



Driving Program Descriptions

All-Wheel Drive and Rear-Wheel Drive

Two Hour

Our Two Hour program provides the opportunity to experience what high-performance driving is all about, and learn how to handle a proper car in ways only imagined. In addition to understanding basic car control on a gravel road, students experience the thrill of driving a purpose-built machine on a course designed to challenge and expand their skills. The program concludes with a Thrill Ride from an instructor to demonstrate what is possible from a professional driver on a closed course.

Program Goals:

- Understand Weight Transfer
- Throttle Management
- Left Foot Braking
- Adapt to Understeer and Oversteer
- Induce and Correct Slides
- Understand the Proper Driving Line

*Automatic transmissions are available for our Rear-Wheel Drive Programs. Please give us a call for more information!

Our Signature Photography Package is included with every class! A professional photographer will take photos at prime locations throughout your Driving Program and will enhance your best action shots. After your rallying concludes, you will be sent an email containing a link to download your photos.

Half Day

Experience the excitement of car control at a level most only dream about. Students are given the basics of what it takes to handle a properly prepared car on gravel, and then get behind the wheel to experience it firsthand. Our renowned instructors expertly guide each student on courses designed to thrill and challenge drivers of every background. The program concludes with a Thrill Ride from an instructor to demonstrate what is possible from a professional driver on a closed course.

Program Goals:

- Understand Weight Transfer

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- Throttle Management
- Left Foot Braking
- Adapt to Understeer and Oversteer
- Induce and Correct Slides
- Understand the Proper Driving Line
- Straight Line Braking
- How to Maximize Traction

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One Day

A proper car and a place to use it, the dream of every enthusiast! Our One Day program provides even more than that with instructors keen on pushing students to extract everything possible from a properly prepared car on a slippery surface. Beginning with basic skill development and progressing to handling a car at speed on a gravel road, students walk away with advanced car control skills that transfer to every driving situation.

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- Throttle Management
- Left Foot Braking
- Adapt to Understeer and Oversteer
- Induce and Correct Slides
- Understand the Proper Driving Line
- Straight Line Braking
- How to Maximize Traction
- Trail Braking
- Adapt to Changing Conditions

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Three Day

Developed for drivers of every background, our Three Day program is designed to push participants beyond their comfort zone in a manner which encourages development but with minimal risk. Through measured progression and carefully selected exercises and courses, our flagship program is designed to produce driving confidence in every condition imaginable. The result is heightened sensitivity, superior control, and the confidence to extract the most from a vehicle in any situation. Beginning with a straightforward understanding of loose-surface car control, our talented crew of instructors coach students through challenging techniques that steadily develop each day using multiple courses that include gravel, mud, pavement, and everything else our amazing facility contains. The payoff comes on the final afternoon, when all of the new-found talents are honed on a comprehensive course run throughout our entire property.

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- Straight Line Braking
- How to Maximize Traction
- Trail Braking
- Adapt to Changing Conditions
- Pendulum Turns
- Proper Use of the Hand Brake
- Recognize and Adapt to Different Surfaces
- Recognize Limits
- Basic Understanding of Rally Navigation and Pace Notes

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Three Day Advanced

After successful completion of our Three Day program, we'll push the limits even further. Picking up where the Three Day leaves off, participants will experience more elaborate instruction, more technical exercises and higher speeds, with the goal to extract the most from the longest courses we offer. Using areas only seen during this advanced program, students are able to push their abilities using every square inch of road we have.

Note: In order to focus on advanced techniques, this program spends very little time on fundamental methods. Therefore, prior to participating in a Three Day Advanced program students must first complete a Three Day program in either drivetrain.

Along with all of the tools learned in the Three Day, goals for this program include:

- Linking Corners
- Overlapping Pedal Inputs
- Acute Corners
- Handbrake with Downshift
- Reading Roads
- Processing Pace Notes

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VIP Upgrade Program

Our standard classes are designed for time inside and outside of the car in order to soak up the learning experience and enjoy watching our awesome cars in action. While we strongly feel time out of the car is just as beneficial as in it, we understand the burning urge to get more time behind the wheel. Our VIP Upgrade is an opportunity for students to purchase both seats rather than share a car with another student, as is our standard practice. The VIP Upgrade can be added to any class, please ask our Sales Department for more information.

Thrill Ride

Our Thrill Ride is designed to show just how quick a rally car can go on gravel, mud, and anything else a road might throw at you. Secured in place with a racing harness, helmet and roll cage, your only task is to sit back and enjoy the ride over our

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challenging courses: action-packed roads that include hairpin, pendulum, and handbrake turns, and plenty of high-speed sideways action.

** Minimum height requirement and age are: 4 feet, 9 inches tall and at least 8 years old, per Washington State Department of Transportation**

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Advanced Programs

Our Standard Program range is an excellent starting point to sharpen car control and explore the fundamentals of high-performance, loose-surface driving. Our Advanced Programs were developed to push beyond a standard format and are aimed at drivers who wish to pursue motorsports at a professional level. With several options catering to drivers of every background, the DirtFish Advanced Programs offer personalized and focused instruction, higher specification vehicles, and courses which not only push limits but demand new levels of car control.

Private Instruction

Our standard programs provide an excellent training platform and a fantastic way to learn superior car control in an environment which is structured but also relaxed. However, if the desire is specific, one-on-one teaching, our Private Training programs are an excellent option. The simplest explanation of what these programs provide is an instructor, a prepared car (either All-Wheel Drive or Rear-Wheel Drive), on a course tailored to the needs of the student. This allows freedom to work on particular techniques and progress at the speed of success without the distraction of a full class. Ranging from shorter sessions to multi-day programs, each Private Instruction curriculum is designed specifically for each student.

