



Foothills Jeep Club is a premier jeep club in the South East that focuses on having fun and CONSERVING our trails. We are supporting members of the Southern Four Wheel Drive Association. With this being a core piece of our club, we can actively be involved in the conservation of our trail systems for not only us to enjoy but our kids and one day theirs. Being a club with members that believe firmly in these principles, we can ensure that they represent the club in a positive light when participating in adventures with the club and events not being held by the club. You will find our club members out on the trail and involved in events throughout the year. These events range from mild to advanced off-roading to camping in the foothills of the South East. We're a family oriented club, that plans our events with families in mind. What fun is it if you can't bring the entire family?





- Membership:

Requirements for current members and prospective members include the following:

- Be the owner of a vehicle produced by any of the following: Bantam Corporation, Willys-Overland Corporation, Kaiser Motor Company, American Motors Jeep Division, Chrysler Corporation Jeep Division and DaimlerChrysler Jeep Division, or other Jeep oriented vehicles designated by the Board of Directors.
- Membership shall be based on a family unit. A Foothills Jeep Club member must be over 18 years old and possess a valid driver's license. Members over the age of 18 will be considered voting members. All voting/driving members shall maintain liability and no-fault insurance as required by the State of Georgia.
- Each member must maintain in the vehicle a current Foothills Jeep Club Member Information booklet which must include a signed Waiver of Liability and Emergency Medical and Contact Information Card; and then meet all current vehicle equipment requirements and have current year Trail Ready inspection decal on the vehicle.
- Foothills Jeep Club will not be held responsible for injuries to a member, guest, and/or prospective member. Foothills Jeep Club will not be responsible for any damage or loss to a vehicle or personal property at any organized event, meeting, or scheduled trail ride.
- Prospective members must attend a minimum of two meetings and two trail rides within a 180 day period. Effective January 1, 2017, all prospective members must attend a meeting before attending any scheduled Foothills Jeep Club trail ride; once Prospective Members has met all requirements they must come to a meeting and turn in their membership application to the Director of Membership. Prospective Members will be responsible for completing the noted document and securing all signatures before applying for membership. Prospective Members must sign a Waiver of Liability in order to attend the first trail ride; and meet all club ride requirements. Any prospective members not meeting requirements within the defined time period will revert to the beginning of the membership process. After

Prospective Members have attended two meetings and two rides, Prospective Member will not be allowed to attend another ride until Membership Application is submitted and they have paid dues to the club.

- Only members will be allowed to vote. All voting poles will have an expiration and will not re-open once the expiration has expired.
- All voting members must maintain current dues.
  
- Dues:
  - Current member dues are payable from November 1 – December 31 of the current year for the upcoming annual calendar year. This schedule reflects our Foothills Jeeps Club commitment to Tread Lightly!®, Blue Ribbon Coalition, Southern Four Wheel Drive Association, United Four Wheel Drive Association, and other affiliate organizations.
  - Dues shall be \$50 per family unit to support the club fiscal commitments and activities. New membership dues prorate \$25 after July 1 - December 31 each calendar year.
  - Dues shall be payable to the Director, Membership, or via specified electronic funds as noted on the club website.
  - Any member not meeting the above renewal process will revert to Prospective Member status.
  
- Conduct and Activity Rules:
  - All member must conduct themselves in a respectable and orderly manner. Any member no doing so may be subject to dismissal. A formal complaint may be brought, in writing, to the Board of Directors, and following a two-thirds vote of members present at a regular or properly called meeting to discuss the complaint, the member may be dismissed from the club. In the event of a dismissal, the former member will not be due any refund of dues, fees, or any other monies.
  - Members will be responsible for the actions of their guests.
  - Foothills Jeep Club promotes a family oriented environment and does not allow the consumption of alcohol or any controlled substance prior to or during any official club event where driving is involved. Consumption of alcohol or any controlled substance prior to or during any official club driving event will constitute dangerous and unsafe behavior and will be subject to review by the club Board of Directors for possible censure. This action may result in immediate revocation of all membership right to Foothills Jeep Club and participation in all official club events.
  - Foothills Jeep Club encourages the development of under 18 drivers within our family oriented community. Foothills Jeep Club further encourages all under 18

drivers to be sponsored at all official club events by a parent and/or legal guardian. In order to assure the safety of the under 18 driver and all participants of the official Foothills Jeep Club event, the under 18 driver must be accompanied in the vehicle by a parent and/or legal guardian. It will be the responsibility of the designated Trail Boss and the Board of Directors present for an official Foothills Jeep Club Event to assure compliance to this club safety-based requirement.

