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Snowmobile Safety Course to be offered by UW-Extension

Wisconsin is the birthplace of snowmobiling and continues to offer some of the best snowmobiling opportunities you are likely to find, especially in northern Wisconsin. More than 200,000 registered snowmobiles hit Wisconsin's 25,000 miles of groomed trails each winter, making safety an important part of the ride. Ride smart from the start - take a snowmobile safety course!

If you were born on or after Jan. 1, 1985, and are at least age 12, you must complete a snowmobile safety certification course to operate a snowmobile on Wisconsin public snowmobile trails and areas (frozen water, permitted county and/or forest land). The snowmobile operators must carry their safety certification card and they must display it to law enforcement officers when requested.

Anyone is eligible to take the class and receive a safety education completion certificate. For children under 12 years of age, the certificate does not become valid until the child reaches age 12. Students with special needs must contact the instructor at least two weeks in advance of the course to request special accommodations.

All Wisconsin recreational safety students are required to obtain a **Wisconsin DNR Customer ID Number** when registering for a safety education class and must provide that number to their instructor. You can obtain a DNR Customer ID Number by calling the DNR customer service from 7 am to 10 pm at 1-888-936-7463 or visiting <http://dnr.wi.gov>

The snowmobile safety class will be offered at the UW-Platteville Farm, Agriculture Technology Center on Saturday, December 9, 2017 from 8 am to 4 pm. Students must attend the entire class and pass the exam to become certified in snowmobile operation. An OPTIONAL pre-registration day at the Grant County UW-Extension Office is Friday, December 8, 2017 to pick up student workbook and pay the class fee.

The cost of the course is \$10 per student, payable at the door. Registration must be done **online** at <https://gowild.wi.gov/> by clicking on "Browse upcoming classes" and searching "snowmobile" and "Lafayette County". Space is limited to the first 40 students to register. If you have questions about the snowmobile safety course, contact Kory Stalsberg, UW Extension Dairy and Livestock Agent, in Grant County at 608.723.2125, Lafayette County at 608.776.4820, or by email at kory.stalsberg@ces.uwex.edu