

Welcome to PDE 101! This is the Pitt Race program that will introduce you to what a Performance Driving Education (PDE) day is like. This is a short program designed to provide information on what to do in advance of a PDE, what to expect on your first day, and let you take a tour of the track so your very first laps are as low stress as possible. There will be no “at speed” laps for this program. It will involve both time in the classroom and a few controlled pace touring laps of the track.

The curriculum for the class will be as follows:

Pitt Race facility overview- A review of the Pitt Race facility where you can learn where things are located and the various terms you might hear at the track.

Preparing for your first PDE- Your instructor will cover subjects such as what to bring, how to prepare the car, and what happens if it rains.

The day of the event- In this segment we will discuss things like where to go when you arrive, how to set up your parking area, drivers meetings, instructors in the car, going out on track for the first time, what to watch for on track, what to do if there is an emergency, what to do at the end of the session, the student evaluation form, and what to expect from your first day.

Touring laps on the track- Using your own car, you will follow our instructor on a few low speed touring laps of the 2.8 mile Pitt Race circuit. This gives you a unique perspective of what you see when you are on track. It is a casual introduction to what it feels like to be on a race track in your car. No helmets are needed and there is no passing. The rest of the rules will be covered in the classroom.

Wrap-up meeting- In the final session of the day we will return to the classroom and talk about what to do before you leave the track for the day. We will go over the PDE opportunities at Pitt Race that you can participate in and will have some time set aside to answer any remaining questions you have about the Pitt Race PDE program.

Car Requirements and Other Rules

- While we will not be exceeding highway speeds during the on track portion of this event, we do ask that your car be in good mechanical condition, not have any fluid leaks, and that is an inspected and registered street vehicle.
- SUV's and crossovers are permitted for the purposes of this event, but please note that they are not acceptable for the actual PDE.
- Front seat passengers are permitted if they are also a registered participant in the program.
- You will receive a short email prior to the event about when to arrive and any other important information.

MORE INFO...

Pitt Race PDE 101

School overview: This will be an acclimation program featuring a series of track guide lines for new drivers looking to get on track. Learn the fundamentals of vehicle dynamics and controlled maneuvers, from flags and track etiquette all the way down to what to do when you arrive at the track for your first event.

BASIC COURSE AGENDA (Schedule Subject to Change)

Welcome Introductions and Technical Classroom (15 minutes)

- Instructor introduction
- Overview of day
- Brief Pitt Race history
- Facility map overview

Pre-Event Preparations (30 minutes)

- What to bring
- Weather
- Tech Sheet and car prep

Day of Event (30 minutes)

- Arrival procedure
- Check in at Pitt Stop Pro Shop
- Find a paddock spot
- Drivers Meeting
- Flags
- Going out on track
- Going Off course
- Mechanical issues or crash

Touring laps on North Track (30 minutes)

Wrap-up meeting (15 minutes)

Q&A or typical questions we are asked

- Group 1 vs Group 2 and so on.
- Group 2 solo and Group 3 move to using the full track.
- Other opportunities at Pitt Race: Chin, AutoInterests, Track Night in America.