- Trail Ride Rules:

- The Trail Boss and/or club officer(s) are in charge of all official club events and have ultimate authority at all official club rides and events.
- Members, Prospective Members, and Guests must sign the Trail Ride Sign In and Waiver of Liability document.
- Members, Prospective Members, and Guests must meet all club vehicle requirements and be certified **Trail Ready** by the Trail Boss.
- Do not travel in unauthorized areas and abide by the Tread Lightly!® guidelines.
- Pets must be controlled by owner. While the club has no restrictions on pets attending rides, owners must check on their own whether pets are allowed wherever rides are held at. Owner will be held responsible for any damages caused by pet. If pet is aggressive towards humans or other pets, it will be not be allow to attend anymore Foothills Jeep Club events.
- Do not litter! Pack it in, Pack it out.

- Vehicle Equipment:

The following equipment is required on **ALL** club rides:

- Vehicle must be maintained in a safe manner, be properly tagged, and be in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws. Each driver must hold a valid driver's license, proof of insurance, Foothills Jeep Club Member Information Document including a signed Waiver of Liability and Emergency Medical and Contact Information Card; and meet all current Vehicle Equipment requirements and have a current year Trail Ready inspection decal on the vehicle.
- Fire Extinguisher
- Roll Bar or Steel Unitized Factory Roll Protection Structure
- First Aid Kit
- Tow ropes or straps are required. Tow straps must be a minimum 2" wide, rated for 10,000 pounds and at least 20' in length; and have a loop style ends. No hooks or metal ends.
- Safety belts (one for each occupant). NO exceptions.

- Spare tire or inner tube, jack, and lug wrench. Spare tire must be within one inch of the diameter of the vehicle tires.
- Front and rear tow points are required. Tow points must frame mounted. Appropriate hooks and D-rings are permitted pending a safety inspection.
- All vehicles must have a functioning exhaust system for both noise control and fire suppression purposes.
- A citizens band (CB) radio will be required.
- Weather, season, and work appropriate clothing must be worn on all Foothill Jeep Club events and trail rides. Appropriate protective clothing and footwear will be required for all members, prospective members, and or guests.
- The following equipment is highly recommended on all club rides:
  - Suspension quick-disconnects
  - Appropriate tires for terrain (all terrain or mud terrain type tires)
- Officers and Duties:
  - The President of the club shall be planning, organizing, and carrying out responsibilities associated with his/her role as the club's chief executive officer. He/she will lead and motivate the club, ensuring that club members feel valuable, inspired, and connected to each other.
  - The Vice President of the club shall attend the club's board of directors meetings. Become thoroughly acquainted with the president's duties so you can assist the president.
  - The Secretary of the club shall support the Board in ensuring the smooth functioning of the Management Committee. In summary, the Secretary is responsible for: Ensuring meetings are effectively organized and minuted. Also, will maintain effective records and administration duties for the club.
  - The Treasurer of the club shall be in control of the club's money, its collection, and disbursement. The treasurer is responsible for keeping accurate books that will enable him/her to give a full financial report whenever requested.
  - The Director of Membership shall direct and oversee membership activities for a membership. Develops programs and initiatives designed to increase membership. Updates and distributes information to current members as well as prospective members.
- Meetings
  - A general meeting of Foothills Jeep Club will be held each month at a specified date, time, and place as announced at a previous meeting and/or posted to social media.

- A trail ride or planned activity will be held each month, as the schedule allows.
- There will be a proposed yearly calendar with tentative dates for all general meetings, monthly trail rides, and events that the club will attend.
- Elections:
  - Elections will be held every 3 years on a rotation as followed:
    - President and Membership Director must be up for nomination during the same calendar year.
    - Vice-President and Secretary must be up for nomination during the same calendar year.
    - Treasurer will be up for nomination in a single calendar year.
      - The nomination for Treasurer must be unanimously approved by the Board before the election.
  - To be elected for President or Vice President, the nominee must have held a position on the Board of Directors and be a current and good standing member.
  - Resignations must be approved by the Board of Directors.
    - The Board of Director submitting resignation must locate their replacement and receive unanimous approval by the Board of Directors.
- Bylaw Changes:
  - A two-thirds vote of voting members present is required to amend the bylaws of Foothills Jeep Club.
  - Proposed changes to the bylaws must be submitted to the general membership for ratification.
  - The proposed changes must be available to voting members at least 10 days prior to the meeting in which the bylaw changes are voted upon.
  - Bylaw changes become effective immediately as approved by membership.
- Club Funds:
  - In the event of the disbanding of Foothills Jeep club, all club monies, assets, and property shall be donated to such charities as directed by the Board of Directors.
  - The annual budget shall be presented to the Board of Directors at the January meeting for the current fiscal year. A majority vote of the Board is required to approve the Annual Budget.

- All funds being spent from the general club fund must be approved with majority vote.
  - Club members must be made aware of the vote for the proposed expenditure prior to the vote.
- Governing Authority and Severability:
  - Nothing in the bylaws shall be construed in such a way as to violate the laws of the United States or the State of Georgia. In the event of one or more Articles or Sections being declared void none of the remaining Articles or Sections shall be affected and shall remain in force.