Private Programs can be scheduled seven days per week, year round based on our current course calendar offerings.

Because each student will receive a hand tailored program and the schedule is flexible to add Private Instruction, please call for more information.

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Limited Open Class Car Private Instruction

Originally built to compete in the American Rally Association Championship's Limited Open Class, our Limited Open Class car provides the most authentic international rally experience available. The build sheet is an impressive list of top-level rally technology, with the features that differentiate the car from our standard school STI's being: increased power, aggressive differential settings, top-level suspension, and a lightened and seam welded shell. This all adds up to an impressive demonstration of gravel superiority and is the next step in understanding speed on a loose surface.

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Because of the higher-level components and speed of the car, use of the Open Class car is only available for Private Training. Please contact our Sales Department for more information on how to get behind the wheel of this impressive car.

RX2 Rallycross Car Private Instruction

Considered the fastest growing motorsport in North America, rallycross is gathering the attention of enthusiasts and professional race teams throughout the world. Developed as a spec-series for the top-level SuperCar class, RX2 cars bristle with the latest in motorsports technology, utilizing the extensive experience of the OMSE Company which designs, services, and campaigns rally and rallycross cars all over the world. From hosting international rallycross events at our facility, to campaigning top level teams in the series, as well as having trained most of the top drivers in rallycross, we are the most experienced rallycross school in North America. We are eager to focus this knowledge toward serious drivers interested in competing with the best in the world.

Because each student will require a hand-tailored program, please call our Sales Department for more information and pricing regarding the DirtFish Rallycross program.

Use of a personal vehicle for Private Instruction

We are more than happy to instruct in a student's vehicle, and feel strongly that training with the equipment that will be used for competition is a great idea. We have basic requirements for safety and sound consideration, so please make note of these prior to scheduling any Private Instruction in your own vehicle.

- Vehicle must hold a current Rally America, NASA Rally Sport, or C.A.R.S. log book
- Vehicle must have up-to-date safety equipment installed
- Vehicle must not be louder than 95 dB

Each vehicle will be subject to a brief safety inspection by the DirtFish Motorsports Shop to ensure the vehicle meets all criteria. If any adjustments need to be made, the Shop is available to bring the vehicle to DirtFish requirements at a rate of \$150/hour. It is strongly suggested that a Shop inspection occur at least one day prior to any Private Instruction to ensure that any adjustments can be made without impacting drive time.

Driver Development Program

DirtFish offers a completely integrated progression program for driver development, designed with flexibility for each participant according to their

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capabilities and driving history. We have the ability to develop a driver with no experience, and progress through stages of development to compete in top levels of motorsport. Through detailed planning and calculated steps, we will design a schedule which follows a structured path but also allows for variation when needed. Because each program is unique to each person, it can be molded and adapted depending on results and performance. Our Driver Development Program offers both rear- and all-wheel drive cars as an integral part of training in preparation for driving a fully prepared Open Class stage rally car, and/or an RX2 rallycross car.

As an example of how a program may be personalized for each student, a driver with extensive experience may begin with private coaching courses, whereas the progression for a student with limited rally driving experience may include the following:

- Three Day (either AWD or RWD)
- Three Day Advanced (either AWD or RWD)
- Private Instruction in an RWD school car
- Private Instruction in an AWD school car
- Private Instruction in an Open Class stage rally car
- Private Instruction in an RX2 rallycross car
- Train with DirtFish Motorsports Technicians discussing car preparation and setup

For a student with little loose surface experience, the schedule above is strongly recommended for success in the top-level cars regardless of other motorsports experience. Because each student in the Development Program will require a personally designed curriculum, please contact our Sales Department for further information.

Offsite Location

The historic property DirtFish calls home is perfectly suited for the needs of students, with plenty of open area to push the limits of a car on a loose surface. But rarely does a rally take place at a location as convenient as DirtFish headquarters. Secluded in a forested region fifteen minutes from DirtFish, our Offsite Location serves as an excellent area in which to test and train on traditional logging roads. This 3.6-mile road includes everything Northwest rally stages are known for: elevation change, twisty sections, rough sections, long straights, all on one road. Use of this location is for private training and testing purposes only, please contact our Sales Department for more information.

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Specialty Training

Designed for top-level military and law enforcement, our Specialty Training Programs are tailored for the needs of each group. Incorporating vehicles and courses not utilized in our standard programs, the intent is to develop superior vehicle control capabilities, identify strengths and weaknesses of vehicles, determine how particular vehicles will handle, and understand how to safely extract the most from a vehicle for a long distance on loose surfaces. Utilizing classroom and hands-on environments, the goal is not only seat time but to understand why a vehicle has limitations, and then how to optimize its performance without jeopardizing safety and longevity. Additionally, we have several large buildings on our unique property, so many real-world scenarios in urban settings can be practiced at our facility. Night training conditions are available as well. Below is a sample schedule of a Five Day Specialty Training Program:

Day 1: Loose surface training: Fundamental training in AWD rally-prepared vehicle

Day 2: Mixed surface training: Advanced training in AWD rally-prepared vehicle

Day 3: Front-wheel drive training: FWD street vehicle, adapting to a real-world vehicle

Day 4: High Center of Gravity training: 4WD street vehicle, limitations of HCG

Day 5: Adapting to any vehicles: All vehicles on all courses

Please note that our programs can be adjusted as necessary. If a program or specifics are needed which fall outside our standard format, we are happy to tailor a program to our client's needs and adjust the amount of time in which to accomplish the training.

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