

◆ NCDTSEA NEWSLETTER ◆

CONFERENCE EDITION

February, 2025

A Message from Your NCDTSEA President Mike Jones

Sports. Football. "Alignment; Assignment; and Finish the Play!" "Teamwork Makes the Dream Work!" "There will be obstacles (the storms of life) in our way!" "We must play from whistle to whistle!" Sports are a microcosm of life. Just like in sports, there are seasons in our lives. And we must prepare to play well through every season. Additionally, there are "in season periods" and "off season periods!" We often suffer injuries and setbacks but should do our best to power through and recover! As a team we should stick together and play unselfishly for the glory of our teammates. Not for our own glory. Next, we have learned that in this life, we can have any and everything that we want as long as we are willing to help enough people to have the things that they want! Thus, is the legacy of educators and instructors! We have one of the greatest callings in the world. And, when we do it right, we can have the greatest positive impact on our students! We do not only teach Driver Education to novice drivers. We teach young people (and ALL people) "HOW TO BE!" How to face all the adversities, challenges, obstacles, trials, and tribulations they will encounter on the byways and highways of life as they continue on their individual and collective journeys! This, in my opinion, is why most if not all of us will always remember our high school Driver Education Instructor (Mine was Coach Harding Cross, Tennis Coach, Carver H.S. - Winston-Salem, N.C.). They, I hope, had positive impacts on all of us. So much so that we ourselves chose to become Driver Education instructors and teachers. And, even if their impact was negative, we have decided that we will be positively impactful to our students and not be a detriment to anyone (Hippocratic Oath= "Do No Harm.>"). Thus, is our challenge, to be excellent in our preparation and our practices! To treat others how we would like to be treated! To Be Present! "Early Is On Time and On Time Is Late!" To work well in identifying the needs of every student and to be professional (empathetic and sympathetic) in supplying their needs! To be honest and forthright in helping our students to meet their goals and objectives in life, not just in Driver Education! Again, we don't settle for anything other than EXCELLENCE! While we are imperfect people trying to reach perfection, we realize that we will not actually be able to do so! However, it is our commitment to strive for excellence that allows us to help our students to improve each and every day in their driving skills as well as in life. I am writing this message to you all the next morning after watching my beloved East Forsyth Eagles' loss to the Weddington Warriors 21 to 37 in the high school state 4A football 3rd round of playoffs in Union County! We learn more lessons (sometimes) and are reminded of these principles of life more in defeat than in victory! We look forward to seeing you at our conference on April 24 to 26, 2025 in Clemmons, N.C.

Mike Jones, Sr.

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SERA-ADTSEA Conference

The 2025 SERA-ADTSEA Conference will be held February 20-22, 2025 at the Williamsburg Woodlands Hotel & Suites located at 105 Visitor Center Dr. Williamsburg., VA 23185.

The hotel phone number is: 843-918-5000

Registration can be made now.

If you are a SERA-ADTSEA member you should have received an email in Nov. 2024 with details.

Our Web Site !

Thanks to Angie Marlowe, who works in the office of Mountain Professionals and is our resident website designer. Simply go to www.ncdtsea.com to access the website. Our Website is full of relevant information, but our work on it continues. You can keep up with legislative news, announcements about board meetings, conference information, announcements concerning area meetings and review the minutes of previous Board meeting. We need information from our membership to keep the site updated as much as possible. This is one of the many ways in which we try to communicate with our members! We are also building a complete NCDTSEA Listserv. Please consider joining this listserv by giving us your e-mail address at this year's conference registration table.

2025 Annual ADTSEA Conference

The 69th Annual ADTSEA National Conference will be in Billings, Montana

July 20 through July 23, 2025.

The conference will be held at the Billings Hotel & Convention Center, Billings, Montana

The hotel phone is: 406-248-7151
<https://Billingshotelmt.com>

Not sure when your membership in the association expires? Check the mailing label on this newsletter. The expiration date will be located at the end of your name. Membership's expire at the beginning of the next conference.

NCDTSEA Annual Golf Tournament

Our conference planners have made arrangements with one of the area Golf Courses to have a conference golf tournament on Thursday morning, April 24, 2025.

