

## YOUTH SAFETY COUNCIL OF VERMONT, INC.

### *“Teen Driver Essential Skills Training”*

#### Description and Procedures

##### *Program Description:*

The Youth Safety Council of Vermont, parents of new teen drivers and many highway safety advocates strongly believe that most teens need additional driver training. To that end, the Youth Council offers a unique and effective *“Teen Driver Essential Skills Training”* program. The training is a hands-on driving program that serves as a supplement to the standard driver education curriculum.

The training is conducted by *Stevens Advanced Driver Training of Merrimack, New Hampshire*. Four training vehicles and five professional instructors are provided for the half-day training session. Two sessions are conducted each day with up to 18 participants enrolled in each session. Morning sessions are 8:00 to noon and afternoon sessions 1:00 to 5:00.

*The training covers a variety of topics and hands-on exercises that include straight-line braking with ABS brakes; steering and maneuvering in emergency situations and how to avoid tailgate collisions. Also included is discussion on other related driving topics such as the effects of alcohol and drugs on drivers, speed, distractions, seat belt use, road rage, the importance of safe tires and other equipment, fatigue, backing-up techniques, vision and choices you make as a driver and passenger.*

*In 2008 the training is conducted for Vermont teens at two sites, the Concord Airport in Concord, NH and the Green Mountain Racetrack in Pownal, VT. The normal cost for the half-day program in Concord is \$350 and in Pownal is \$400. The Youth Safety Council receives a group discount of \$100 per person. Some insurance companies may also offer incentives to attend this program. Please contact your insurance company or the Stevens Advanced Driver Training office at 1-603-296-4094 to see if your insurance company has a prearranged discount agreement.*

*Students in Southern Vermont may also be eligible for **an additional** discount to attend sessions. Please contact Michael Mandracchia at 1-802-254-6016 or [mike@therichardsgrp.com](mailto:mike@therichardsgrp.com) for more information on the Southern Vermont program.*

**In order to participate a student must meet the following conditions:**

- **The student possesses a Junior Operators License. (Please note that Stevens Advanced Driver Training also offers courses in**

Massachusetts and teen drivers holding a Driver Learners Permit are eligible to attend sessions conducted in Massachusetts).

- The student will have completed a traditional driver education course or if currently enrolled in driver ed will present a signed document from the instructor that indicates the student's experience level is sufficient to receive the supplemental training.
- The student will have experienced at least 15 hours of supervised driving prior to the training.
- The Student is not currently using any medications that induce drowsiness.
- The Student does not suffer from any condition - such as epilepsy, severe visual impairment or other medical conditions - which would make his or her participation in the Program unreasonably dangerous.

*Registrations are now being accepted on the Stevens Advanced Driver Training website at [www.skidschool.us](http://www.skidschool.us) for all sessions on a first come – first served basis. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend and/or participate in the training program with their teen driver.*

**The following dates are reserved to conduct training for Vermont teens:**

**Concord Airport in Concord, New Hampshire:**

**Sunday, June 22**  
**Sunday, July 20**  
**Sunday, August 17**  
**Sunday, September 21**  
**Sunday, October 19**  
**Sunday, November 9**

**Green Mountain Racetrack, Pownal, Vermont**

**Sunday, June 1**  
**Sunday, August 10**  
**Sunday, September 21**  
**Sunday, October 5**

## **PLEASE GIVE YOUR TEEN A “BRAKE” AND SIGN UP TODAY!**

### **PROCEDURES TO REGISTER:**

- *To enroll please go to the Stevens Advanced Driver Training website at [www.skidschool.us](http://www.skidschool.us) and click on Vermont.*
- *Then select the training session of interest, click “Add to Cart” and then “Checkout”.*
- *Complete the enrollment information, click “Continue”, then enter “YSC” in the “Coupon Code” box and click “Apply” to receive the Youth Safety Council discount.*
- *If you qualify for any other prearranged discounts please enter the information in the next “Coupon Code” box that appears and click “Apply”.*
- *Participants in the program are asked to complete and sign enrollment and consent forms at least ten days prior to the training session. Enrollment and consent forms must be signed by both the student and a parent or legal guardian (if under 18) in order for a student to participate in the program.*
- *Select the payment method. Then click “Continue” and enter payment information, if “credit card” is selected for payment.*

*Thank you for your interest in this unique “Teen Driver Essential Skills Training” sponsored by the Youth Safety Council of Vermont. We would be very pleased if you would also become a member of the Youth Council to help us in our efforts to reduce teen auto crashes. Please click on the Membership Info link on our website to join.*