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Upcoming Recreational 4WD Safety Courses (And a Teaser; read to the end)

As promised in my last newsletter, here are the latest offerings of upcoming 4WD Safety Courses. I may be adding more as time goes on, so look for more course dates and locations in future newsletters.

If you're a subscriber to my newsletters, you know that I give you the first opportunity to enroll in my tours and courses prior to my advertising them on social media. I'm honored that there are times when I never have to advertise on social media because my tours and courses fill with newsletter subscribers. For the tours and courses listed below, I'll wait about a month before I begin advertisements on Facebook and Instagram. This gives you, my valued subscriber,

the first opportunity to grab one of the limited spots on a tour or in a 4WD course. I love it when my newsletter subscribers attend my offerings. So, don't wait - spots fill fast. Off-Road Safety Academy is honored to have folks travel from the heartland of America and the East Coast to take 4WD Safety Courses.

Good News: My 2025 and 2026 tour and course prices are the same as in 2024. (No inflation at Off-Road Safety Academy!)



Why not take 4WD training from a **FULL-TIME** professional educator that has written and published three complete books for off-roaders? No other trainer or adventure tour guide has a similar body of work.

All three books can be purchased on Amazon. Click [HERE](#) to purchase.

Knowledge and attitude are two domains of adult learning. My books provide you with the knowledge and attitudes for a safe experience in the remote backcountry. Skill development is the third important domain.

Skill development through the courses offered in this newsletter, help complete your abilities. The remote backcountry isn't the place to find out you don't know your vehicle intimately, how to drive on differing terrain, or how to get unstuck on challenging terrain. Off-Road Safety Academy's courses are completely focused on skill development and making you more comfortable when exploring away from the pavement and civilization.

Introduction to 4WD Off-Roading



.January 24-25, 2026

Cost: \$799.00 per driver

Location: Prairie City State Vehicular Recreation Area (Near Sacramento, CA)

This is Off-Road Safety Academy's two-day 4WD course. (Beginning and advanced drivers will find the course useful or your money back!)

Want to learn more about your street-legal 4-Wheel Drive vehicle? Want to improve your off-road driving skills? Interested in keeping you and your loved ones safe while off-roading? Off-Road Safety Academy™ will safely teach you in one weekend what it takes most people years to learn on their own.

Course Goal: The goal of this course is to put you on a path to safely and ecologically off-road on a variety of different terrains. This course is taught assuming you may travel off-road SOLO (no other vehicles with you), REMOTE, and INTERNATIONAL. This is the worst possible off-roading context. If you are

taught to this level, then you'll be more ready to challenge yourself with different terrains, environments, and situations. Although it is always best to off-road with other vehicles, this is not always possible or desired. Upon completion of this course, you begin to understand the limitations of your vehicle and your driving skills allowing you to intelligently choose excursions and trails to match the capabilities of your vehicle and your off-roading knowledge and skill.

Prerequisite: None (Except a desire to learn and have FUN!)

Length of Course: Two days; 8:30am to 5:00 pm.

Target Audience: All novice or experienced off-road drivers that want to learn the basics of four-wheeling in relative safety and comfort. This course is for the owners of any new or used street-legal 4-Wheel Drive or electric AWD vehicle (e.g., Jeeps, Explorers, Hummers, Land Rovers, Xterras, Land Cruisers, Pathfinders, Sprinters, trucks, Rivians, Cybertrucks, etc.). Even experienced owners of off-road vehicles are welcome at this course. During this course, you'll begin to learn how to off-road on your own and launch backcountry adventures in relative safety and comfort.

Have a driving partner? If you regularly offroad with a spouse, friend, or partner enroll them in the courses also. Should you, the primary driver, become ill, injured, tired, or need help when traversing challenging terrain, an equally knowledgeable and skillful driver can be a real benefit.

