

# Oregon ATV Safety™



## Youth Rider Endorsement Program

OAS Evaluator Application



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**Youth Rider Endorsement Program**

**Join the Oregon ATV Safety™ Team  
Start Making a Difference Today!**

## **Share your Experience**

Riding an ATV is a way for many youth and adults to connect with each other and the great outdoors. The Off Highway Vehicle system in Oregon provides miles of well-established and maintained trails for young and old alike. As an Oregon ATV Safety team member, you can share your enthusiasm for ATVing by giving back to the ATV community. Every year brings more riders of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities to the sport. The future of the sport and the health and well-being of young riders depends on people like you. You have the talent to make a difference in the safety and well-being of these new riders TODAY!

## **Learn New Skills**

Oregon ATV Safety Evaluator training gives you the skills necessary to verify the ability of young riders to demonstrate their proficiency to safely operate the ATVs they normally ride. It's important to the safety of these young riders and the future of the sport that these young people understand how to ride safe, smart, and ethically.

## **Oregon ATV Safety team members are committed to a community's ATV safety**

Oregon ATV Safety team members are fervent, enthusiastic, and driven to engage young people in a rider evaluation process. The evaluation assists young riders with their understanding and management of risks associated with ATVing. With your help, our community's youngest citizens will participate in a recreational activity that can provide a lifetime of safe, fun, exciting ATV adventures.

Take this opportunity to apply and be part of the Oregon ATV Safety team.

## **Becoming an Oregon ATV Safety Evaluator**

An Oregon ATV Safety Evaluator plays integral role in helping young ATV riders have fun and stay safe while riding on Oregon public lands. An Evaluator is a highly qualified individual who is committed to ATV rider safety. By becoming an Evaluator, you evaluate the ability of young riders to demonstrate that they can safely operate the ATVs they normally ride. ATVing, as an individual and family recreational activity, benefits through young riders that ride safe, smart, and ethically. Along the way, you become a better rider too.

Your journey to becoming an Evaluator starts with a few steps. It is important that you read through and understand the following material. When finished, you can fill out the attached application and return the application to: Director, Oregon ATV Safety, 3893 SW Airport Way, Redmond, OR 97756.

Once your application is submitted, you will receive additional information.

### **The Origins of Oregon ATV Safety**

Oregon ATV Safety is an ATV rider endorsement program developed in 2010 by the Oregon 4-H Youth Development Program at Oregon State University through a contract with the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. Oregon ATV Safety is a response to the rising number of ATV related injuries and deaths and Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 736-004-0085 (2) (d). This OAR requiring ATV riders in Oregon, less than 16 years of age, to possess an operator's permit and endorsement of hands-on course completion started January 1, 2012.

The objectives of Oregon ATV Safety are to provide youth with an understanding of the risks associated with riding ATVs and an understanding of the riding strategies that can help youth manage and minimize risks.

Oregon ATV Safety Evaluators use ranges that have been pre-approved for use by Oregon ATV Safety and facility owners. Evaluators live and work within the county they serve to provide endorsements. Evaluator endorsement kits contain everything an Evaluator needs to conduct Youth Rider Endorsement Program courses: endorsement materials, measuring tapes, cones, chairs, tire pumps, gauges, etc.

### **Oregon ATV Safety Youth Rider Endorsement Program**

The Oregon ATV Safety Youth Rider Endorsement Program course is not ATV rider training. Rather, the course is an opportunity for youth to demonstrate to a highly qualified ATV professional that they have the basic skills necessary to operate an ATV on Oregon public lands.

The objective of Oregon ATV Safety is to provide youth with an opportunity to demonstrate their mental and physical riding skills necessary to meet the minimum standards to operate an ATV on public lands.

On the Youth Rider Endorsement Program range, you will demonstrate the minimum standards. The Oregon ATV Safety program wants young riders to be successful. Your job, as an Evaluator, will be to make sure the course is fun and safe. The goal of the endorsement program is to see that youth receive the hands-on endorsement necessary to ride on public lands.

## **Expectations of Oregon ATV Safety Youth Rider Endorsement Program Evaluators**

Oregon ATV Safety™ is looking for Evaluators who have a genuine interest in helping young riders; Evaluators who can and will listen to young people and be sensitive to their needs.

