

# Vandenberg OHV Club

## Membership Application and Qualification Form

Name:

Date:

Address:

Phone: (H)

(W)

Under 16: Y N

(e-mail)

ATV/motorcycle Safety Certificate Y N

Affiliation with Vandenberg AFB (active duty, DOD civilian,  
etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Description/s \_\_\_\_\_

### Release/Waiver Agreement

I hereby affirm that I have been well advised and thoroughly informed of the inherent hazards of off road driving/riding on Vandenberg AFB designated areas. By signing this agreement, I certify that I am cognizant of these basic risks.

I understand and agree that: neither the United States Air Force, Vandenberg Air Force Base, the Vandenberg OHV Club or their members may be held liable in any way for any occurrence that may result from my participation in any off road recreation related activities held by the VOHVC. I hereby personally assume responsibility for my safety in connection with off road riding/driving and member of the VOHVC, including all risks connected therewith, foreseen or unforeseen, and further to save and hold harmless said Club and persons from any claim or action by me, or my family, estate, and heirs arising out of my membership and voluntary participation in the Club's activities.

I further state that I am of lawful age and legally competent to sign this agreement or have acquired the written consent of my parents or guardians, that I understand the terms herein are contractual and not a mere recital, and that I have signed this document of my own free will. It is my intention by this instrument to exempt and release those parties listed in paragraph two from all liability whatsoever for personal injury, property damage, or wrongful death associated with use of the Club's equipment or facilities.

**I HAVE FULLY READ AND AFFIRM THIS RELEASE BY SIGNING.**

Signature (parent if under 16)

Date

As the Applicant I verify that:

- I have received the VOHVC Orientation brief.
- I have received a copy of the VOHVC Constitution, Rules and By-Laws and agree to abide with all provisions in both documents.
- I understand the importance of complying with the Constitution and By-Laws and that rule infractions could eliminate all off road riding/driving on Vandenberg.
- I will inform a VOHVC officer of any non-compliance of Rules I witness.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of VOHVC Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Vandenberg Off Highway Vehicle Club Membership Application*

## Vandenberg Off Highway Vehicle Club

### Rules

- Speed limit is 15 mph within 50 feet of a campground, campsite, intersection, in the Northstar containment area or concentration of people or animals. Don't drive faster than is safe for conditions.
- You may not drive a motor vehicle on a trail at a speed greater than is reasonable or prudent and in no event at a speed that endangers the safety of other persons or their property.
- All California Vehicle Code laws pertaining to driving under the influence or open containers of alcohol apply to off-road. **DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE.**
- ATV/UTV/dirt bike operators must possess an appropriate safety certificate: (SVIA) Safety Institute for ATVs/UTVs and Motorcycle Safety Foundation for motorized dirt bikes.
- Stay within designated riding areas and on trails.
- All ATV and motorcycle/dirt bikes riders must wear a helmet, long pants, boots, eye protection, gloves and long sleeve shirt. Brightly colored clothing and head lights are highly encouraged.
- Full size SUV/4x4s will operate at a reasonable rate of speed. These trails/roads are NOT intended for BAJA style high speed use.
- No passengers are allowed on four-wheeled ATVs unless that vehicle is intended for use by two riders.
- Off-Highway Vehicle operation, riding or driving, is allowed only between sunrise and sunset.
- Dogs must be kept on leashes at all times.
- Riding double on dirt bikes is not allowed.
- ATVs/UTVs must have a U.S. Forest Service Approved Spark Arrestor in good working order in place at all times.
- Each unlicensed OHV/ATV operator must be under the immediate supervision of a licensed adult and must be capable of operating vehicle control mechanisms.
- Members must abide by the **CALIFORNIA VEHICLE CODE SECTION 38500-38506.**

- Members must abide by **Executive Order 11644, Use of off-road vehicles on public lands/ Section 6 Enforcement.**
- Street legal, full size passenger type vehicles will need to be inspected before using the OHV course. These vehicles must be off road capable, i.e., four wheel drive. Two wheel drive vehicles may operate if the vehicle is intended for off road usage such as having high clearance and large off road tires. Each vehicle must have the following:
  - (a) Tow hooks or tow rings on front and back of vehicle
  - (b) Operational seat belts
  - (c) First aid kit
  - (d) Tow straps
  - (e) Fire Extinguisher
  - (f) Jack capable of lifting vehicle
  - (g) Spare tire
  - (h) Roll bar for open top vehicles
- No member of the VAFB OHV club shall operate an OHV other than areas designated for OHV use. The penalties for violation are as follows:
  - (a) First offense: six month suspension from the VOHV club. Provide an explanation to the club at a meeting as to why this offense occurred. VOHV Club must vote on reinstatement.
  - (b) Second offense: permanent suspension from the VOHV Club
  - (c) Specific acts of negligence will result in immediate expulsion of the VOHVC and may result in federal, state and possibly UCMJ punishments (for Military).
- Prior to being allowed to operate an OHV on VAFB property for recreational purposes each club member shall satisfy the requirements in VOHV Club By-laws Article I, Section II, paragraph C. subsections iii., iv and v. Additionally, members must attend safety training specific to any authorized OHV area on VAFB. This training shall include the following:
  - (a) A site visit and tour of the authorized OHV area. The tour will include specific instructions on where OHV use is allowed, what restrictions are applicable to the area, an overview of specific safety and environmental issues in or near the area. The procedures for fueling OHVs, smoking restrictions, restroom facility locations, trash disposal procedures, entry, parking and exit procedures, directional traffic flow restrictions, child and adult OHV use restrictions and any restrictions on area use that apply.

