



WHY HAVE A GSMOL CHAPTER IN YOUR PARK?

1. **A Chapter allows the GSMOL members in your park to function as an organized group instead of an unrelated bunch of individual members.**
2. **A Chapter allows residents to be proactive about manufactured-home park issues.** Many homeowners think there is no need to form an organization of residents if there are no issues to deal with, but remember that it's better to fix the roof BEFORE it starts raining cats and dogs. **A Chapter allows your GSMOL members to be PREPARED to deal with trouble if and when it comes.**
3. **A Chapter helps GSMOL educate park residents** to understand their rights, protections and responsibilities. Being more aware of the laws that apply to MH parks helps residents to avoid being taken advantage of.
4. **A Chapter connects park residents to each other** through Chapter meetings and events, and possibly through a newsletter and/or an email list.
5. **A Chapter brings the power and resources of GSMOL into your park.** You and your fellow homeowners have a statewide network of leaders, including our attorney and our lobbyist at the Capitol, at your back!
6. **A Chapter can “think outside the park” to connect up with GSMOL members and Chapters in your local jurisdiction,** to work together on community projects, such as establishing rent stabilization or MHP closure/conversion ordinances.
7. All you need in order to form or reactivate a Chapter are enough GSMOL members (at least 15 for parks of 150 or more spaces, or 10% of spaces if fewer than 150) and at least three people to serve as officers. **If you are interested in forming or reactivating a Chapter in your park, contact your nearest GSMOL leader – Associate or Region Manager or Zone Vice President – find them on the “Who’s Who” page in the *Californian* or on the Contact page at gsmol.org**