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MINNESOTA UNITED SNOWMOBILERS ASSOCIATION (MnUSA)

Presents the:

Young Snowmobiler of the Year Awards

February 2014

Congratulations to Emma Kirtz of the Goodtime Riders Snowmobile Club in Adams, MN and Joseph Hinsley of Pine City, MN for being named MnUSA's 2013 "Young Snowmobiler of the Year". Emma's and Joseph's hard work and dedication have been a great asset to the snowmobile community in their areas.

Emma is highly involved with the Goodtime Riders Snowmobile club, and assists them with trail preparation, cleanup, and promoting membership at club events. As the youngest person to hold the position of Club Secretary at age 16, Emma has worked closely with the club on many events such as youth trail rides in the area, and helped to organize a dedication of a bridge on their trail system to a student who was killed in a motor vehicle accident.



Emma earned her snowmobile safety certificate in 2008, and has continued to promote safe riding by serving as a volunteer instructor for the club's snowmobile safety class in 2011. She is looking to attend college in Cedar Point, WI, where she plans to study Resource Management and become a DNR officer.

Joseph is highly involved with both his local club and MnUSA. His contributions include safety training, trail work, bridge repair, and the club booth at the local county fair. When a club member lost their daughter in the 2011 storm, Joseph helped the club put on a benefit for their family. He has also attended MnUSA's Fall Workshop and assisted the club when they hosted the Winter Rendezvous.

To help increase youth involvement, Joseph is working with the leadership in his club to get a youth club started in the area. He continually encourages his peers to join their club and MnUSA, explaining how important it is for them to be involved. Joseph also takes the time to ride along with the groomer operators in order to be able to volunteer his time with grooming in the future.



Emma Kirtz and Joseph Hinsley are members of the Minnesota United Snowmobilers Association which works closely with the legislature, state, local and national organizations, to promote favorable snowmobile legislation, regulations and funding. The association and its volunteers have worked extensively to help develop Minnesota's snowmobile trail system – one of the most comprehensive systems in the country. Visit www.mnsnowmobiler.org for additional information.