



## IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ UPON RECEIPT

Dear Student:

Thank you and welcome again to Around the Bend Driving Experience! You can look forward to having an amazing day and the experience of a lifetime, so please let us know if there is anything we can do to assist you. Please take the time to go over the enclosed materials carefully.

***There are five important policy matters that we want to make sure you understand:***

1. AROUND THE BEND DRIVING EXPERIENCE'S cars are real racecars and have manual transmissions with a window opening that you will need to pass through. If you feel you may need assistance, just let us know.
2. If you need to re-schedule a booked experience outside of 14 days of your event, you may do so free of charge. In the event you need to re-schedule your experience within 14 days of your event date a rescheduling fee of \$25 will apply.
3. If you fail to arrive at the track at your assigned time you will forfeit your class and any monies paid.
4. As you will see, at Around the Bend Driving Experience, the student is given a great deal of freedom on the track. To help ensure that this freedom is used properly and to keep our prices low, if a student causes an accident, Around the Bend Driving Experience requires him/her to be financially responsible for repairs. You will find the full details in this packet.
5. The ATB crew is happy to work through any challenges you may encounter at the track. If we can do anything to make your time here even more special, just let us know.

***If you have any questions or concerns about the above policies please call our office.  
(519-369-6969)***

On behalf of everyone at Around the Bend Driving Experience, thank you again! We look forward to sharing your experience of a lifetime with you!

See you at the track,

Your PIT CREW at ATB

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## **HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF YOUR TIME WITH AROUND THE BEND DRIVING EXPERIENCE**

We want you to have fun and learn as much as possible at your Around the Bend Driving Experience. The first step is for you to read this information before you arrive.

***If you feel that anything is unclear, or if you have questions of any kind, please bring your concerns to the attention of your instructor.***

### **Cancellation or Rescheduling**

If you need to re-schedule a booked experience outside of 14 days of your event, you may do so free of charge. In the event you need to re-schedule your experience within 14 days of your event date a re-scheduling fee of \$25 will apply.

### **NO REFUNDS FOR ANY REASON**

### **Inclement Weather**

We use our best efforts to conduct each experience as scheduled. Rest assured, no matter what the weatherman says, we will always attempt to serve you. However, if rain or other inclement weather causes unsafe conditions, this can lead to delays and/or the need to reschedule an experience. Around the Bend Driving Experience shall be the sole judge of whether the experience needs to be delayed or rescheduled. In the event of inclement weather it will be the participant's responsibility to contact ATB for the status of their experience. For updates please contact Tabitha at 519-369-6969 or [ontrackventures@gmail.com](mailto:ontrackventures@gmail.com). If we cannot get your experience in you will have one calendar year to reschedule.

### **General:**

Dress comfortably according to the season and predicted temperature. The cars and fire suits will be warm; in the summer, plan to wear light clothing such as shorts and a T-shirt under your fire suit.

***VERY IMPORTANT: On the day before and the day of your event, especially when the weather is very warm, please stay hydrated!***

The shoes you wear should allow you to feel the pedals through the sole. A tennis shoe or equivalent usually works best. Please don't wear shoes that could be damaged by dirt, oil or scratches. Avoid shoes with soles that are significantly wider than your foot because they could cause you to inadvertently press two pedals at once. Boots are not allowed. Shoelaces may be taped with duct tape by our crew if they are too long. Shoes that do not cover your entire foot

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(such as sandals) are not permitted. Socks must be worn so that your ankles are covered. It's not necessary to arrive any earlier than the time we've told you (15 minutes prior to your experience time).

When you arrive, check in at the (grey) Racing Shop. You will need to read fill out and sign some waivers before you get started. **Minor's (ages 17 and under)** will need a **parent or guardian present** to read, fill out and sign a Minor Waiver.

Personnel will issue your driving suit and helmet. We have full-face helmets and driving suits in sizes to fit everyone. If you have your own suit and helmet, you're welcome to use them. However, helmets must be for automotive use, be functional with a hans device, and have a Snell rating.

Once you're checked in and ready to go, don't leave the area. Barring circumstances beyond our control, your experience will start on time. Your Instructor will meet you at the racing shop and your training will begin!

## Your Day at the Racetrack

### Registration

When you arrive, first you'll check in at the grey Racing Shop in the pits. You'll fill out your registration form and waivers.

### Suiting Up

After registering, you're off to fitting, where you will suit up in a fire-retardant racing suit over your clothes. You're also fitted with a properly sized full-face racing helmet.