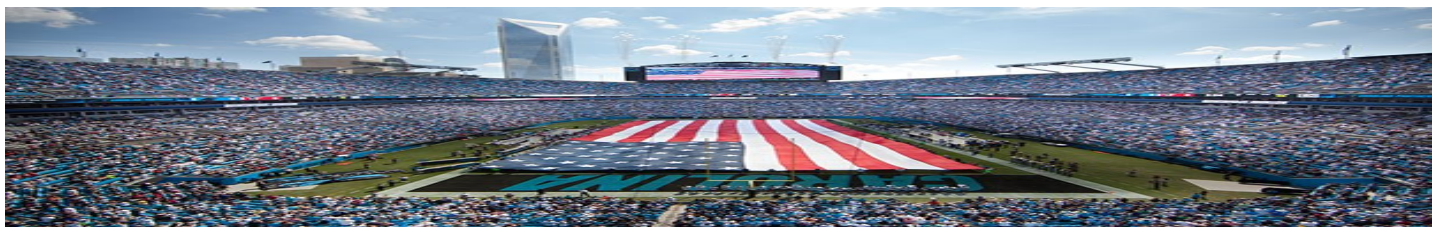
If you would like to come early and participate in this fun outing, please contact William Powell at 919-868-9746 or e-mail him at wpowell@jordandriving.com

There will be prizes awarded at predetermined holes for longest drive, closest to the pin, etc. The green fee will be approximately \$70.00 per golfer. Get those golf clubs out of the garage, polish them up and show everyone your talent.

Renewal Credit

The North Carolina Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association will be offering 1.2 CEU's of renewal credit or 12 contact hours for attendance at ALL sessions for this year's conference. Please sign up for renewal credit at the conference registration desk.

If you attend the "Early Bird" session you will receive an additional .4 units or 4 hours of renewal credit for a total of 1.6 CEU's or 16 contact hours.



55th Annual NCDTSEA Conference

The North Carolina Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association is pleased to announce its 55th Annual Conference to be held April 24th through April 26th, 2025, at the Village Inn Event Center in Clemmons, North Carolina.

The "Early Bird" session will be held on April 24th and 25th. One of the highlights of the "Early Bird" session will be a "Candlelight Dinner" along with entertainment on the night of April 24th. You can return your registration for the "Early Bird" session along with your conference pre-registration and write one check. NCDTSEA 1st Vice President, Mrs. Michelle Roberts has coordinated some wonderful entertainment for the evening.

Information to help with your room reservation can be found on page 8 of this newsletter or by going to our website, www.ncdtsea.com and then click on 2025 Conference Info and then on Lodging Info.

You can make your room reservation by calling the hotel. A block of rooms have been reserved for April 24—26, 2025. The special room rate will be available until Sunday (**March 23rd, 2025**) or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first. The Village Inn room rate is \$89.10 per night plus taxes.

The conference registration fee is \$150 for pre-registration this year. This includes complete conference access plus three meals and breaks. Registration at the door will be \$270.

Michelle Roberts our 1st Vice President, has a lineup of outstanding speakers planned for the conference. Come and enjoy a time of fellowship, fine food and take advantage of lots of information to carry back home with you from Clemmons.

See you at The Village Inn Event Center in Clemmons!

Ray Wyatt
Executive Secretary

The official mailing address for our association has changed.

Adjust your records accordingly.

NCDTSEA
Ray Anthony Wyatt,
NCDTSEA Executive Secretary
194 Serenity Lane
Lexington, NC 27295
Cell- 336-239-6602
Email- ncdtsea.exd@gmail.com

"Make it a Great Day or Not the Choice is Yours"!

A Message from our 1st Vice President

The North Carolina Driver & Traffic Safety Education Association and Board of Directors is here to support the Driver's Education Instructors in North Carolina. The conference is not only for CEU's, but to learn new techniques & share ideas in hopes to meet the challenges of teaching all students. I hope this conference will provide the tools you need for challenging, teaching situations. You, the members, are what make this association thrive. Your attendance, participation and input during the conference is invaluable. Therefore, mark your calendar and I will see you April 24, 25 & 26th of 2025. Until then, be safe, take care!

Michelle Roberts
NCDTSEA 1st Vice President

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

At the November 2024 Board of Directors Meeting the following decisions were made for registration and procedures for the 2025 conference to be held at the Village Inn Event Center on April 24th—26th, 2025.

Pre-registration will be \$150.00.

Registration at the door will be \$270.00.

