



VSCDA
Spring Brake Driver's School & Races
Drivers School: May 14th – 15th
Races: May 16th – 17th

Dear VSCDA Driver's School Participant:

It's time to start getting "rev'd up" about VSCDA's first event of the year – Spring Brake Driver's School & Races!

Your instructor will reach out before the school to introduce themselves and answer any questions. You're also welcome to contact me anytime at **970-759-9183** or **ellie@griffinspeedworks.com**.

The school begins with a **MANDATORY classroom session on Thursday, May 14th from 1:00 PM to ~8:30pm**. This includes a track walk (weather permitting) so please dress for the conditions - comfortable shoes, a warm jacket, gloves and hat. A simple dinner will be served during the classroom portion of the evening. We will try to have you on your way by 8:30pm to get a good night's rest.

Friday is a full and exciting **on track day** so come rested and ready. We'll **start with a driver's meeting at the bridge** to provide instruction for the day. We'll share the detailed schedule closer to the event. Friday evening dinner is included with your school entry, and we will celebrate our graduates by awarding driving privileges.

The race weekend follows on Saturday and Sunday, open to all new driver graduates. Expect plenty of track time, great food and the camaraderie VSCDA is known for. Our schedule has us finishing the races by **around 3:00 pm on Sunday afternoon**, allowing for a reasonable start home.

Please note that **attendance at Thursday's Classroom session and all Friday on-track sessions is required**. We strongly recommend that you bring a helper to get your car and gear through tech before Thursday's classroom session. Otherwise, tech will be available Friday morning from 7:00 am to 8:00am. Let tech know you are with the school for priority service!

Get ready for one of life's great adventures – we can't wait to see you at the track!

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2026 Co-chief Instructors, VSCDA

2026 DRIVER SCHOOL SCHEDULE

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Drivers debrief with instructors/group instructors in pavilion after every session.

Group A	OW = Open Wheel Cars – (Groups 4 & 7)
Group B	CW = Closed Wheel Cars – (Group 1,2,3, 8B)
Group C	CW = Closed Wheel Cars – (Group 8M, 8C,3,5,6)

For all Driving sessions: Arrive on the grid in your car and ready to go 10 minutes before your session begins.
For all non-driving sessions – location is indicated

Time & Participants	What to Expect	Goals
7:00 am - 7:25 am - Instructors	Instructors meet at the Pavilion Park vehicles on grid to prepare for station wagon runs	
7:30 am – 7:45 am - All	Drivers Meeting at the Bridge Students meet with assigned instructors and review the plan for the day	Review expectations
7:45 am – 8:00 am – All	Station Wagon Runs – Students meet at the grid to ride along with an instructor	Get a sense for ‘the line’
8:15am - 8:35am – Grp A OW 8:40am - 9:00am – Grp B CW 9:05am - 9:25am – Grp C CW	Session #1 – Learn the Line – Students learn the line following lead/follow drivers. Point at every corner station on the first lap out. See landmarks (i.e. break markers at corners)	Learn the line, build familiarization with the track and your car 40% of max speed. No Passing
9:30am - 9:50am – Grp A OW 9:55am - 10:15am – Grp B CW 10:20am -10:40am – Grp C CW	Session #2 – Point-By’s and Track Familiarization For the first lap: At every corner: scanning mirrors before braking & at the exit Practice point by at the exit (even if there are no cars behind you) Remainder of the session, increase speed, check mirrors, drive the line and give point-bys to passing cars.	Track familiarization, mirrors, point-bys & hand signals 50% of max speed. Passing on main straight only
10:45am - 11:05am – Grp A OW 11:10am - 11:30am – Grp B CW 11:35am - 11:55am – Grp C CW	Session #3 – Corners On the entire first lap take an intentionally exaggerated early apex on every corner On the second lap , take an intentionally exaggerated late apex on every corner Observe the difference in corner exit with early vs. late apexes Remainder of the session – observe corner brake markers and focus on driving a clean line.	Car control, apexes & handling, increased speed. Observe brake markers at corners. 75% of max speed. Passing only on a straight.
12:00- 1:00pm	LUNCH (each group goes to lunch with instructors after completion of their Session #3)	Lunch is provided for students and instructors at the pavilion

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12:00pm – 1:00pm	Lunch - Eat with your group after Session #3	Station wagon runs available during lunch break
1:10pm – 1:25pm	Drivers' Meeting at Bridge	Prepare for afternoon sessions, understand what is shared at a drivers meeting
1:30pm - 1:50pm – Grp A OW 1:55pm - 2:15pm – Grp B CW 2:20pm - 2:40pm – Grp C CW	Session #4 – Vehicle Awareness For the first lap, drive around the entire track side by side with another vehicle. Maintain consistent speed and separation. Switch sides with the driver after the first lap For the remainder of the session connect the line of the individual corners into a race lap. Watch for “unusual” flags	Build awareness of vehicle placement with other cars. Learn awareness of passing cars at higher speeds. Build speed on the line at 90 % max speed Pass if you are faster.
2:45pm - 3:05pm – Grp A OW 3:10pm - 3:30pm – Grp B CW 3:30pm - 3:50pm – Grp C CW	Session #5 - Practice Starts, Cars gridded by the instructors for the first start only. Start behind a pace car for the first start under the bridge. Race for a lap. Recollect at corner 5, with the yellow flag for a second race start.	Practice starts, then practice laps Pass if you are faster
3:55pm – 4:15pm – Grp A OW 4:20pm – 4:40pm – Grp B CW 4:45pm - 5:05pm – Grp C CW	Session #6 - Putting it all together. A four lap Novice Race. Gridded by the instructors	Finish a safe Race
4:15pm – 5:30pm. Instructors w/ Group Leads	All instructors meet in pavilion with group leads immediately following #6 session to complete and turn in student evaluations.	Turning in all Evaluations
5:30pm – 6:15pm Group Leads w/ Chief Instructors	All Group Leads meet with Chief Instructor in the Pavilion.	Complete Student Review
6:30pm	Dinner and Awards	

6:30 PM- Turn in instructor evaluations/Awarding of Certificates to students in Pavilion