

Academy 27 & ZR2 Off-Road Experience

Terms & Conditions

South Okanagan Motorsports Corporation
127 Area 27 Drive, Oliver B.C. V0H1T8



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Eligibility & Participation

- All participants must hold a **valid driver's license**, which must be presented at check-in.
- The **minimum age** to operate Area 27 fleet vehicles — including Corvette, Cadillac, or ZR2 models — is **18 years old**.
 - **Minors** may be eligible to participate only with **verified prior motorsports experience** and **written parental consent** submitted in advance.
- All participants operate vehicles **at their own risk** and must sign all required legal documents prior to driving.

Registration & Arrival

- **Full payment** is due at the time of booking to reserve your spot.
- All prices are listed in **Canadian dollars (CAD)** and are **subject to GST**.
- Please arrive **no earlier than the registration start time** listed in your confirmation details.
- Upon arrival:
 - If the **black gate** is closed, call our office at **236-488-0027** to be buzzed in.
 - Proceed straight ahead, then turn **left into the paddock area**, and park in any available spot.
 - After parking, go to the **lower level of the clubhouse** to check in at reception.

At registration, you'll be required to complete:

- **Liability Waiver**
- **Vehicle Rental Agreement** (*if using a fleet vehicle*)
- **Vehicle Sign-Out Form** — a brief visual inspection to record any pre-existing wear and tear.
- **Damage Deposit Authorization** (*required for all participants using vehicles on track*)

Note: All individuals on-site, including **non-driving guests**, must sign the **liability waiver**.

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Bookings, Promo Codes & Discounts

- Program spots are filled on a **first-come, first-served** basis — this includes gift certificate holders.
- **Promo codes** must be valid and approved by SOMC staff before use.
- All **discounts are non-transferable** and **may be modified or revoked** without prior notice.

Cancellations, Refunds & Program Changes

- **Refunds are not offered** for cancellations unless due to **force majeure**, as defined and determined by SOMC.
- Courses may be rescheduled or canceled if **minimum participant numbers are not met**.

Weather & Force Majeure

- Programs proceed in **most weather conditions**, including rain.
- If extreme weather poses a safety risk, activities may be **adjusted, paused, or rescheduled**.
- In the case of force majeure (e.g., natural disasters, government restrictions), SOMC reserves the right to **reschedule or refund** affected programs at its discretion.

Damage Deposit Policy

To ensure the safety and fairness of the experience, a **damage deposit** is required per vehicle — this includes both **personal vehicles** and **Academy 27 fleet vehicles**. Damage Deposit is based on the vehicle model chosen and program and are between \$2,000 to \$3,000 per vehicle.

- The deposit will be **pre-authorized** on a credit card.
- In the event of any incident, the participant will be responsible for the **damage cost or the deductible amount**, whichever is lower.
 - Deductibles are typically **10% of the vehicle's market value**, up to \$5,000.
- If damage costs **exceed the deductible**, the participant will be responsible for the full amount.

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- Participants may be required to provide **an additional deposit** to continue the program after an incident.
- Damage-free vehicles will have their **deposit released** within 3 business days following the event.
- Drivers will conduct a **vehicle inspection** before use and confirm the vehicle is ready for use.

Insurance Options

Participants using personal vehicles are **fully responsible for their own insurance coverage**. Optional daily insurance coverage is available through **TrackGuard by Acera Insurance** for both personal and Academy 27 fleet vehicles. Details are available upon request or via the registration portal.

On-Track & Off-Road Rules & Safety

- **Helmets and safety gear** will be provided. Participants are responsible for damage to any rented equipment.
- **Mobile phone use is strictly prohibited** while driving or when in a running vehicle.
- Drivers of **manual transmission vehicles** must be proficient in their operation.
- During the **ZR2 Off-Road Experience**, participants must follow **all instructor guidance** for safety on uneven or rugged terrain.

Non-Driving Guests

We welcome guests to join and enjoy the atmosphere of the event. Please note:

- **Pre-arrangements are required** for all guests and must be approved in advance by Area 27 staff.
- Guests may observe the program but **must not interfere** with instructional or classroom sessions.
- If guests will be **joining for lunch or dinner**, please submit their **full name** and any **dietary restrictions** in advance. Additional charges will apply based on the experience.

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Media & Promotions

- SOMC may photograph or film the experience and its participants.
- By participating, you consent to the **use of your image or likeness** in promotional materials, unless otherwise requested in writing prior to the event.

Liability & Legal

- Participation in all programs is **voluntary** and at the participant's **own risk**.
- SOMC and its affiliates are **not liable** for injuries, damage, or loss sustained during participation.
- By signing the necessary agreements, participants agree to **indemnify and hold harmless** SOMC from all claims related to their participation or vehicle use.

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Frequently Asked Questions

What safety equipment do I need, and do I need a helmet?

No special safety equipment is required for the off-road portion of the program. All necessary safety measures are built into both the vehicles and the course itself. Just wear weather-appropriate clothing and comfortable footwear suitable for movement. While on track, a helmet will be provided and required. We'll handle the rest.

Can I bring a guest?

Yes, Area 27 can accommodate guests. Please note that **pre-arrangements must be made in advance** through the event organizer. For safety reasons, guests must remain in designated viewing areas.

What if it rains?

Our programs run rain or shine. In case of inclement weather, activities and timing may be adjusted to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all participants.

Do I need prior driving experience?

No prior experience is necessary. The program is designed for **all skill levels**. Whether you're new to off-road driving or have some experience, our instructors will ensure you feel confident and well-prepared.

Will I be driving alone on the track?

Off-Road: You'll take turns driving and riding with a fellow participant — it's part of the full experience.

On-Track: You will be provided your **own vehicle** for the duration of the on-track driving portion. An in-car radio will keep you connected to your instructor for **real-time coaching and feedback**.

What vehicle will I be driving?

You'll be behind the wheel of one of **Academy 27's specially prepared Chevrolet fleet trucks**. These vehicles are equipped with off-road tires and safety features, designed to handle a variety of terrain conditions with confidence and consistency.

What happens if there's an incident during the experience?

If an incident occurs, the Chief Instructor will provide direction on the next steps. The **damage deposit** will be held until the vehicle is assessed and any necessary

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repairs are calculated. If the cost exceeds the deposit, additional charges may apply up to the **amount of the deductible**.

Can I use my own vehicle?

No, personal vehicles are not permitted in our off-road programs. The experience is tailored around the **performance and specifications of our Chevrolet fleet**, ensuring safety, consistency, and the best possible instruction for all participants.

Are there any age or license requirements?

Yes. You must be **18 years or older** and hold a **valid driver's license**. International licenses are accepted if they are legally valid for use in Canada.

Can I switch vehicles during the event?

Vehicle changes may be allowed, but are at the **discretion of the Chief Instructor** based on availability and the event schedule.

Is food provided during the event?

Yes. **Light refreshments and snacks** are provided throughout. For programs lasting over 3 hours, **lunch is also included**. If you have dietary restrictions not noted during booking, please contact our team in advance — we'll do our best to accommodate your needs.

Are there any health or fitness requirements for participating?

There are no specific fitness requirements. However, participants should be in **generally good health** and able to safely operate a vehicle. If you have any medical conditions or concerns, please notify the event organizer prior to your participation.