

## Rocky Road DRIVING SCHEDULE INFORMATION

This final phase of the drivers ed program will consist of 6 hours of Outside Observation with your Parent/Guardian and 6 hours of in-car instruction with a Rocky Road Instructor. **Hard copy of the Permit must be received in our office prior to scheduling.** Here is a list of what to expect...

- ❖ **ONLINE SCHEDULING ACCESS:** We use SignUp Genius for convenient online scheduling.
  - Add SignUp Genius to your inbox & check your junk mail or spam folder if you didn't receive yours when expected.
  - A SPECIFIC LINK & CODE for that schedule is listed **in the body of the email.**
  - **PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW THE SIGNUP GENIUS DIRECTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE MAKING YOUR SELECTION.**
  - Driving schedule access will be sent out **EVERY TUESDAY AT 7:00pm** according to **seniority order and filled on a first come first serve basis to ensure fairness for all motivated students.**
  - You will automatically continue to receive scheduling access every week **based on your seniority status** until a driving option is secured.
  - **ALL YEAR-ROUND WEEKLY SCHEDULES** are designed to accommodate an average of **20-25 students** each week with a wide variety of **daytime, evening and weekend driving options** to suit traditional students as well as homeschoolers, athletes and adults.
  - All driving is done **1-on-1** with the same instructor, **2 hours** per day, over a period of **3 days** within the same week.
  - Schedules are **GROUPED INTO 3 DAYS WITH SET TIME FRAMES**, listed by **INSTRUCTOR NAME** and **CANNOT BE SPLIT UP.**
  - **A ONE HOUR PARENT/GUARDIAN RIDE-ALONG IS REQUIRED** during the **LAST HOUR of the final drive** so *please factor this in before choosing your schedule.*
- ❖ **INSTRUCTORS:** All Rocky Road instructors have gone through our extensive Apprenticeship Training and Licensing program that exceeds the State and industry standards.
  - We have both male and female instructors that range in age from 21 to 65 with experience levels from 6 months to 25 years.
  - If you have concerns regarding any aspect of our instructors, please visit the [ABOUT](#) page on our website for more background information or contact the office manager for referrals to fit your student's needs before choosing a driving option.
  - **We appreciate the consideration of advance notice regarding further concerns, particularly if you have a student with any special needs that may require certain accommodations.**

- ❖ **PICK UP & DROP OFF LOCATIONS:** We offer various driving options out of the following High Schools.
  - *If you are in need of a special transportation arrangement, please contact the office manager in advance for other possibilities.*
    - **Rocky Mountain** (*meet near the flagpole facing Linder*)
    - **Owyhee** (*meet near the flagpole facing Owyhee Storm*)
    - **Mountain View** (*meet in student parking lot corner of Millennium & Puffin OR behind the school near the tennis courts if you are driving with MS. GALLOWAY*)
    - **Meridian** (*meet in front of the CTE building near the band trailers*)
    - *All other Public, Private & Charter schools in Treasure Valley and other rural areas by request only*
  
- ❖ **DRIVING AGREEMENT:** When you have scheduled and arrived to join one of our instructors, you have officially created a contract/waiver that allows our professional educator to interact with your student in the car and teach them individually or with another student if necessary.
  - Parents/Guardians have the option to ride along on all driving lessons if you prefer your student not be alone with an instructor.
  - You agree to be financially responsible for half the cost of the deductible owed for any and all damages that may have occurred while your student was behind the wheel of one of our vehicles, and furthermore, release Rocky Road Driving School, LLC and its staff from all liability and/or litigation.
  
- ❖ **HEALTH & SAFETY PROTOCOLS:**
  - **CLOSED TOE SHOES** are required at all times.
  - **FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS** with or without a fever within 24 hours prior to any scheduled drive warrants cancellation and notification in advance to reschedule for the safety of all.
  - **SANITIZATION** of all driving surfaces will be done with disinfectant wipes after each driver.
  - **FACE MASK/SHIELD** will be worn by instructors and students **if requested by Parent/Guardian, student or instructor** with the exception of those listed with a *\*NO MASKS* notation next to their name on the signup due to documented medical exemption.
    - Students will be expected to provide their own mask/shield.
  - **WINTER WEATHER** can be hazardous, but since Idaho weather is known for its rapid and often unpredictable changes, we will use our best judgment when choosing to cancel drives for snowy and icy conditions, providing as much advance notice as possible.
  - **Thank you for trusting us to make the best decision based on the safety and well-being of all our students and instructors.**

- ❖ **CANCELLATION POLICY:** Please plan to communicate with us by text or email 24 hours in advance to avoid a **\$25 per hour cancellation fee**.
  - Cancellation fees will be expected to be paid on the first day of the following drive, either in **cash or check payable to the originally scheduled instructor** and must be paid before the permit and certificate of completion will be released.
  
- ❖ **WHAT TO BRING:** Your **OUTSIDE OBSERVATION LOG** must have **6 hours total observation** with detailed accounts of mistakes made by all other drivers, observed by you while riding as a passenger.
  - The completed form must have at least 3 different date entries with 5-10 mistakes listed per date observed, including those by ALL drivers, not just a parent/guardian and be **given to the driving instructor by the end of the final behind the wheel driving session** in exchange for your permit.

### **OBSERVATION LOG EXPECTATIONS:**

An observation log must have a few important elements to be valid. It must have an original signature from both parent and student. Electronic or typed signatures are not valid in the case of a state audit. There should also be 5-10 mistakes listed for each one hour entry, not just one mistake per date, as **the student should be watching for mistakes ALL drivers are making**, not just the parent/guardian in their own car. We consider this a very reasonable amount of mistakes to note due to the large number of drivers we share the road with at any given time.

The object behind the required 6 hours of observation is to begin training the student how to begin thinking like a defensive driver. Looking for possible points of conflict found in the mistakes ALL other drivers are making should help the student become more acutely aware of how to identify when a possible point of conflict may arise, predict what may occur, decide quickly how to avoid becoming a part of the conflict and then execute the proper maneuver that will keep everyone from risk. When you are driving around as a passenger with your parent or guardian, you should be noticing how many people are not following the rules of the road.

You should be noticing the details like the following:

- U-turns at intersections where there's no sign authorizing it
- Not using the shared turn lane properly by only traveling 100ft in or out & stopping to wait for a gap to merge, instead of using it to speed up to the flow & then merging
- Lane changes without using signals
- Turning into the wide lane when they are required to turn into the closest lane
- Stopping too close to the person in front of them
- Not stopping behind the stop line before creeping forward to make a right in red
- Entering the freeway going less than the speed of the flow of traffic or the speed limit that's posted
- Pulling out or changing lanes without providing enough space for a safe gap
- Drivers holding their cell phones while driving
- Excessive speeding or acceleration

These are just a few of the examples you should be observing. The only thing you can count on is that you can't count on anyone to do things the right way every time, so always expect the unexpected, especially when driving. This should give you a clearer understanding of what is expected for you to show us that you are really learning something valuable through the observation process with your parent/guardian.