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NDPRD offers OHV hands-on training at new facility at Burleigh County Fairgrounds

The North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department (NDPRD) is teaming up with 4-H to hold its first hands-on Off-Highway-Vehicle (OHV) safety class at the new training facility at the Burleigh County Fairgrounds, now named Missouri Valley Motorsports Park. The class takes place on Thursday, May 19 from 4 to 8 p.m.

“This is a special occasion for the program, with the development of a hands-on safety area at the fairgrounds and using it for the first time,” NDPRD OHV trainer Matt Gardner says.

The course is located in the middle of the old race track and portions of which will be used to teach riding on hills.

The goal of the class is to educate youth (ages 12-16) in the proper operational methods of OHVs. Individuals in this age bracket are required by North Dakota law to have an OHV (Off-Highway Vehicle) safety certification in order to operate an OHV on public land if they do not possess a valid driver’s license. Topics covered in the OHV safety certification classes include state law regarding the use of OHVs, safety gear used when operating an OHV, basic parts and maintenance of OHVs, along with safe and appropriate operation of OHVs in a variety of riding conditions.

Twelve riders are taking part in the training and they will be using NDPRD OHVs during the hands-on portion of the training. Participants will also be receiving a properly fitting helmet for participating in the class, which was made possible through a 4-H grant.

For more information go to the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department website at www.parkrec.nd.gov/recreation/ohv/index.html or call 701-328-5357.