

North Dakota Parks & Recreation Department

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Off-Highway Vehicle Youth Safety Courses scheduled

The North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department is scheduling Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Youth Safety Courses in the upcoming months.

Youth ages 12 and older who do not possess a valid driver's license must attend an OHV class and pass a written exam in order to legally operate a OHV on any land not owned or leased by the child's parent or guardian. Pre-registration is required and can be made by calling the Registration Hotline at 701-328-5348. A \$20 fee is charged for the classroom course.

Hands-on classes have a maximum of 12 students and all participants must pre-register. Students may bring their own ATV (no dirt bikes) but it must be of proper size for the rider and no larger than 125 cc. If unable to bring personal ATV for the class, there will be machines available for use. Gear needed for the class includes: long pants, long sleeve shirt, over the ankle boots, gloves, and proper fitting helmet with goggles or face shield. There is a \$30 charge for these courses.

Scheduled classes are:

- April 15 at the Mohall School from 2 to 6 p.m.
- April 28 at Kindred High School from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (Hands-on class).
- May 12 at the Wahpeton Law Enforcement Center from 8 a.m. to noon.
- May 29 at Bismarck's Missouri Valley Motorsports Park at the Burleigh Co. Fairgrounds from 2 to 6 p.m. (Hands-on class)
- June 2 in Fargo at The Depot, 701 Main Ave. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- July 2 at the Cavalier School from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (Hands-on class).

Additional classes will be held throughout North Dakota. Information on upcoming classes can be found on the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department's web site,

<http://www.parkrec.nd.gov/recreation/ohv/calendar.html>

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