### Lifetime "Around the Bend" Driving License (*mandatory to drive a racecar*)

Once you've registered, driver orientation begins. An instructor will take you out on the race track (in a golf cart first) and cover the flags used, how to enter and exit the track, finding your line, and more. The instructor will also show you the race car and teach you how to use it. If you already know standard transmission and clutch use, let your instructor know. By the end of this session, you have everything you need to begin a safe driving experience.

### Ride-Along with a Pro

Part of your training includes a Ride-Along with a Pro before getting behind the wheel yourself. It will not only help you get comfortable in a racecar, but you'll have a better understanding of how the car operates and handles, get a feeling for the racing line while at speed, and see

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firsthand how fast the car can go on the straightaways and especially in the corners. After a Ride-Along, we find that students feel more comfortable and up to speed. You'll already be ready for it!

### **Driver Orientation Recap**

Now that you are familiar with the proper driving lines and controls of the racecar, the instructor will recap all of the safety features of the racecar. Finally they will then answer any questions you may still have. Remember, there is no such thing as a stupid question. We want to make sure you are completely comfortable with all of the information you have learned.

### **Climbing Into the Driver's Seat**

Once your racecar is ready and your gear properly adjusted, it's time to climb into the driver's seat. After a few pit-side photo shots by our on-staff photographer our staff gets you strapped into a vehicle capable of 155 miles per hour (actual top speeds will vary). You'll get earpieces to slip under your helmet so that you can hear your instructor while you're on track. We ensure that you're comfortable and correctly restrained in a 5-point harness, and then you're ready to drive!

### **Driving the Track**

You can choose to complete your driving experience either in the two-seater car with the instructor beside you, or on your own in one of our race cars. Using an in-car radio, the instructor guides you out onto the track. They'll work with you on accelerating, braking, turning and finding your fastest line.

With your loved ones on the sidelines watching you experience the once-in-a-lifetime thrill of a heart-pumping, white-knuckle race car drive, you focus on the track ahead while the roar of the engine drowns out every other thought. When you finally step out of the racecar to the cheers of your family, you feel like a kid again, and nothing can ever erase that memory. Your dreams have been fulfilled, one lap at a time!

### **After Your Experience**

When the checkered flag waves, it's back into the pits where you can stop at our "Victory Lane" for some great photos and then out of your safety gear.

**Due to the quality and safety built into the racecars, and the experience of our instructors, damage is rare.** It is IMPERATIVE that you listen to your instructor and follow their direction, as damage to the car becomes increasingly more probable if you do not listen

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carefully and follow their procedures. If you make a mistake and hit the wall, another car, spin out, etc., our staff will investigate and make a determination on site as to whether or not you were at fault for the accident. If the staff determines the accident to be your fault, your experience will end immediately and **you will be responsible for any damage to the racecar up to \$20,000 on site!!! Your own personal auto insurance policy will not cover you as the race car is a non-registered, non-titled vehicle.**

*Please note that prices are subject to change without notice.*

## **ANSWERS TO SOME OF YOUR QUESTIONS**

- **Do I need any race experience?**

No. Just the need for speed and the desire to drive a REAL (NASCAR-type) racecar.

- **What types of cars are available?**

Real (NASCAR-type) racecars for our Short Track Division, NASCAR style Super Late Models.

- **Are they real racecars?**

You bet! They've all been raced in competition.

- **How FAST will I go?**

Real Fast! Every student is different, but we encourage you to drive as fast as you are comfortable with.

- **Do I need to bring anything?**

No, we provide everything. You should dress comfortably with a T-shirt and shorts that will fit under the driving suit and closed toed foot wear (ie, sneakers). **(No boots or sandals!)** It can get quite hot in the race car with all your safety gear on.

Friends and family, cameras and video cameras are encouraged. Sunglasses are recommended.

- **Do I need a reservation?**

Yes, experiences are scheduled in advance.

- **How old do I have to be?**

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You must be at least 16 years old to drive a race car yourself. \*There is no minimum age to be a passenger for a Ride-Along Experience in our 2-Seater race car.\*

**\*A Parental Consent Minor Waiver is required for all minors ages 17 and under.**

**\*What if it rains?**

We will reschedule you at no cost, but no refunds will be given.

**\*What if I wreck?**

These are Real Race Cars and as such, are not covered by insurance policies. Race cars are non-registered, non-titled vehicles. YOU as the driver “renting” the car are responsible for any damage to the race car. You are also responsible for your health insurance. Due to the quality of the training and cars, damage is rare.

**\*What if I can't make it?**

Please be aware that we have a limited amount of dates and sessions. Times are filled on a first come, first serve basis. We will do our best to accommodate your scheduling preference. If you need to re-schedule a booked experience outside of 14 days of your event, you may do so free of charge. In the event you need to re-schedule your experience within 14 days of your event date a re-scheduling fee of 25 will apply.

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