



VASA EDUCATION AND SAFETY TRAINING

SOME INFORMATION FOR PARENTS REGARDING THE VEST PROGRAM...

INTRODUCTION:

VEST is a newly created program designed to give Vermont's youth ATV riders the knowledge needed to safely handle an ATV. Currently, it is written in the Vermont Statutes that riders under the age of 18 need to successfully pass a state approved safety course and hold a certificate of completion. In order to comply with this regulation, the state set up an online safety course. This course is available to everyone, and is available through the Vermont State Police for a fee of \$30.00. Upon the launching of this online test, VASA officials agreed that more should be offered to ensure the proper understanding of the information. This led to the creation of VEST: VASA Education and Safety Training. The VEST program is essentially the same program that is offered online through the state police, but in a more comprehensive classroom form and hosted by trained VASA volunteers.

Course Description:

The course is designed for riders aged 12-18. You must pre-register through the VASA office and attend the class as well as successfully pass the examination to get your safety certificate. Parents are highly encouraged to attend the class with their child.

Registration:

Parents must pre-register students through the VASA office. A registration form will need to be completed and submitted to the VASA office absolutely no later than 15 days prior to the class date. Parents can pre-register students by calling the VASA office at 802-477-5075 or by emailing the VASA office at office@vtvasa.org. We will then mail students a packet of materials including a workbook titled "Today's ATV Rider in Vermont." At home study is necessary for completion. Students must also come to class with the review questions in the back of the book completed. If this homework is not completed, students will not be able to participate in the course. Instructors will verify completion the morning of class.

Class:

Length of class varies depending on the students. We ask that you plan for 6 hours, but make yourself available to pick up your child should we finish earlier. At home study is mandatory! Your child will receive a workbook after you register for the course and he or she will be responsible for familiarizing themselves with the material. If your child does not study, the chances of successfully completing the course will be diminished. In addition, the review questions in the workbook MUST be completed. VEST instructors will verify that the work has been completed.

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If the review questions are not completed, your child will not be allowed to continue with the class and you will need to re-register your child for a different class. There is an abundance of information involved in properly operating an ATV; at home study is necessary to compliment the review process that will occur on class day. Our instructors will review the information in the handouts with the class and clarify any questions students may have. Visual aides, and active discussions will help ensure that your child absorbs the necessary knowledge to safely operate an ATV. The exam will be administered after the review of the materials and graded by our instructors. You will know the day of the exam if your child has successfully passed or needs to take the course again. In the event that your child needs to retake the exam, the instructor will go over the materials that your child needs to focus on in order to obtain their safety certificate. If your child successfully completes a class, a safety certificate will be mailed to the address you provided on the registration form.

On the day of the class, we ask that you arrive to the site of the class 10 minutes early so our instructors can check your child's workbook for completion of the review questions, as well as begin the class at the scheduled time. Periodic bathroom breaks will be given as well as a 30 minute lunch break. You may provide your child with snacks and beverages for use throughout the day. It is a good idea to come to class prepared— bring a notebook and pen or pencil. Please turn your cell phones off during class.

Special Accommodations:

If certain accommodations would help your child retain more information, or make passing the exam easier, notify us. We are happy to do what we can to ensure that your child walks away from this class feeling great about what he or she has learned.

Online Course: <http://www.offroad-ed.com/vermont/index.html>

The online course is available to everyone for a \$30.00 fee.

Free reviews and practice tests are available and we encourage students to use these resources in addition to the materials they receive through the VEST program.

If you have questions or concerns regarding the course please feel free to contact VASA:

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