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All-Terrain Vehicle Safety Training Available April 8th and May 13th at Danner Campus
Free with Purchase of Most New ATVs

March 16, 2017 - A half-day, hands-on *ATV RiderCourse*SM to learn the proper and safe use of all-terrain vehicles is being offered at 9AM on Saturday, April 8th and Saturday, May 13th at the Danner Campus in Dover, DE. The *ATV RiderCourse* is conducted by certified instructors from the nationally recognized ATV Safety Institute (ASI), which has been conducting these courses for more than 20 years.

Information about class location and availability can be found at www.atvsafety.org (click on “Online Enrollment”) or by calling (800) 887-2887. The ASI *ATV RiderCourse* is free for purchasers of most new ATVs and it is available to others for a reasonable fee.

Local ASI Instructor, Crustal Schur, said, “It’s critical that riders and non-riders alike understand the importance of the safe and responsible use of ATVs. For example, summer marks a time when children have more free time to enjoy outdoor activities, including riding ATVs. Parental supervision is a key element to a child's safety and children under the age of 16 must be supervised at all times when operating an ATV. Parents literally hold the key to their children’s safety. Every ATV has an ignition key, and when a parent or guardian controls the key, they control the ATV’s use.”

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The *ATV RiderCourse* offers training for youth aged [6-11] where a parent or guardian must be present or participate in the training, as well as training for teens and adults.

The course is conducted completely outdoors and students practice basic safety techniques with hands-on exercises covering starting and stopping, turning – both gradual and quick – negotiating hills, emergency stopping and swerving, and riding over obstacles. Particular emphasis is placed on the safety implications relating to each lesson.

The course also covers protective gear, environmental responsibility and state and local laws.

The ATV Safety Institute also offers free interactive online courses for youth, teens and adults on its website in preparation for taking a hands-on *ATV RiderCourse* or as a refresher after they have taken a course.

The ATV Safety Institute's Golden Rules:

1. Always wear a DOT-compliant helmet, goggles, long-sleeved shirt, over-the-ankle boots and gloves and other protective gear.
2. Never ride on paved roads except to cross when done safely and permitted by law- another vehicle could hit you. ATVs are designed to be operated off-highway.
3. Never ride under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.
4. Never carry a passenger on a single-rider ATV, and no more than one passenger on an ATV specifically designed for two people.
5. Ride an ATV that's right for your age.
6. Supervise riders younger than 16; ATVs are not toys.
7. Ride only on designated trails and at a safe speed.
8. Take an *ATV RiderCourse*SM; Call Toll-Free at (800) 887-2887, or go to www.atvsafety.org.

The All-Terrain Vehicle Safety Institute® (ASI), a not-for-profit division of the Specialty Vehicle Institute of America® (SVIA), was formed in 1988 to implement an expanded national program of all-terrain vehicle (ATV) safety education and awareness. The ASI's primary goal is to promote the safe and responsible use of ATVs, thereby reducing crashes and injuries that may result from improper ATV operation by the rider. For safety information or to enroll in the *ATV RiderCourse*SM nearest you, visit www.atvsafety.org and click on "Online Enrollment" or call (800) 887-2887.