

◆ NCDTSEA NEWSLETTER ◆

CONFERENCE EDITION

February, 2024

A Message from our President Mr. Tommy Ledford

Dear Members,

I am honored to be your NCDTSEA President, and I want to acknowledge the leadership provided by Doug Eller and last year's Board of Directors as they continued to build support and funding for driver education in North Carolina.

Here we are—already half the way into the school year. My hope is that you're off to a fantastic start. I, along with this organization, recognize what a tremendous role you play in shaping the future. This training is unique; driving is an immense responsibility, and our students today look entirely different than they did 5, 10, or 20 years ago. Not only are you keeping up with advancements in vehicle technology, like back-up cameras and adaptive cruise control, but you're also dealing with more neurodiversity and students who've suffered significant trauma in their lives. Coping with that in a car takes large amounts of training and patience. You're all to be commended.

It may seem every year is a battle when it comes to driver education in NC, but we continue to rise to challenges and provide vital instruction for students in North Carolina. Whether working with students on a two-lane road, dirt sideroad, or providing instruction on a busy, multi-lane highway, our instructors provide a life skill that helps keep our roads and highways safer for all citizens in NC and surrounding areas.

Our association provides support to instructors, contractors, and in-house programs. Driver education is unique in that we work with multiple state agencies regarding curriculum, funding, and teacher certification. NCDTSEA is instrumental in building partnerships with these state agencies so driver education can continue to be provided for all eligible students in NC.

Each year, our association hosts a spring conference that allows members to earn continuing education credits for their teaching licenses. The conference provides professional development, legislative updates, and opportunities to network with other members across the state

I look forward to meeting many of you at the 2024 NCDTSEA Conference.

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SERA-ADTSEA Conference

The 2024 SERA-ADTSEA Conference will be held February 22-24, 2024 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. 2023 with details.

Our Web site has a new look!

Thanks to Angie Marlowe, who works in the office of Mountain Professionals and is our resident web-site 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 Listserve. Please consider joining this listserv by giving us your e-mail address at this year's conference registration table.

2024 Annual ADTSEA Conference

The 68th Annual ADTSEA National Conference will be in Albany, New York

July 21 through July 24, 2024.

The conference will be held at the Crowne Plaza Albany, Desmond Hotel 660 Albany Shaker Rd. Albany, NY 12211

The hotel phone is: 800-448-3500
www.desmondhotelsalbany.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.

NCDTSEA Annual Golf Tournament

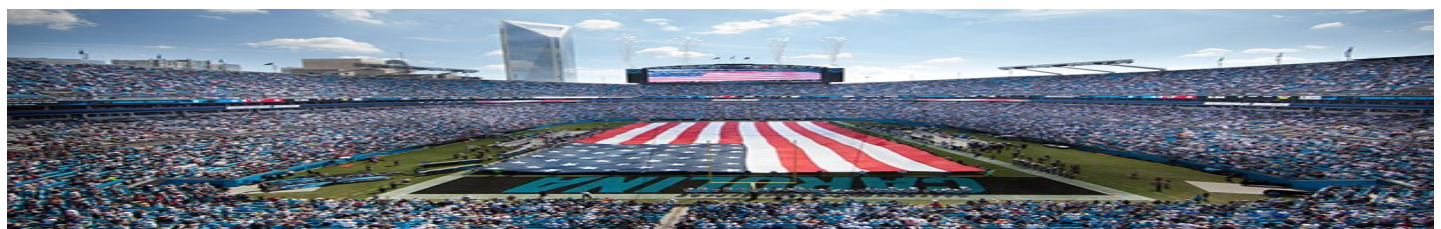
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If you would like to come early and participate in this fun outing, please contact William Powell at 919-868-9746 or e-mail him (wpowell@jordandriving.com). There will be prizes awarded at predetermined holes for longest drive, closest to the hold 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.



54th Annual NCDTSEA Conference

The North Carolina Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association is pleased to announce its 54th Annual Conference to be held April 25th through April 27th, 2024, at the Village Inn Event Center in Clemmons, North Carolina.

The "Early Bird" session will be held on April 25th and 26th. One of the highlights of the "Early Bird" session will be a "Candlelight Dinner" along with entertainment on the night of April 25th. You can return your registration for the "Early Bird" session along with your conference pre-registration and write one check. NCDTSEA 1st Vice President, Mr. Mike Jones, Sr. 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 2024 Conference Info and then on Lodging Info.