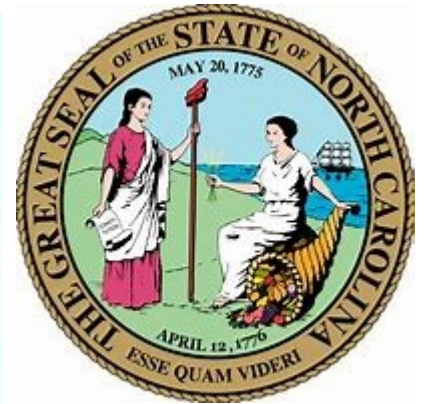
All conference attendees must be members of the association. When you register for the conference, you must also renew your membership and pay the annual dues. Therefore, for conference pre-registration, the following charges will be in effect:

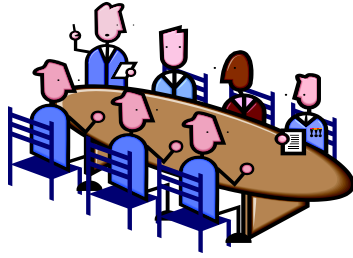
Pre-Registration

Retirees	\$150.00 Pre Registration 40.00 Membership Renewal \$190.00 Minimum	Active Members	\$150.00 Pre-Registration 40.00 Membership Renewal \$190.00 Minimum
Life Members	\$150.00 Pre-Registration \$150.00 Minimum	Non-Members	\$150.00 Conference 40.00 Membership \$190.00 Minimum

Registration At Door

Retirees	\$270.00 Registration 40.00 Membership Renewal \$310.00 Minimum	Active Members	\$270.00 Registration 40.00 Membership Renewal \$310.00 Minimum
Life Members	\$270.00 Registration \$270.00 Minimum	Non-Members	\$270.00 Conference 40.00 Membership \$310.00 Minimum





*“Early Bird” Workshop
and “Candlelight Dinner”*

In response to your requests, your Board of Directors in conjunction with 1st Vice President Michelle Roberts, has arranged to provide an “Early Bird” workshop on Thursday afternoon, April 24th from 2:00 until 4:30 p.m. and to continue Friday morning, April 25th from 8:00 until 10:00 a.m. You will be able to take advantage of excellent and relevant professional development on “Driver Education”. Each person who attends this workshop will receive valuable and useful information and will earn .4 units or 4 hours of renewal credit in addition to the 1.2 units or 12 hours for the general conference. The highlight of the “Early Bird” session this year will be a “Candlelight Dinner” at the Village Inn on Thursday night followed by entertainment. The total cost for the workshop which includes the “Dinner” is \$40.00 per person. If you want to bring a guest to the dinner, the cost is an extra \$40.00 each. You don’t want to miss this opportunity, so come to Clemmons a day early, bring your spouse or significant other and join us for an evening of good food, fellowship and wonderful entertainment.

**Early Bird Session
Registration**

In order to attend the “Early Bird” Session on Thursday, April 24 and Friday, April 25, 2025, including the “Candlelight Dinner”, please complete this registration form along with your Conference Registration and return by Friday March 21 2025!

Name: _____ Home Telephone # _____

Home Address: _____
City State Zip

“Early Bird” Registration	\$40.00 (includes your “Dinner”)	\$ _____
Extra “Dinner” Tickets (For individuals only attending the “Dinner”)	\$40.00	\$ _____
Total Enclosed (Make check payable to NCDTSEA)		\$ _____

Return to:
 Ray Wyatt, Executive Secretary NCDTSEA
 194 Serenity Lane
 Lexington, NC 27295

**Please Note: If you are also attending the Conference include your “Early Bird” PAYEMENT with your Conference Pre-Registration form on page 5.
 *** Also be sure to include this form with it!**

Changes and Things You Need to Be Aware Of Moving Forward

Since 2012 the conference registration rate has been \$120.00. During the 11-21-24 NCDTSEA Board meeting the Board voted to raise the Conference Registration fee to \$150.00. This was needed to offset rising prices to print conference material and other rising needs of the association.

To help control future association spending we are moving this registration newsletter to an online document accessible through our State Associations website instead of printing and mailing it out to members. Our plan is to have you access this newsletter and register online for the conference next year. This newsletter and registration document is also currently available and printable from the website.

The association is currently looking at future conference locations. Areas of interest are Raleigh, Wilmington, Asheville, Cherokee, Greensboro and other locations. We have been in Clemmons since 2013 and it has been good for our association and members. The conference location is central to the State of NC and the Hotel fee for usage and the room rate cost is affordable.

