

Greetings all. Here is your opportunity to have the IMBA trail crew come to your project and share their expertise in trail building and management. Requests for 2005 visits are due November 10 and can be made at <http://www.imba.com/tcc/visit.html>.

Go to <http://www.imba.com/resources/agencies/usace.html> if you would like to check out the Corps locations that have had crew visits.

Also be aware that IMBA will be happy to visit any upcoming district or division meeting to give a presentation on IMBA and/or set up a "ride." Contact Jenn Dice at <mailto:jenn@IMBA.com> for more details.

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From: Aaryn Kay [mailto:aaryn@imba.com]
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To: Aaryn Kay
Subject: Subaru/IMBA Trail Care Crew - 2005 Schedule

Dear Federal Partner:

Please consider inviting the International Mountain Bicycling Association's (IMBA) Trail Care Crew to present their trail expertise to your land managers. Our Trail Care Crews lead more than 70 Trailbuilding Schools annually. They are an excellent resource on trail design and visitor management and are widely respected for their dynamic, educational, and entertaining presentations.

We are currently soliciting requests for 2005 and will set the schedule in December. Now is the time to request a visit (<http://www.imba.com/tcc/visit.html>). Please forward this information to anyone you think might be interested. The deadline for 2004 requests is November 10, 2004. If you miss the deadline, please still feel free to contact us as we might have a cancellation or be able to send another IMBA field representative. Following is some additional information to familiarize you with IMBA and the Trail Care Crew program.

About IMBA

Since 1988, IMBA has been bringing out the best in mountain biking by encouraging low-impact riding, volunteer trailwork participation, cooperation among different trail user groups, and innovative trail management solutions. IMBA's network includes 80,000 mountain bikers, 32,000 individual members, and 450 affiliated chapters worldwide. Annually, IMBA members volunteer nearly 1,000,000 hours on public land. More than 30 million Americans enjoy mountain bike recreation.

IMBA has Memoranda of Understanding with the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, the National Park Service's Rivers and Trails Conservation Assistance Program, and New Mexico State Parks.

About the Trail Care Crews

For eight years, IMBA's Trail Care Crews have worked with land managers from local, state, and federal agencies. IMBA has helped plan, design, and build hundreds of new trail systems. The Trail Care Crews have worked in all 50 states and a dozen countries, learning from some of the best trailbuilders around the world. Currently, we have two, full-time teams traveling the country. This program has been fully sponsored by Subaru of America since its inception in 1997.

Our Crews specialize in helping build trails that are:

- * Environmentally sustainable
- * Cost-effective
- * Safe
- * Shared use
- * Fun to ride and walk

IMBA has provided training and inspiration at many land manager trail gatherings. We have conducted comprehensive IMBA Trailbuilding Schools for local, statewide, regional, and national trainings.

Just in 2004, the Crews have taught IMBA Trailbuilding Schools to the following agencies/organizations:

New York Office of Historic Preservation and Recreation

The Subaru/IMBA Trail Care Crew conducted three regional trainings throughout New York teaching 150 state and local land managers sustainable trail design and construction.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Sacramento District Regional Training

The International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA) partnered with the Sacramento District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to provide training in sustainable trailbuilding techniques to 100 park rangers gathered for the 2004 Ranger Training Conference in March at Bass Lake, California

New Mexico State Parks

The State of New Mexico and the International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA) signed an agreement to cooperate in the construction of new mountain bike trails. Work started at New Mexico's Sumner Lake State Park September 14-15, where representatives from all 32 New Mexico State Parks joined the Subaru/IMBA Trail Care Crew for two days of instruction and trailwork.

Western Trailbuilders Association Annual Conference

The Subaru/IMBA Trail Care Crew and IMBA Trail Solutions taught a 2-day advanced Trailbuilding School at the Western Trailbuilders Association Conference focusing on

maximizing the mountain biker's experience. This course, specifically tailored to the audience, included classroom and field instruction.

IMBA Trailbuilding Schools can be tailored to fit the needs of your trail system, timetable, and group size. Regional trainings provide an excellent venue to train a larger group of land managers. Whether it is a two-day signature IMBA Trailbuilding School or a 90-minute PowerPoint on success stories and managing user groups, IMBA's energetic and interactive presentation promises to be a success. If the facilities allow, Crews enjoy taking the group outside to show them specific trail examples, actually build or reclaim trail, or for a fun twist how to mountain bike with a short skills clinic.

Possible topics include:

- * Sustainable trail design Trails that minimize resource impact
- * Partnerships Bringing users together
- * Success Stories The world's best trail systems and why they work
- * Solutions How to overcome user conflict and safety concerns
- * Flow Creating the important trail rhythm visitors love
- * Creative Design Unique trails for the experienced visitor
- * The Future What's ahead for trails?

If you are interested in a Trail Care Crew presentation, please contact me (<mailto:aaryn@imba.com>) as soon as possible. The Crews get several hundred visit requests annually and to maximize their time and minimize their driving, we try to schedule events far in advance.

Thank you for your time and consideration and I look forward to working with you.
Sincerely,

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