

What to expect when you attend an Ice Driving Event

Whether this is your first ever Ice Driving Event or your first Ice Driving Event that the Audi Club Glacier Lakes (ACGL) chapter has put on, this document describes what your preparation for the event should entail as well as what you can expect during the event.

Ice Driving Events are open to members and non-members of Audi Club Glacier Lakes (ACGL) and Audi Club North America (ACNA) in that you do not have to become a member of either ACGL or ACNA to participate in this skill enhancing event.

Our goal is simple: Audi Club Glacier Lakes driving events are designed and run to educate, build skills and promote the application of driving technique on the street well beyond the drivers' education courses found in high schools.

We will use a very shallow lake in Scott County MN in order to provide a safe and structured environment for our students. We will NOT hold an event when the lake doesn't have sufficient ice depth to accommodate our event.

We plow the lake prior to the event to establish our slalom, accident avoidance, skid pad, and road course exercises so that when you arrive at the event we maximize your learning opportunities.

Modern technology has given us cars with capabilities far above those required for relatively safe everyday driving, however, what we teach is based on the premise that you should never be a passenger in the car you are driving. This simply means that when you experience adverse situations on the road, you will be prepared to take decisive action as opposed to panicking or doing nothing.

We do not promote nor do we condone illegal driving activities e.g. speeding.

Preparation

In preparation for the event, you need to make sure your car is safe, not only for you but for the other instructors and/or drivers attending this event. This means, that your car needs to have working headlights, taillights, turn signals, brakes, steering, suspension, it must not be leaking any fluids, and the tires should be properly inflated.

Safety is our primary concern. Cars and drivers not judged to be safe will not be allowed on the driving course. However, the ultimate burden for safety is yours. The management team cannot foresee and codify every potential situation. Thus, the event management reserves the right to make ad hoc decisions concerning the operation of the event. Your participation in the event is contingent upon your abiding by these decisions. One of these decisions may be that inappropriate behavior on the part of a student is grounds for expelling a student from the balance of the event without refund.

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Event Structure

The event is held regardless of weather, unless the ice is too thin to safely accommodate our event on the lake. Please arrive on-time.

This driving school mimics actual driving conditions on the street, and is designed to probe the limits of your car and the driver under safe, controlled conditions. The purpose of this is to get the students accustomed to the experience of having to deal with adverse situations on the road, and if that happens, the element of surprise is minimized. We will have you doing a lot of driving, doing the same exercises over and over to instill these reactions to adverse events as 'muscle memory' or instinctive reactions.

For teen driving clinics, you, and your legal guardian, if you are under legal age, will have to read, understand, and sign a waiver form; for the adult driving clinics, you will have to read, understand, and sign a waiver form.

You will be provided with a schedule for the day, and a color assignment (green or blue).

If at any time during the event, you want, **for any reason**, to switch instructors, please talk to the chief instructor, or the event master. Not every instructor will meet the needs of every student. Please do not hesitate to ask for a different instructor. We will be glad to help find a better fit for you and your learning style.

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Requirements

Driver Requirements

- Driver must be at least 15 years of age and must bring their drivers permit or drivers license.
- Teen and parent/guardian forms must be completed and signed before proceeding to the driving course.
- Vehicles must have state-mandated insurance coverage limits in effect.

Vehicle Requirements

- Car must be empty of all loose objects in trunk, glove and passenger compartments, including back seats, under seats, cup holders, floors, etc...
- Absolutely no leaks of any kind from the car. This is an environmentally sensitive lake and all leaks must be cleaned up and the leaking vehicle must exit the lake surface.

Safety Requirements

- No alcohol or drugs allowed. Showing up with these will get you expelled from the event.
- Awareness of moving vehicles and foot traffic is key to holding a safe event. The driver and passengers must be aware of their surroundings at all times.
- We have a strict 5mph speed limit in the parking/paddock area in which cars move through to get from exercise to exercise.
- Attendees must be cognizant of their hydration to keep sharp and monitor themselves for fatigue. Bring liquids to keep yourself hydrated.

Fun, Excitement, and Immersive Learning all in a day

We do see significant improvements in drivers of all ages over the course of the day after practicing these exercises repeatedly. We have a very high repeat attendance at these ice driving events because they are so much fun for the drivers.

The confidence level of the attendees increases as their skills and capabilities increase, only to get reset upon making a mistake the driver becomes capable of noticing that they made, and even start being able to explain it and how to correct for it if it were to happen again.