Oregon ATV Safety™ Evaluators are expected to present themselves in a professional manner anytime they may be recognized as being associated with Oregon ATV Safety™. As a representative of Oregon ATV Safety™ it is incumbent upon you to ride and act responsibly.

There are specific expectations/requirements for our OAS Evaluators:

- Model safe riding behaviors – Evaluators are expected to wear appropriate riding gear (DOT approved helmet, eye protection, long sleeves, full length pants, full finger gloves and footwear that covers the ankles) in their personal life and in their Evaluator capacity. Evaluators are recognized as ATV safety professionals in their communities. It is essential that Evaluators protect their credibility and that of the **Oregon ATV Safety™** program by dressing appropriately and riding responsibly any time they ride.
- Maintain skills to effectively demonstrate exercises - The demonstration rides given during a course are not necessarily skills used in everyday trail riding. Therefore, Oregon ATV Safety expects the Evaluators to spend the appropriate time practicing so they can give the students a correct demonstration the first time.
- Required to facilitate a minimum of 4 evaluation courses (estimated 2-3 hours each). Realistically, one needs to teach at least five or six times a year to remain proficient.
- Attend update training at least once every two years (as requested or required) - Oregon ATV Safety offers update training a number of times each calendar year. Most Evaluators will attend every year to see what is changed or new. Attendance is highly recommended for the Evaluator's benefit.
- Follow Oregon ATV Safety approved curriculum; comply with policies and procedures - Protect yourself and the program.
- Maintain a good driving record - Protect your ability to evaluate. If an individual receives two tickets in a 12-month period, (or 3 in 18 months) they will be suspended from evaluation and placed on probation for one year from the date of the last moving violation.

### **Oregon ATV Safety Prerequisites**

The following requirements must be met before Oregon ATV Safety™ can consider an individual's application.

- 21 years of age/older
- Successful employment in the Oregon ATV Safety (includes criminal background check)
- Experienced ATV rider who currently holds an Oregon All-Terrain Vehicle Safety Education Card
- Acceptable driving record - no suspensions, cancellations, revocations or denials within preceding 3-year period - See expectations above regarding driver's license.
- No felony convictions
- Good physical shape, capable of sustaining physical exertion - The Youth Rider Endorsement Program courses take place anytime the Evaluator deems the conditions are appropriate to hold an evaluation course (usually on a Saturday and/or Sunday). The Evaluator should expect to spend from 5 to 9 hours each day (depending on the number of courses offered) with very few, short breaks. Evaluators must be able to bend over repeatedly, push ATVs for short periods with students aboard, move quickly (jog, not run) when needed, etc. The weather conditions are rarely ideal. Typically the temperature is cold or hot, when it's cold it is frequently raining (yes, Oregon ATV Safety evaluates, rain or shine).

You need to ask yourself; if I'm worn out after a day like this, is one night sufficient time for my body and mind to recuperate? Remember, the requirement is for the Evaluator to provide the same level and quality of evaluation at the end of the Sunday session that they provided at the beginning of the Saturday session. You don't need to be Superman or Superwoman, but it is physically and mentally demanding.

- Complete an Oregon ATV Safety application.
- Interview - Only when all the prerequisites have been met will an individual's application be considered for selection to attend Oregon ATV Safety Evaluator training.

In the months prior to Evaluator training, interviews may be held. If Oregon ATV Safety feels an interview is warranted, one will be scheduled. The interviews typically last 20 to 30 minutes and are done over the phone.

### **The First Step to Becoming an Oregon ATV Safety Evaluator**

Oregon ATV Safety™ Evaluators are expected to continue to grow and hone their skills throughout their careers. They must be willing and able to accept coaching and adjust their delivery as long as they are a member of the team.

Becoming a Oregon ATV Safety™ Evaluator requires an eight hour training.

The steps are as follows:

1. Youth Rider Endorsement Program Class Facilitation,
2. Youth Rider Endorsement Program Range Facilitation,
3. Youth Rider Endorsement Program Practicum, and
4. Youth Rider Endorsement Program Evaluator Assessment

### **Learning Oregon ATV Safety Course Facilitation and ATV Rider Evaluation**

Your success as an Evaluator on the range will depend in part on your understanding of the ages and stages of youth development. That is, you will need to know something about the young people you will encounter in your Evaluator capacity. A young person's interaction with a myriad of biological, psychological, social, historical, and cultural factors influence how he or she develops. While, it is not the mission of Oregon ATV Safety to turn you into a youth development professional, it is a goal of Oregon ATV Safety to provide each Evaluator the facilitation and ATV rider evaluation skills necessary for a successful and enjoyable experience.