Things that the board is considering before moving the conference location is the added cost it will bring to our overall conference format at a different venue (meeting rooms, food and other expenses) and the additional cost for individual members in reference to room rate and the additional expenses associated with holding a conference in a bigger market. Room rates will likely double to triple at the locations being explored and some of the other expenses most likely will rise with that kind of move. We will have discussions during our conference business meeting.

Also at this years 2025 State Conference the Board has agreed to new policies and procedures

The first one addresses the conference registration process. Each member will be required to submit an individual conference registration form. Previously some school systems and private schools have sent in a spreadsheet with the information for their attendees. If you are with a school systems or driving company that sends in this type of registration information you will need to either submit an individual form to them to submit for you or they will need to generate one for you and return it with your payment.

The second issue addresses registration at the conference. The registration desk will only be open on Thursday and Friday. You will need to have signed in and picked up your conference material on those 2 days to receive credit hours for the conference.

The third one is that we are moving the awards ceremony from the Saturday Luncheon to the Friday Night Dinner Banquet.

Lastly if you know of someone deserving of one of our conference awards or passed away last year please let me know by March 21. Send to: Ray Wyatt at our Association email– ncdtsea.exd@gmail.com Title it: Awards Nomination or mail it to the Associations mailing address: 194 Serenity Lane, Lexington, NC 27295

Awards the association gives out:

Phillip Forrest McGirt, Jr. Award– For a lifetime of service & dedicated to Driver Education and the Association.

Gene Causby Award– For someone who has worked to advance Driver Education and move it forward.

In-Field Award– For someone who is currently teaching and has shown leadership for Driver Education.

Out of Service Award– For a non-driver education person who has promoted Driver Education.

Also if you know of a Driver Education Teacher who has passed away since our last conference in 2024 please let me know so they can be acknowledged in our Conference Program.

We will be having a vote to amend our Constitution during our 2025 business session: To include the Executive Director or Co-Executive Directors of the Association as a voting member on the Board of Directors. This vote will take place during the business meeting during the conference.

HOTEL SLEEPING ROOM RATES AND LOCATIONS:

VILLAGE INN EVENT CENTER
 6205 RAMADA DRIVE, CLEMMONS, NC 27012
 336-766-9121
 ROOM RATE - \$89.10 (PLUS TAXES)