(b) Education on applicable Federal, State, local, VAFB and Air Force regulations governing use of the VOHV area. Education will include any safety or environmental issues specific to the area.

- Northstar and other VAFB Area General Restrictions. Membership in the VOHV Club does not authorize the use of any Northstar or other VAFB facilities unless specifically authorized by the Installation Commander. Whenever a member of the VOHV Club opens any locked gate (including gates for access to an authorized OHV area) the gate must be locked once the member passes through. Use of any authorized VAFB area for OHV activities is not allowed to interfere with temporary or ongoing VAFB mission accomplishment to include Northstar deployment exercises.
- All members of the VOHV Club must know and understand the procedures for emergency response to an accident. This includes having the appropriate emergency contact numbers for VAFB when operating an OHV on VAFB property, always operating OHVs with a “wingman” (no solo OHV use on VAFB), having a cell phone or radio for emergency use, never allowing children to ride OHVs without supervision, always signing in (with date and time) and signing out when using an approved VOHV area, and whenever possible let someone know where you will be riding and when you will return. Emergency numbers are located on the back of Club membership cards. These general safety practices ensure a safe riding experience for all.
- It will be customary for club members to contribute the welfare of the club, trails and OHV area. The VOHV Club will coordinate work details within the OHV area as well as other areas as part of a community combined effort. It is expected that the club maintain, police and clean its area in order to keep it operational. It is highly encouraged that club member participate.
- Members of the VOHV club will actively report any unauthorized OHV use to the VAFB Conservation Law Enforcement Officers.
- Members of the VOHV club are not authorized to direct or confront persons who are in the process of unauthorized OHV use, but should take notes of such activity and will report such activity to the VAFB Conservations Officers directly or through the VOHV Club officers. However, VOHV Club designated officials may challenge persons suspicious of using the area without proper credentials and then only to alert VAFB Conservation when violations are noted.
- Should apparent unauthorized OHV use is noted by members of the OHV Club anywhere on VAFB, members must report such unauthorized activity to the VAFB Conservation Officers through the OHV Club officers (e.g., obvious OHV use in an unauthorized area). In the event this occurs in or near an authorized OHV area managed by the OHV Club, the OHV Club will coordinate corrective actions with the VAFB Conservation Officers. The VAFB OHV club recognizes that unauthorized

OHV use by its members or by others in or around an area managed by the club may result in adverse actions against the club, up to and including dissolution of the club and or closure of authorized OHV areas managed by the VOHV club.

- In the event a trail becomes blocked or impassable, DO NOT by-pass the obstacle. This creates a new illegal trail. Remove obstacle or turn your OHV around and then report the obstacle to VOHV Club officials.
- When passing through a gated fence make sure you leave it opened if it was opened and close it behind you if it was closed.
- Non-motorized bikes, horse back riding, or hiking is NOT allowed on the designated VOHV trail system for safety reasons.
- OHV training areas are off limits except for training and supervised practice.
- No stunt riding (wheelies, donuts) or speeds over 5 MPH allowed in the OHV staging/parking area.
- When passing traffic, slow to 5 MPH. When overtaking another OHV, wait till that vehicle fully pulls off and allows you to pass.
- OHVs over 99cc are not allowed into the kids play area.
- No major maintenance of OHV is allowed in the VOHV parking area. Minor adjustments are allowed (i.e. spark plug cleaning, carburetor adjustment while attached to vehicle, airing tires, fueling, chain adjustments and similar simple like maintenance).
- In the event an OHV requires towing there shall be a speed limit of 5 MPH. Vehicle will be towed along the most direct route to the parking lot area.
- Fuel vehicles in designated area only. Never carry fuel on an OHV other than in the intended fuel tank. Check fuel level before leaving the staging area.

**Descriptions:**

ATV (All Terrain Vehicle). Four wheel vehicle that travels on low pressure tires, with a seat that is straddled by the operator, and with handlebars for steering control.

Dirt Bike. A lightweight motorcycle designed for use on rough surfaces, such as dirt roads or trails.

Utility Type Vehicle side by side (UTV). Any recreational motor vehicle other than an ATV, motorbike or snowmobile designed for and capable of travel over designated unpaved roads, traveling on four (4) or more low-pressure tires of twenty (20) psi or less,

maximum width less than seventy-four (74) inches, maximum weight less than two thousand (2,000) pounds, or having a wheelbase of ninety-four (94) inches or less.

Jeep/4x4. Passenger vehicles capable of driving on rough surfaces. Examples are Jeep wranglers and four wheel drive trucks and SUV's.

Pathway or trail. Designated path for the exclusive use of off highway vehicles. Pathways can be existing roadways, dirt ways, or paths created by equipment capable of altering the ground and vegetation.