

NorthEast Association of 4wd Clubs

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NORTHEAST ASSOCIATION OF 4WD CLUBS UNVEILS THE ACCESS-4-ALL PROGRAM

The Northeast Association of 4WD Clubs (NEA4WDC) is setting the wheels in motion for their Access-4-All Program. The Northeast Association of 4WD Clubs is a New England based, non-profit organization dedicated to protecting and promoting legal and environmentally responsible off-highway vehicle recreation, while maintaining a harmonious relationship between OHRV enthusiasts and landowners. We accomplish this through supporting and educating government agencies, our own member clubs, private landowners, and the general public.

The NEA4WDC is working to incorporate a program with the goal of providing access for those with physical and mental disabilities, as well as socially and economically challenged youth, to the great outdoors. The program is in its beginning stages as the Association recently received a donation of a 1996 Jeep Cherokee to be the designated vehicle.

A few years ago, the Association invited its first disabled guest out on a trail ride. The individual was a resident at a Derry NH group home. Steve Nordby, Treasurer of the NEA4WDC, member of NE4WI, and also a disabled OHRV driver for several years, took the resident out as his passenger. An employee at the group home came out to help get the resident into Steve's Jeep and buckle him in. While on the trail, several other Association members were able to see the joy of the resident as he safely enjoyed his journey through the woods. In the best way that he could, he communicated to those around him how much he enjoyed his experience and he wanted to do it again.

The goal of the program is to approach local group homes, youth organizations, and organizations for the physically/mentally challenged, to solicit participation in the program.

The Access-4-All Committee is looking for other volunteers who might be willing to help or participate. Maybe we can take a disabled veteran out in the woods so he can hunt or fish or just enjoy nature's beauty! Maybe we can make a kid's day by allowing him to get out of a dark and dreary inner city neighborhood and out into the outdoors where he can have fresh air and explore nature.

For more information about this program, or to find out how you can be a participant of the program, please contact us with your name, contact information, and a brief statement of how we can assist you.