OVERFLOW: PENDING AGREEMENT WITH

QUALITY INN CLEMMONS-I-40
 6320 AMP DRIVE, CLEMMONS, NC 27012
 336-778-1500



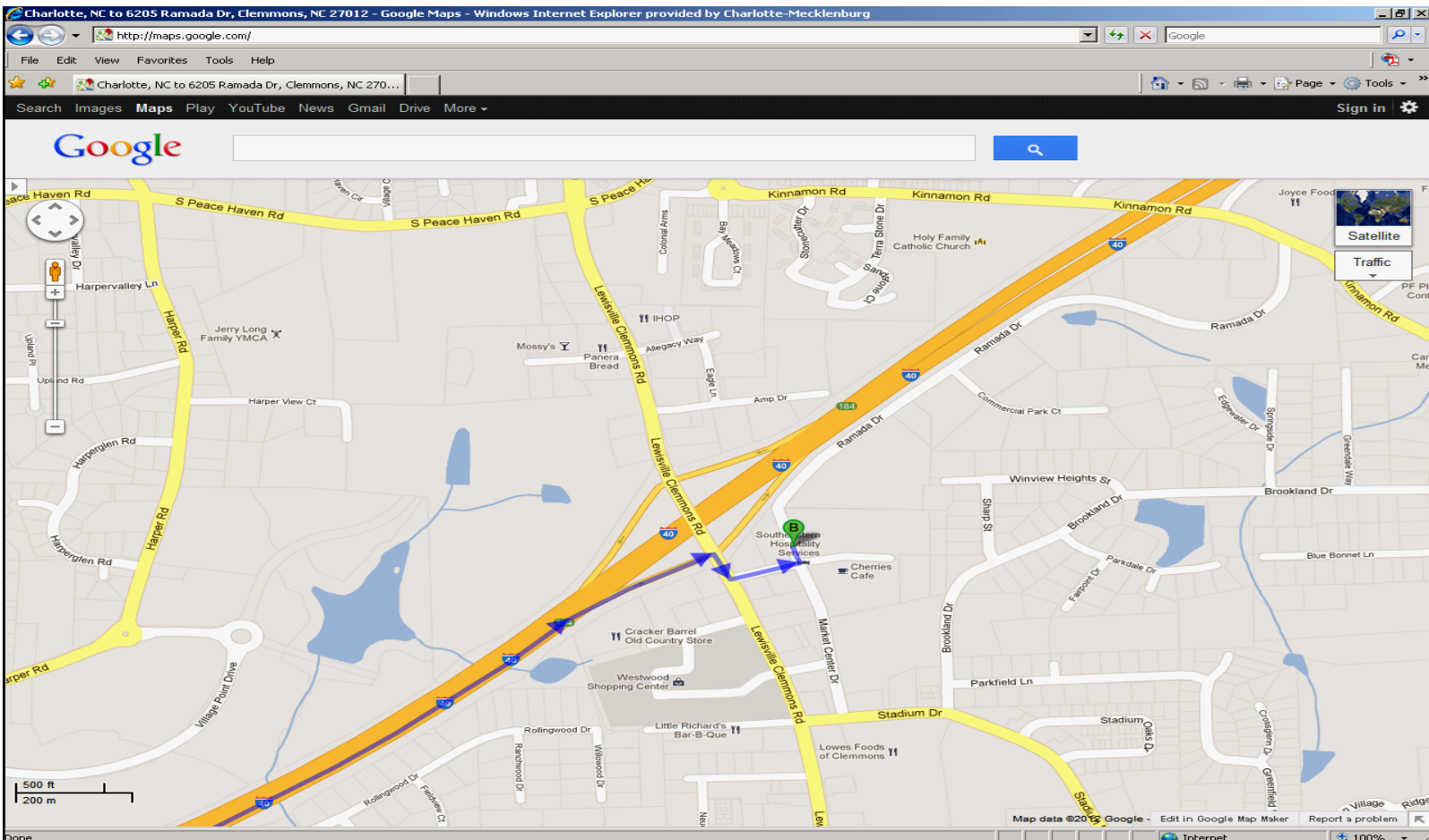
Directions

The Village Inn Event Center is just off of I-40 at exit 184

- ⊙ Take exit 184 off of I-40 which is Lewisville -Clemmons Road
- ⊙ North bound travelers—turn right
- ⊙ South bound travelers—turn left
- ⊙ Turn left onto Ramada Drive
- ⊙ The Village Inn Event Center is located on the left immediately beside Super 8 Motel

Conference Raffle

We will have 50/50 raffles throughout the conference. Bring some extra money to the conference and join in on the fun.
 Good luck!!!!



Thursday, April 24, 2025

- 12:00—2:00 “Early Bird” Check-in
Pre-function Area
- 2:00—3:15 “Early Bird” Session 1—
Developing Cognitive Skills for BTW
Tim Beckham & Rachel Wilson
- 3:15—3:30 Break
- 3:30—4:45 “Early Bird” Session 2— Continued with
Developing Cognitive Skills for BTW
Tim Beckham & Rachel Wilson
- 6:00—8:00 Candlelight Dinner and Entertainment
Crystal Ballroom

Friday, April 25, 2025

Breakfast—On your own

- 8:00—1:00 Conference Registration
Pre-function area
- 8:00—9:00 “Early Bird” Session 3- Continued with
Developing Cognitive Skills for BTW
Tim Beckham & Rachel Wilson
- 9:00—9:15 Break
- 9:15—10:00 “Early Bird” Session 4- Continued with
Developing Cognitive Skills for BTW
Tim Beckham & Rachel Wilson
- 10:00—11:00 Board of Directors Meeting
Executive Boardroom
- 11:00—12:30 LEA Coordinator’s Luncheon
Crystal Ballroom

Opening General Conference Session

Winston and Monroe Ballrooms

- 1:00—1:05 **Presentation of Colors & Pledge of Allegiance**
Color Guard TBA
- 1:05—1:15 **Welcome to Clemmons**
Person TBA
- 1:15—1:20 **Welcome to Conference**
Mike Jones NCDTSEA President
- 1:20—1:30 **Conference Orientation**
Michelle Roberts — NCDTSEA 1st VP
Exhibitor Introductions
Jim Gilreath—Exhibitor Director
- 1:30—2:15 **Session 1— Sherry Vernelson**
*Topic: Assisting Exceptional Children to be
Successful in the Driver Education Process*
- 2:15—3:00 **Session 2— Tim Beckham**
*Topic: Latest Trends in Teen Fatalities and
Current Initiatives*
- 3:00—3:15 **Break, Exhibits & Door Prizes**

