



Dear Ride-Along Participant:

Thank you and welcome to Around the Bend Driving Experience! You can look forward to the experience of a lifetime, so please let us know if there is anything we can do to assist you.

Your ride with one of our race proven professionals will guarantee you a thrill like you have never experienced. You will be racing a couple of feet from the wall at speeds approaching 80 mph (on our ¼ mile track). HOLD ON!!!! You are going to be riding in a Race-Ready Real Late Model Race Car with over 500 horsepower under the hood!!

Dress comfortably! You will be suiting up in a fire suit upon your arrival and will be sized for a helmet. Wear closed toed shoes such as tennis shoes. No sandals! You will not be allowed in the Race Cars with open toed shoes. These are real race cars and the floor board gets VERY hot.

Bring your family and friends. Spectators are always welcome and encouraged. Our photographer will take your picture by the Racecar in "Victory Lane" after your experience. Your family and friends are also welcome to take pictures and videos!

On behalf of everyone here 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!

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FAMILY AND FRIENDS SPECTATOR INFORMATION:



As you watch your friends or loved ones ride, here are some things you should know:

- There may be multiple Ride-Alongs scheduled each day; please note there may be a wait before your Ride-Along starts.
- The cars will sometimes backfire, and that's normal. No student is ever allowed to ride in a car that's not running right. Occasionally a rider will be taken out of a car with that is having a problem and put in another car. We keep track of the time this takes and make sure the rider gets their full amount of laps.
- You may hear an engine "miss" on the straightaway. This is the effect of a device called a "rev limiter" which is used on some tracks to control the car's top speed. If you hear that noise, the pro driver is driving as fast as the car can go.
- Riders always get as much track time as promised. If a car malfunctions, we keep track of how long the car is in the pits for repairs and make sure to add that amount of time to their session when they get back on the track. If something causes us to display the yellow flag and the Ride-Along car has to slow down, we stop the clock. Riders aren't paying for those laps.
- In the event of delays due to rain or other factors, we may "hustle" to do our best to make sure everyone gets their ride before it's too dark or it rains again. However, even though we may be hurrying in some respects, we never cut the sessions short. At Around the Bend Driving Experience, everyone gets what he or she paid for. If we cannot get your experience in you will have one calendar year to reschedule.
- If you're wondering what it's like- based on availability we may be able to accommodate walk-ups. If there is availability you're more than welcome to take a Ride-Along with a Professional yourself! It is the Ride of a Lifetime! Please see one of our staff members to get started.
- Some areas of the track are not safe for spectators. Please observe signs and barriers, and cooperate with our staff if asked to move.
- We want you to have a great time, so please let us know if we can do anything to assist you.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

1. Do I need any race experience? No. Just the need for speed and the desire to ride in a REAL (NASCAR-type) racecar.
2. What types of cars are available? Real (NASCAR-type) racecars for our Short Track Division, NASCAR style Super Late Models.
3. Are they real racecars? You bet! They've all been raced in competition
4. How FAST will I go? Real Fast! You will be taken at the top speed the car is capable of on our ¼ mile Oval Track at Grand Bend Speedway.
5. Do I need to bring anything? No, we provide everything. You should dress comfortably with a T-shirt and shorts (can get quite hot with the safety gear on) that will fit under the driving suit and sneakers. (NO SANDALS)

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

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