You can make your room reservation by calling either of the two hotels listed. A block of rooms have been reserved for April 25—27, 2024. The special room rate will be available until Friday (**March 22nd, 2024**) or until the group block is sold-out, whichever comes first. The Village Inn room rate is \$84.00 per night plus taxes.

The conference registration fee is \$120 for pre-registration this year. This includes complete conference access plus three meals and breaks. Registration at the door will be \$240.

Mike Jones, Sr. 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- ASU8387@yahoo.com

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

A Message from our 1st Vice President

It is my honor and privilege to encourage you all to attend the 54th Annual NCDTSEA State Conference on Thursday through Saturday April 25th to 27th, 2024.

Each year the primary goal of our board of director's is to present speakers that will educate and equip us all to become better Driver Education instructors and administrators. Additionally, I hope we grow to realize that "this is our association!" "What we put into it, we will get out of it!" Our state has one hundred counties and one hundred and fifteen LEA's (Local Education Agencies). As we continue to associate and confer with our membership, I challenge us all to get out of our comfort zones and meet someone new from a different county and/or LEA. By doing so we will become the change we wish to see in our students. Ultimately, by doing all these things, we will become more knowledgeable and well-versed professionals.

Best Wishes!!!

Mike Jones, Sr.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

At the November 2023 Board of Directors Meeting the following decisions were made for registration and procedures for the 2024 conference to be held at the Village Inn Event Center on April 25th—27th, 2024.

Pre-registration will be \$160.00 total. Registration at the door will be \$280.00 total.

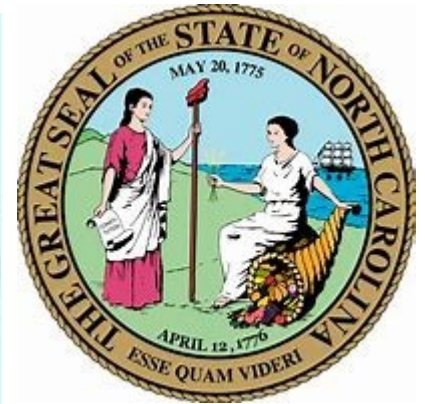
All conference attendees must be members of the association. When you register for the conference, you must also renew your membership and pay the annual dues. Therefore, for conference pre-registration, the following charges will be in effect:

Pre-Registration

Retirees	\$120.00	Pre Registration	Active Members	\$120.00	Pre-Registration
	<u>40.00</u>	Membership Renewal		<u>40.00</u>	Membership Renewal
	\$160.00	Minimum		\$160.00	Minimum
Life Members	\$120.00	Pre-Registration	Non-Members	\$120.00	Conference
	<u> </u>			<u>40.00</u>	Membership
	\$120.00	Minimum		\$160.00	Minimum

Registration At Door

Retirees	\$240.00	Registration	Active Members	\$240.00	Registration
	<u>40.00</u>	Membership Renewal		<u>40.00</u>	Membership Renewal
	\$280.00	Minimum		\$280.00	Minimum
Life Members	\$240.00	Registration	Non-Members	\$240.00	Conference
	<u> </u>			<u>40.00</u>	Membership
	\$240.00	Minimum		\$280.00	Minimum



**2024 NCDTSEA CONFERENCE
PRE-REGISTRATION
Village Inn Event Center
Clemmons, NC
April 25 - April 27, 2024**

Please complete the following and return to Ray Wyatt, NCDTSEA Executive Secretary, 194 Serenity Lane, Lexington, NC 27295 **BY FRIDAY, March 22, 2024** to pre-register for the conference! Please remember **you must be pre-registered to be guaranteed meal tickets.** Pre-Registrations after March 22nd will be \$240.

Name: _____

Home Address: _____
City State Zip Code

County: _____ E-Mail Address _____

Home Telephone #(_____) _____ Work Telephone #(_____) _____

Fill in appropriate area

I Work with—**School System:** _____

Address: _____
City State Zip Code

I Work with—**Driving School:** _____

Address: _____
City State Zip Code

Area: Check One () Capital () Northeast () Northwest
() South Piedmont () Southeast () West

Pre-Registration \$120.00 (\$240.00 At The Door) \$ _____

PLUS Membership or Membership Renewal \$40.00 \$ _____

(All Current Memberships Expire 4/30/24. Not sure when your membership expires? Just check the mailing label. The date will be located at the end of your name.)