- 3:15—4:00 **Session 3— Rachel Wilson**
Topic: Developing BTW Routes
- 4:00—4:45 **Session 4— John Fink & Terry Fuller &
Charles Coburn**
Topic: DMV and SBTS Information
- 4:45—6:00 **Exhibits, & Door Prizes**

Banquet doors will open at 6:00 p.m.

55th Annual Banquet

Winston and Monroe Ballrooms
6:30—9:00

Welcome & Introduction of Head Table
Mr. Mike Jones NCDTSEA President

Invocation
Connie Sessoms, Jr.

Introduction of Speaker:
TBA

Speaker
TBA

Presentation of Awards:
Ray Wyatt

50/50
Reggie Flythe

Door Prizes
Lucille Lee and Zundrea Baldwin

Meet & Greet
9:00—10:30
Pre-function Area

Saturday, April 26, 2025

- 7:00—8:45 **Buffet Breakfast/Visit with Exhibitors**
Winston and Monroe Ballrooms
- General Sessions**
Winston and Monroe Ballrooms

- 9:00—9:45 **Session 5— TM Howes— DWI Task Force**
Education Guilford County
Topic: DWI Information
- 9:45—10:30 **Session 6— Reggie Flythe**
Topic: Commentary Driving
- 10:30—11:15 **Session 7— Cyndee Crompton**
Topic: Driver Rehabilitation Services
- 11:45—12:00 **Hotel Check Out/Free Time**
Exhibits, & Door prizes

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55th Annual Luncheon
Winston and Monroe Ballrooms
12:30—2:30

Welcome & Introduction of Head Table
Mr. Mike Jones NCDTSEA President
Invocation: TBA

Lunch

Introduction of Speaker: Susan Harrison
Speaker: TBA

50/50
Reggie Flythe

Door Prizes
Lucille Lee and Zundrea Baldwin

Business Session
2:30—4:00
Mike Jones Presiding

Agenda

- Area Presidents Reports
- Legislative Report: Susan Harrison
- Reading of Minutes: Pam Christopher
- Treasurer's/Membership Report: Ray Wyatt & Connie Sessoms
- Old Business
- New Business
- Election of Officers
- Remarks from President: Mike Jones
- Passing of Gavel: President Mike Jones
- Remarks from Incoming President:
Michelle Roberts
- Adjournment
- Issuing of Certificate for Renewal Credits

(Must be present and in attendance at all sessions to receive certificate)



Golf Tournament

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DRIVER EDUCATION LEA COORDINATOR MEETING

If you are in charge of the Driver Education Program for your School District, You are invited to attend the Driver Education LEA Coordinator’s meeting planned for Friday, April 25, 2025 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the Village Inn Event Center. The address is 6205 Ramada Drive, Clemmons, NC, which is also the site for the 55th Annual North Carolina Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association (NCDTSEA) Conference. Our professional organization is hosting the meeting and providing lunch at no charge to LEA Coordinators. We will need an accurate attendance total to plan for lunch.

The following items are currently on the meeting agenda: budgets, future funding, allowable expenses, legislative update, DPI Involvement, teacher training, Standard Curriculum and many others. We will be presenting updated information on driver education changes for 2025-2026, including a report from our DPI Driver Education Section Chief. This should prove to be a very informative session, so I strongly urge you to attend if possible.

If you are planning to attend, please complete the information at the bottom of this page and mail it back to me by **Friday March 21, 2025** to: Ray Wyatt, NCDTSEA, Executive Secretary, 194 Serenity Lane, Lexington, NC 27295. You may scan and e-mail it at the email address below. If you have questions or other agenda items, please contact me at 336-239-6602 or email me at: NCDTSEAEXD@gmail.com Please consider attending the NCDTSEA conference as well. Visit our website at www.ncdtsea.com for conference details. Even if you cannot attend, would you please help us by updating your information for our database.

Name: _____

School District: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address _____

Phone Number: _____

_____ I will be able to attend the luncheon and meeting on Friday April 25th

_____ I will not be able to attend the luncheon and meeting on Friday April 25th

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