

Date: Sunday, November 19, 2017  
Time: **8:30 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. – NOTE Start Time before the Snow Show starts.**  
Location: **The Garden Factory – 2126 Buffalo Road Gates, New York**  
East of the I-490 Gates exit.

The Hilton Sno-Flyers encourages everyone, ADULTS and youths, to complete a safety course. The course we offer is sponsored by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

Please note the Snow-Show exhibition taking place that day is open from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. **The safety class will begin ninety (90) minutes before the show begins.**

The class size is limited to the size of the room and the number of chairs supplied and the state materials. Please do not “give your spot” to someone else, as we may have a waiting list and need to have an accurate count.

Since there is New York State paperwork involved, we suggest students arrive between at 8:00 A.M and 8:30 A. M.. (Please don’t arrive earlier, as we have to set up the room and organize our paperwork for the state. And the doors to The Garden Factory may not be open.) **Bring both a pencil and a pen. A pen for the registration and safety certificate, a pencil for the test.**

**Instructors:**

Expected instructors for this year’s class are: Chris Zigrossi, Jim Walker, Keith Wimer and Mark Kesselring. Mark is taking the registration information this year. Please contact him for information. (See registration below.) Chris and Jim are Monroe County Deputy Sheriffs. During the class, we will bring small groups of students to the exhibit area and our vendors have consented to show the students parts of the snowmobile. This includes changing a belt, identifying spark plugs, throttle, brake, choke, etc. In the past, we have found this to be very informative as well as providing a break from the classroom boredom.

**Registration:**

Internet: [hsfsafetycourse@aol.com](mailto:hsfsafetycourse@aol.com)

**This is an e-mail address, not a website.**

Please provide the information listed below. (This information is required for New York State.)

**Information Required for Registration (please send this in your e-mail):**

The Safety Certificate requires personal information about the student. Please be sure they know:

**Their name:**

**Address:** Including street address, city or town, Zip code and **County (e.g. Monroe, Orleans, etc).**

**Date of birth:**

**Telephone number:**

**Name of parent or guardian (if under 18):**

Giving younger students a sheet of paper with this information will make the completing of the forms easier and more accurate. When you send Mark Kesselring your e-mail, please include this information, as it will be easier to create a roster for the class.

If the student is under the age of 18, the parent’s or guardian’s signature is required in the class booklet. It documents your permission for youths to attend the class. If you are not staying for the class, please do not leave your student until you sign the booklet. (People carpooling can have a neighbor or relative sign the booklet for the parent or guardian.)

**Please note, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation is very clear. The student must be 10 years old on or before the day the examination is taken by the student. So, the students need to be born on or before November 19, 2007.**

**Food:**

The Hilton Sno-Flyers will be providing lunch (free) for the students of the course. Usually it is a hot dog, hamburger, or cheeseburger chips and a can of soda or bottle of water. At this time I do not know who the food vendor will be, but I expect the lunch to be the same or similar.

While we do not want a mess in the room provided by The Garden Factory, we realize the students may become hungry and/or thirsty during the class. Students may bring in a drink that will not create a mess. A can or plastic bottle of soda, juice or water is a suggestion. Any food should not create a mess and students will be required to clean any mess and/or remove any trash he or she brings into the classroom. Thank you.

**Test:**

A score of 75% or better is required to pass the test. The student must complete the top section of the Final Exam Answer Sheet (name, address, age, gender, Date of Birth (DOB), Eye Color, etc. They must also complete and sign the bottom of the Final Exam Answer Sheet at the end of the test. This certifies they chose their “answers without assistance from any person or in any way”. All exam pages must be returned to the instructor. The tests cannot be taken home. (However, the student workbooks are to be taken home.) **Please be sure they know this, if we do not “catch” an omission, the state may delay or not process their safety certificate.**

**NYS Certification:**

This certificate is good for life, even though adults (eighteen and over) do not need to have a Safety Certificate to operate a snowmobile at this time. **Keep the certificate and your certificate number in a safe place.**

**Snowmobile Operator Age Requirements:**

See last page for official communication from New York State OPRHP.

**Concerns:**

We would like to know if there is anything we should know about the students in class. A teacher made us sensitive to asking students to read aloud a section or a review question in class. We do not want to embarrass any student. However, having some students participate is better than listening to the instructor for the entire day.

Also, in the past some students had trouble reading the test questions. While not a problem, if we know before the test, it can be an issue if they do poorly or fail, because they have trouble comprehending the test questions. In some cases, we have been able to read the questions to the student, and then have them fill out the state answer sheet.

**Fees:**

There is no fee for the course. However, the Hilton Sno-Flyers will be accepting new memberships, donations to our groomer fund and selling various raffle tickets at the greeting table at the entrance to the Snow-Show. (The instructors may also be selling raffle tickets.)

**Money:**

In addition to the food vendor some vending machines at the Garden Factory should be available for drinks or snacks. So some students may want some coins or small bills with them.

New York State law also limits the people in the classroom to certified instructors, classroom aids, potential instructors taking their training and guest speakers. Guest speakers and classroom aids must be registered with New York State for the class by the instructors.

Thank you.

## Snowmobile Operator Age Requirements

Youth ages 14 through 17 years old may operate a snowmobile, on lands upon which snowmobiling is allowed, without adult or other supervision if they have successfully completed a snowmobile safety training course and received a Snowmobile Safety Certificate recognized by the State of New York.

If youth ages 14 through 17 years have not completed the training course, they may operate a snowmobile if accompanied by (within 500 feet of) a person who is at least 18 years of age.

Youth ages 10 through 13 may operate a snowmobile, on lands upon which snowmobiling is allowed, if they have successfully completed a snowmobile safety training course, received a Snowmobile Safety Certificate recognized by the State of New York, **and are** accompanied by (within 500 feet) a person who is at least 18 years of age.

Children less than 10 years old or less than age 14 without a safety certificate may operate a snowmobile only on lands owned or leased by their parent or guardian

A non-resident operator who is a resident of another state or country and is the holder of a valid snowmobile safety certificate issued by that state or country shall be considered the same as the holder of a New York State Safety Certificate.

(Students taking the New York State Snowmobile Safety Course must be at least 10 years of age.)

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Above is the official New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation paper distributed to the Snowmobile Safety Education Instructors.