



## Verde Valley 4 Wheelers Guide Sheet

# How to get a GMRS Radio License

(GMRS = General Mobile Radio Service)

### General Information on GMRS:

- The Federal Communications Commission requires all users of GMRS radio frequencies transmitting above 2 watts have an FCC license.
- One GMRS license covers everyone in the license holder's family.
- No test is required to get a GMRS license.
- The FCC fee for a GMRS license will be cut in half to \$35 for ten years as of April 19, 2022.
- There can be substantial fines for using GMRS channels without a license or call-sign.

### Getting a License is a two-step process online:

Go to the FCC licensing web page...

<https://www.fcc.gov/wireless/systems-utilities/universal-licensing-system>

1. Click on "New User Registration" and get your FRN (FCC Registration Number). *Note: You will need to create a password; make sure to save your password.*
2. At the same website after you receive your FRN by e-mail, click on "File Online" to apply for your new GMRS license. You'll need to pay the fee using a credit card during this process. You will get your new *ten-year* license and call-sign by e-mail in a few days.

### Notes on the Club's use of GMRS: (Trail leader selects the channel)

- GMRS Channels 1 – 7 may transmit up to 5-watts. We may use these channels.
- GMRS Channels 8 – 14 are limited to 1/2-watt. We will NOT use these channels.
- GMRS Channels 15 – 22 may transmit up to 50 watts. We will use these channels, and especially for larger groups. It's best if the tail gunner has a higher wattage radio to reach the trail leader on larger runs or when the group may get spread out more than usual.