Vehicle Requirements: Any reliable street-legal 4-Wheel Drive with 2-speed 4WD transfer case. (Must be able to shift into a 4-Low gearing.) Electric vehicles with AWD and designed for off-roading are also invited. (Rivian, Cybertruck, Hummer, etc.)



Click [HERE](#) for more information and to reserve your spot.



Total Approach to Getting Unstuck Off Road - Recovery Course

January 31-February 1, 2026

Cost: \$799.00 per driver

Location: Prairie City State Vehicular Recreation Area (Near Sacramento, CA)

This course teaches you the primary skills from the book "The Total Approach to Getting Unstuck Off Road - 4WD Self Recovery & Vehicle-Assisted Recovery."

Why not take a recovery course from an educator that has written and published the ONLY book on the planet about how to get unstuck off-road? Yes, other books on off-roading have a "chapter" on recovery, but one chapter just can't cover the topic.

Prerequisite: None, except purchasing, reading, and filling out the quizzes in the book "The Total Approach to Getting

Unstuck Off Road - 4WD Self Recovery & Vehicle-Assisted Recovery." This book may be purchased on Amazon. Reading this book prior to the course means you will be practicing recovery SKILLS and using recovery equipment both days. NO Knowledge Development LECTURES.



Length of Course: Two days.
8:30 am to 5:00 pm

Target Audience: All off-roaders. It is recommended (not required) that enrollees complete the Discovery course prior to taking this course.

Vehicle Requirements: Any reliable street-legal 4-Wheel Drive with 2-speed 4WD transfer case. (Must be able to shift into a 4-Low gearing.) Electric vehicles with AWD and designed for off-roading are also invited. (Rivian, Cybertruck, Hummer, etc.)

Accessory Recovery Equipment: All you need to bring to the course is your vehicle and a pair of leather gloves. You do not need to have a winch on your vehicle to take the course. However, bring whatever recovery equipment you may already have. If you do not have recovery equipment, it's best not to purchase equipment for the course. I will show you, and allow you to use during the course, the very best equipment you'll want to purchase.



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Here's a Teaser...



4WD Outfitter & Guide Course

Interested in learning how to organize, schedule, market, and safely lead off-road adventure tours? Not to mention, make money?

I know there's a few of you out there that are interested, because I

regularly get asked the question, "How can I learn to lead off-road adventure tours like you?"

I now have an answer to this question. I've developed an educationally valid

curriculum for those that want to learn how to lead backcountry adventure tours.
This is a professional certification course.

The five-day course will, in part, include these topics:

- The business of leading adventure tours
- How to incorporate your new business
- Securing permits to conduct professional tours on United States public lands (State Properties. BLM: Special Recreation Permits. National Parks: Commercial Use Authorizations)
- The legal aspects of being in charge
- Securing liability insurance
- Developing a Risk Management Manual
- Organizing the sale of spots on tours & refunds
- Outfitting your leader vehicle
- Must have equipment and accessories
- Remote communication – car-to-car & emergency communications
- Reconnoitering a backcountry route
- Leading basecamp and overlanding-style tours
- Teaching 4WD basics while leading off-road tours
- Problem solving in the field
- Customer service
- Building “community” on adventure tours

The course is officially scheduled for April 20-24, 2026, at Prairie City SVRA, just outside of Sacramento, California. Requisites (pre or post) for 4WD Outfitter & Guide certification are:

1) Completion of Off-Road Safety Academy’s Introduction to 4WD Off-Road and Recovery Course (or proof of the knowledge and skills included in both courses).

2) Wilderness First Aid Provider, Responder, or Instructor Certification.

For those needing Wilderness First Aid (WFA) certification, we will conduct a two-day Wilderness First Aid Provider course designed exclusively for vehicle-supported adventurers on April 25-26 (the weekend after the 4WD Outfitter & Guide course). This WFA course will also be open to the general public.

Cost of the 4WD Outfitter & Guide course and WFA course is being determined.

Look for more information in future newsletters.

If you have additional questions, feel free to call: 909-844-2583.



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