrangements consistent with the resources and welfare of the group. If you continue with the group after being asked to leave, you do so entirely at your own risk.

MEMBERSHIP – DUES DETAILS

WTC now offers two types of membership – please choose carefully. Your choice of Electronic Membership is effective for the **entire membership year**.

- **Standard Membership:** receive Bulletin monthly by mail & printed annual WTC Directory.
- **Electronic Membership:** view and/or download & print Bulletin from WTC Members' website, receive printed annual WTC Directory by mail.

Membership Year: March 16th - thru - March 15th (*of the following year*).

New Members: For new members the total cost in the dues schedule, on page one, includes the initiation fee. Also, dues are prorated based upon the month membership begins.

Renew – Current Members: Renewal deadline is March 15th. To be included in the WTC Directory, have uninterrupted delivery of the WTC Bulletin, and continued access to the WTC Members' Section of the WTC website, dues **must be received** by March 15th. Dues are not prorated. To receive a printed WTC Directory dues must be received by May 1st.

Reinstate – Lapsed Members: You have one year to reinstate your membership at the renewal rate (*March 16th through the end of membership year – March 15th of the following year*). After one-year one must join as a new member.