



OREGON RACEWAY PARK & STAR Projects

Annual Instructor Training Seminar, Saturday, March 18th 2023

When O.R.P. first opened 15 years ago it was clear that the complexities and challenges of this undulating and highly technical bidirectional circuit presented a learning / teaching curve that was several magnitudes more difficult to master as almost any in the country. Although The Northwest was blessed with many excellent and experienced drivers, it was clear that the ability to teach those skills has never been a universal talent. From basic vehicle operation to advanced racing techniques, two axioms emerged: “You can’t teach what you don’t know” and “Those that have the driving skills are not always able to transfer that knowledge to another driver”. Our goal is to continue to grow our pool of highly skilled and qualified O.R.P. instructors as well as raise the professionalism and cohesiveness of all who serve in the Driving Coach / Instructor role. To that end we are again offering our Instructor Training Program and hope you will sign up with Brenda and submit your updated résumé early.

The morning classroom format will cover the rules, expectations and policies of the instructor program. I am pleased to announce that our guest speaker this year will be Christopher Bender. His presentation will be followed by time for questions and a round table discussion, “bring your best teaching tip and share it with others”.



A separate classroom will run concurrently for our Turn Worker Staff. Trainees and Instructors will combine before lunch for the Fire Suppression practice and Driver Assistance Familiarization. If you have a car equipped with competition belts, master electrical shut off switches, door pins, window nets etc. please bring it to the garage area before the classroom begins, and help acquaint our trainees with the extraction procedures.

A hot lunch will follow at noon and at 1:00 p.m. the track will “go hot” for practice. To dust off the cobwebs of the “off season” we will run both directions. You may be asked to stage “in real time” practice flag and communication incidences for our turn trainees to respond to.

Participation in this training is not a guarantee that you will be granted an O.R.P. / STAR Projects instructor qualification, but it carries significant weight in the vetting process.

Classroom will start at 9:00 a.m. sharp. The morning (classroom only fee) is \$25 and includes the gate fee and Lunch. The afternoon on course is \$175 to offset expenses. Vehicles must conform to O.R.P. track day specifications or higher. Self tech forms are available from the track office. Convertibles must have roll over protection.

Event Questions
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