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Welcome to the Connecticut Motorcycle Rider Safety Education Program sponsored by Northwestern Connecticut Community College. Rider Education courses are authorized by the State Department of Transportation, Office of Highway Safety and recognized by the Department of Motor Vehicles. Upon successful completion of the basic or intermediate course, graduates are entitled to: **waiver of the Department of Motor Vehicle on-cycle licensing skill test.** Graduates of all courses receive a certificate of completion and are eligible for **10% discount on motorcycle insurance.**

Basic Rider Course (BRC): an introductory course for those with little or no riding experience (although some veteran riders have found that they learned more than expected). This course covers fundamental riding skills of shifting, braking, and cornering and expands them into more advanced street riding techniques. The student must be at least 16 years of age, have a valid driver's license and be physically able to operate a motorcycle and balance a two-wheeled vehicle. Motorcycles will be provided. Pre-approved participants are welcome to use their own street legal motorcycle/scooter (250cc or under) in the course. The course runs approximately 17 hours (6 hours classroom, 11 hours range.) **Fee: \$200, \$300 for non-resident.** *Out of State residents must pay the non-resident fee unless attending a Ct college or serving in the Military (please submit a copy of a valid school or base ID.)

Intermediate Rider Course (IRC): designed for riders with some riding experience, a valid driver's license, a motorcycle learner's permit (or motorcycle endorsement) and a street legal motorcycle/scooter to ride. Time is approximately 8 ½ hours (3 hours classroom, 5.5 hours range.) **Fee: \$115**

Experienced Rider Course (ERC): for riders with a valid motorcycle endorsed driver's license and a minimum of 6 months (and over 500 miles) of riding experience. The course runs approximately 6 hours. Students will practice street-riding "survival skills" such as evasive maneuvers, braking and turning on their own bike. **Fee: \$85**

NEW! Advanced Rider Course (ARC): a new course for experienced licensed riders. This 8 hour course (3 hours classroom, 5 hours range) offers learning experiences to improve safety awareness and rider development in the areas of risk management, decision-making, and riding strategies. Activities stress self-assessment and overall skill development. Requirements: valid motorcycle endorsed driver's license, a motorcycle/scooter to ride, recent and extensive riding experience. Typically, riders will have successfully completed a Basic Rider course. **Fee: \$50**

Registration Requirements:

- 1) A valid driver's license
- 2) A completed, signed Connecticut Rider Education Program *Registration Form*
- 3) A signed "*Waiver and Release of Liability*" Form. Students 16 or 17 years of age must return a "Waiver and Release of Liability" Form for Minors which has been signed by BOTH Student and Parent/Guardian
- 4) Payment of course fee: Credit card (Visa or Master Card) or Check/money order made out to NCCC

Registration may be made by phone (860-738-6446) or fax (860-738-6453) and is on a first-come, first-served basis. ➤Both the Registration and the Waiver form must be signed and returned to NCCC previous to the start date of the chosen class. ➤ Unless a course is cancelled, refunds are not issued. ➤A course may be rescheduled or cancelled due to insufficient enrollment or other unforeseen circumstance.

If paying by mail, please send to: **NCCC, Motorcycle Program, Park Place, Winsted, CT 06098.**

Class size is limited. Please register early to obtain the dates of your choice.

FOR AVAILABLE DATES CALL Phone 860-738-6446 or email mschindewolf@nwcc.commnet.edu

The BRC handbook can be viewed on the web at www.ride4ever.org

STUDENT INFORMATION

MOTORCYCLE RIDER SAFETY EDUCATION

The Basic Motorcycle Rider Course is designed for individuals with little or no riding experience. It presents skills that, when practiced by the student, are necessary for survival on the street. The curriculum progresses at an aggressive pace. You should be aware of the following facts:

- 1) On the street, operating any vehicle (car, bicycle, or motorcycle) brings with it both responsibility and risk. As with any human endeavor the possibility of being seriously hurt or killed is always present.
- 2) Riding a motorcycle is much more difficult than riding a bicycle or operating a car. It involves a great deal of hand and eye coordination. You must be able to balance a two-wheeled vehicle, the same way a good bicycle rider can. If not, please practice before attending.
- 3) You should come to class in good physical condition, well rested, and attend all sessions.
- 4) You will be required to push a motorcycle.
- 5) You will be required to read and study from the provided workbook.
- 6) Realize that not everyone successfully completes this course. On average, about 70% of enrollees are successful. Regardless, all students leave the course with a better understanding of how motorcycles interact with traffic, with the environment, and of their responsibilities as a rider.
- 7) During the course, you may discover, or be told, that riding motorcycles is not for you. For your safety and the safety of others, the Instructor may not allow you to continue.
- 8) The course is conducted during all weather conditions (rain, heat, cold, etc.). Come to each session prepared (appropriate clothing, extra drinking water, lunch & snacks.)
- 9) You must attend ALL sessions, in sequence. Any absence will require you to register for another course, pay again, and start from the beginning.
- 10) NO REFUNDS ARE ISSUED.
- 11) Course graduates will receive their DMV on-cycle skills test waiver cards and course completion cards on the last day of class.
- 12) You do not need a Motorcycle Learners Permit to take the Basic Motorcycle Rider Safety class. If you want to ride before you get your Motorcycle Endorsement then you must obtain a Motorcycle Learners Permit from The Department of Motor Vehicles.
- 13) Students may ride their own scooter in any CONREP course provided it is registered as a motorcycle with the CT DMV. The scooter must be street legal, 250cc or less, and in safe operating condition.
- 14) If you plan to ride your own motorcycle onto the base in East Granby for an ANG class, a helmet and required gear (as listed in 15) must be worn to comply with Air Guard regulation.
- 15) You will not be allowed to ride without the proper clothing. For the Range sessions, you must bring the following:
 - Helmet (we can provide one if necessary)
 - Eye Protection (a face shield or approved eyeglasses)
 - Gloves with full fingers (bicycling style not acceptable)
 - Footwear that completely covers the ankle, with low heels
 - Long sleeves and long pants (durable fabric such as denim)
 - Rain Gear (no ponchos) and warm clothes as needed
- 16) Registration is not complete without a signed "Waiver and Release of Liability" Form. The form for students age 16 or 17 must be signed by both the student and Parent/Legal Guardian. Both the Registration Form and the Waiver Form must be signed and returned to NCCC before the start date of your class.

Check out the BRC Course curriculum on the web at www.ride4ever.org.

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