

PRESS RELEASE

The Clatsop County Sheriff's Office in cooperation with the ATV Safety Institute and the Clatsop County Fairgrounds is pleased to announce the presentation of the ATV Safety Institute ATV Ridercourse during this year's Clatsop County Fair.

The Ridercourse is a four hour hands on ATV training course which presents basic ATV riding skills to participants.

This course satisfies the upcoming requirement that youth riders under age 16 have hands on ATV Safety Training.

Enrollment for the class will be handled through the ATV Safety Institute. Although the entry fee for youth under 16 is \$55.00, they all qualify for \$45.00 of the class fee to be paid by Oregon State Parks. To qualify for this scholarship, enrollees need to sign up for the class by calling ASI Enrollment Express @ 800-887-2887 and be SURE to mention and request the Oregon tuition assistance.

Early enrollment is encouraged as there are limited slots available for each class.

Ridercourses will begin @ 9:00 AM and last approximately 5 hours. The age groups and respective class numbers are:

August 3rd (6 - 11 yrs)- 1148041
August 4th (12 - 15 yrs)- 1148042
August 5th (6 - 11 yrs)- 1148043
August 6th (12 - 15 yrs)- 1148044
August 7th (6 - 11 yrs)- 1148046

Those wishing to bring their own ATVs are encouraged to do so. Please review the Oregon Rider Fit laws to ensure the youth are properly fitted to the machine. Students not conforming to the Rider Fit laws will not be allowed to participate on that machine and may have to be rescheduled. The Rider Fit laws can be found here:

http://www.oregon.gov/OPRD/ATV/Rider_fit.shtml

A limited number of loaner ATVs will be available to those desiring to participate but do not have access to an ATV. These are being made available courtesy of the Tillamook County Sheriff's Office ATV Safety Program.

Participants will need to provide for their own proper fitting helmet, gloves, goggles, long sleeve shirt, full length pants, and boots which cover the ankle at a minimum. At least one parent or adult support person is required for those

students under age 12. Parents for those over age 12 are encouraged to remain and support their child during the class.

The class will be conducted in a field area just east of the Carnival area. Admission to the fair is not required to participate in the Ridercourse.

Also on display at the fair this year for one day only (Friday August 6) will be the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department ATV Safety and Education Trailer. This trailer is a mobile display of current ATV safety gear, and explains all of the new ATV laws in a unique format. For more information on this display visit the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department website at:

http://www.oregon.gov/OPRD/ATV/OHV-Safety_Trailer_Main.shtml

Interested parents and students are encouraged to contact Deputy Michael Nelson at 503-791-4978 for more information or questions.

