

# Indiana State Trappers Association Application for Membership

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Mail application to:  
 Indiana State Trappers Association  
 Travis Allen, Treasurer  
 6862 N. Jackson Street  
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- Regular or family Membership with Trapper & Predator
- Caller Magazine ..... \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_
- Membership without magazine ..... \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_
- Lifetime membership with magazine ..... \$350.00 \_\_\_\_\_
- Life membership without magazine ..... \$200.00 \_\_\_\_\_
- Junior membership with magazine (16 and under)..... \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_
- Senior lifetime membership with magazine (60 yrs.+). \$150.00 \_\_\_\_\_

*New members will receive a patch and decal  
 (one per family)*



The Indiana State Trappers  
 organization dedicated to:  
 Conservation  
 Education  
 Hunting  
 Trapping  
 Wildlife Management



## Our Purpose

We, the trappers of Indiana, prompted by the feeling of profound respect and gratitude toward the many valiant fur trappers who have gone before us, whose courageous deeds and exploits will forever embellish the pages of our nation's early history, and being duly grateful for the rich legacy of wildlife bequeathed by our predecessors, associate ourselves for the following purposes:

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The ISTA helps preserve trapper's rights by:

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## ISTA Events

### Deer/Turkey Show

We have a booth at the deer and turkey show each year in Indy

### Fur sales

We sponsor fur sales where trappers can bring their fur and have several fur buyers on hand to bid on their fur

### Trapper Ed

We have several trappers Ed classes throughout the state. As stated elsewhere in this publication

### Of cer Meetings

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### Fall Convention

Of course our biggest event of the year is our fall convention. We have supply dealers. Pro trappers doing demos, contests for the kids and the l d l adqrgho l ddshmf vgdqd ntq ne@bdqr `qd dkbsdc- @r vdkk `r l `mx nsgdq events no trapper should miss.

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## Indiana State Trappers Association Membership

Your annual membership dues will gain you access to:

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Each issue of the Trapper & Predator Caller includes:

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## The Fur Trade and Trappers

The fur trade today is a responsible, well regulated industry dedicated to the wise use of valuable, renewable resources. Trapping is recognized as the single most effective and safest tool for resolving animal damage problems while providing sound wildlife management.

There are a number of reasons why people trap. Most trappers cite nature dminx l dms+ bg`kkdmfd `mc qdbqd`shnm vhsq sgdhq e` l hkhdr `r qd`rnmr vgx sgdx trap.

Trappers are among the most knowledgeable groups about wildlife and are also among the most concerned for the preservation of wildlife habitat.

Some trappers are motivated by the experience of practicing a skill that dates a`bj sn sgdhq enqde`sgdqr+ nsgdqr dminx sgd dudq bg`mfhmf l nncr ne m`stqd+ experiencing frosty mornings and the feeling of satisfaction of being able to identify animal signs and habitats at a glance.

Although trappers do sell the fur and other products from the animals they patch, very few trappers trap for monetary gain. Some of the things that motivate trappers are no different than deer, turkey, duck, rabbit and other g tmsdqr `r vdkk `r a`rr `mc v`kkdxd @rgdq l`m+ hm e`bs 88\$ ne sq`oodqr dminx those activities as well.

Trappers are responsible individuals, willing to study and respect the animals they seek. They use the most humane methods and devices available and constantly update and revise the tools and methods they use. In fact all of the river otter that were reintroduced in Indiana were captured by trappers in Knthrh`m` trhmf sgd r` l d rsddk i`vdc ennsqnc sq`or sg`s`qd bn l l nmkx trdc by trappers here in Indiana.

The biological facts about trapping are clear. Harvestable surpluses can be used `r` qdmdv`akd qdrntqbd sn sgd admd@s ne ansg odnokd `mc v`hkckhed- Gdmbd sgd HRS@ l nssn @L tst`k Admd@s,-