You will never be alone as a Oregon ATV Safety Evaluator. You will always have access to a wide range of highly qualified ATV and youth development professionals to answer your questions, offer guidance, and provide advice.

### **Oregon ATV Safety Quality Control**

Oregon ATV Safety Evaluators are constantly challenged to improve their knowledge and techniques.

One of the tools Oregon ATV Safety™ uses to help the Evaluator improve is a **Technical Assistance Visit**. These are low key, informal visits by an Oregon ATV Safety™ Master Instructor who works with the Evaluator during a Youth Rider Endorsement Program course. The Master Instructor will point out areas of good performance as well as making suggestions for potential improvements.

Another tool is the **Update**. With updates, Evaluators learn new techniques, get the opportunity to fine-tune their abilities, and learn to deliver a new curriculum and/or find out what is new or different in ATV training. As previously mentioned, these programs may be offered a number of times each year.

**Site Compliance Audits** are a way of measuring the effectiveness of the program. SCAs are formal visits made by Master Instructors who are looking at the program systems and performance. The Master Instructor observes part of the course and all the facilities and equipment and makes a formal report to the Oregon ATV Safety™ Director.

When an Evaluator has been with the program for a minimum of one year he/she may ask for promotion to Master Instructor to deliver Oregon ATV Safety Evaluator training courses.

## **Benefits of Becoming an Oregon ATV Safety Evaluator**

There are many benefits of being an Oregon ATV Safety Evaluator. Some are personal, some are tangible.

The personal benefits include:

- Gains in ATV knowledge
- Gains in competence, confidence, character, caring, connection, and contribution
- Being part of your community's and state's ATV safety solution.
- The joy and satisfaction of helping someone realize a dream.
- Opportunity to improve personal riding skills.
- Be among a great group of people who share your interest and passion.
- Increased job skills.
- Making new friends.

The tangible benefits include:

Youth Rider Endorsement Program Cost Recovery – Evaluators give of their time and talent. The Oregon ATV Safety program provides all the necessary evaluation equipment to conduct Youth Rider Endorsement Program courses. Oregon ATV Safety will replace evaluation equipment and reimburse for material purchased to facilitate Youth Rider Endorsement Program courses.

Tort Liability - Evaluators working for a State of Oregon agency (OSU) will be protected from civil liability for injuries or damage to the person or property of others (general conditions apply).

## **Riding Safe, Riding Smart, Riding Ethically**

Oregon ATV Safety™ is an educational program of the Oregon 4-H Youth Development Program, the Oregon 4-H Outdoor Education & Recreation Program, the College of Public Health and Human Sciences, and the Oregon State University Extension Service.

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**Youth Rider Endorsement Program**

Application for **Oregon ATV Safety™**  
Youth Rider Endorsement Program Evaluator

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address if Different than Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (MM-DD-YY): \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License: \_\_\_\_\_ State Issued: \_\_\_\_\_

Return application to:  
Director, **Oregon ATV Safety™**  
3893 SW Airport Way  
Redmond, OR 97756

How did you hear about the Oregon ATV Safety™ Youth Rider Endorsement Evaluator Training?

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| OPRD   | Oregon 4-H Program | OSU Extension Service | Team             |
| Oregon | ATV/Dirt Bike Club | Web                   | State Fair Other |

I understand that this application does not guarantee an OAS Evaluator position with the OSU Extension Service, the 4-H Youth Development Program, or the Oregon ATV Youth Rider Endorsement Program Evaluator workshop. I understand that during the workshop,

I will be evaluated continuously. Failure to meet specific competencies will result in dismissal.

I must complete and pass an OSU employment application process, attain a specific score on all assignments and quizzes, pass a knowledge test, satisfactorily meet the objectives for student evaluation, and demonstrate a professional attitude in order to qualify for OAS Evaluator certification.

Yes

No

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_