Please check

Will Attend Banquet Yes _____ No _____
Will Attend Luncheon Yes _____ No _____
Will Attend Breakfast Yes _____ No _____

Extra Banquet Tickets @ \$40.00 Each \$ _____

Extra Luncheon Tickets @ \$30.00 Each \$ _____

Extra Breakfast Tickets @ \$20.00 Each \$ _____

Retiree Membership \$40.00 \$ _____

Life Membership \$600.00 (Or Three Installments Of \$200.00) \$ _____

ADTSEA Membership \$50.00 \$ _____

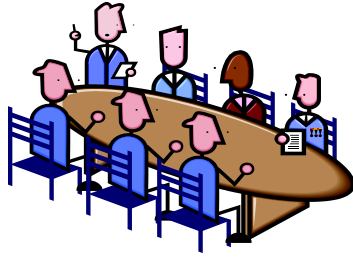
Early Bird \$35.00 \$ _____

Extra Early Bird Dinner Tickets \$35.00 \$ _____

Total Enclosed (Make Check Payable To NCDTSEA) \$ _____

Must include membership dues! Unless Life Member or Already Renewed Through 4/30/25

YOU MUST MAKE YOUR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS!



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

In response to your requests, your Board of Directors in conjunction with 1st Vice President Mike Jones Sr., has arranged to provide an “Early Bird” workshop on Thursday afternoon, April 25th from 2:00 until 4:30 p.m. and to continue Friday morning, April 26th 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 and the “Dinner” is \$35.00 per person. If you just want to join us for the “Dinner” or if you bring your spouse along, the cost is \$35.00 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 25 and Friday, April 26, 2024, including the “Candlelight Dinner”, please complete this registration form along with your Conference Registration and return by Friday March 22 2024!

Name: _____ Home Telephone # _____

Home Address: _____
City State Zip

“Early Bird” Registration	\$35.00 (includes “Dinner”)	\$ _____
Extra “Dinner” Tickets (Do not have to be present at “Early Bird” Session)	\$35.00	\$ _____
Total Enclosed (Make check payable to NCDTSEA)		\$ _____

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

Please Note:
You can mail one check for the “Early Bird” and Conference Pre-Registration
Be sure to include this form with it!

The NCDTSEA Board of Directors decided not to have "Teacher of the Year" competition at this conference. A committee has been appointed to examine and review teacher excellence qualifications with the intention of generating more interest across the state for future competitions.

Please send ideas and suggestions to: Chuck Lehning
c/o Jordan Driving School, Inc.
8420 University Executive Park Drive Suite 820
Charlotte NC 28262-1346

NCDTSEA Teacher of the Year Criteria

1. Must have been a member of ADTSEA for three years to be considered for the ADTSEA Teacher of Excellence Award. This is not a pre-requisite for being named NC Teacher of the Year.
2. Must be a current member of NCDTSEA and have been active for at least five years.
3. Must be an active driver education teacher and/or behind-the-wheel teacher or currently supervising a driver education program and have been involved in these activities for the past seven years.
4. Must complete the NCDTSEA Teacher of the Year application.
5. Must submit answers to two of the six questions listed below. Questions should be answered in fifty words or less.
 1. How do you see yourself promoting Driver and Traffic Safety Education in your local community and your state?
 2. Describe what you see as the future of Driver and Traffic Safety Education. What are two strengths and two weaknesses of Driver and Traffic Safety Education?
 3. What do you consider the most powerful aspect of your local school program in regard to students and parents?
 4. What made you decide to devote your time and career to the Driver and Traffic Safety Education Program in your local Community?
 5. Every Driver and Traffic Safety Education Program has a percentage of students that are unable to meet the objectives of your local program within the time constraints. How do you deal with students that are unable to complete the objectives at the end of the prescribed time period?
 6. How do you promote the classroom and in-car achievements of your students in the Driver and Traffic Safety program in your community or with the parents?
6. Must submit a 5-8 minute media program or PowerPoint presentation indicating involvement in driver and traffic safety education.

Should you have any questions please call:

Chuck Lehning (980) 722-8088 or email jordanschool@bellsouth.net

HOTEL SLEEPING ROOM RATES AND LOCATIONS:

VILLAGE INN EVENT CENTER
 6205 RAMADA DRIVE, CLEMMONS, NC 27012
 336-766-9121
 ROOM RATE - \$84.00 (PLUS TAXES)

OVERFLOW: PENDING AGREEMENT WITH

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



Directions

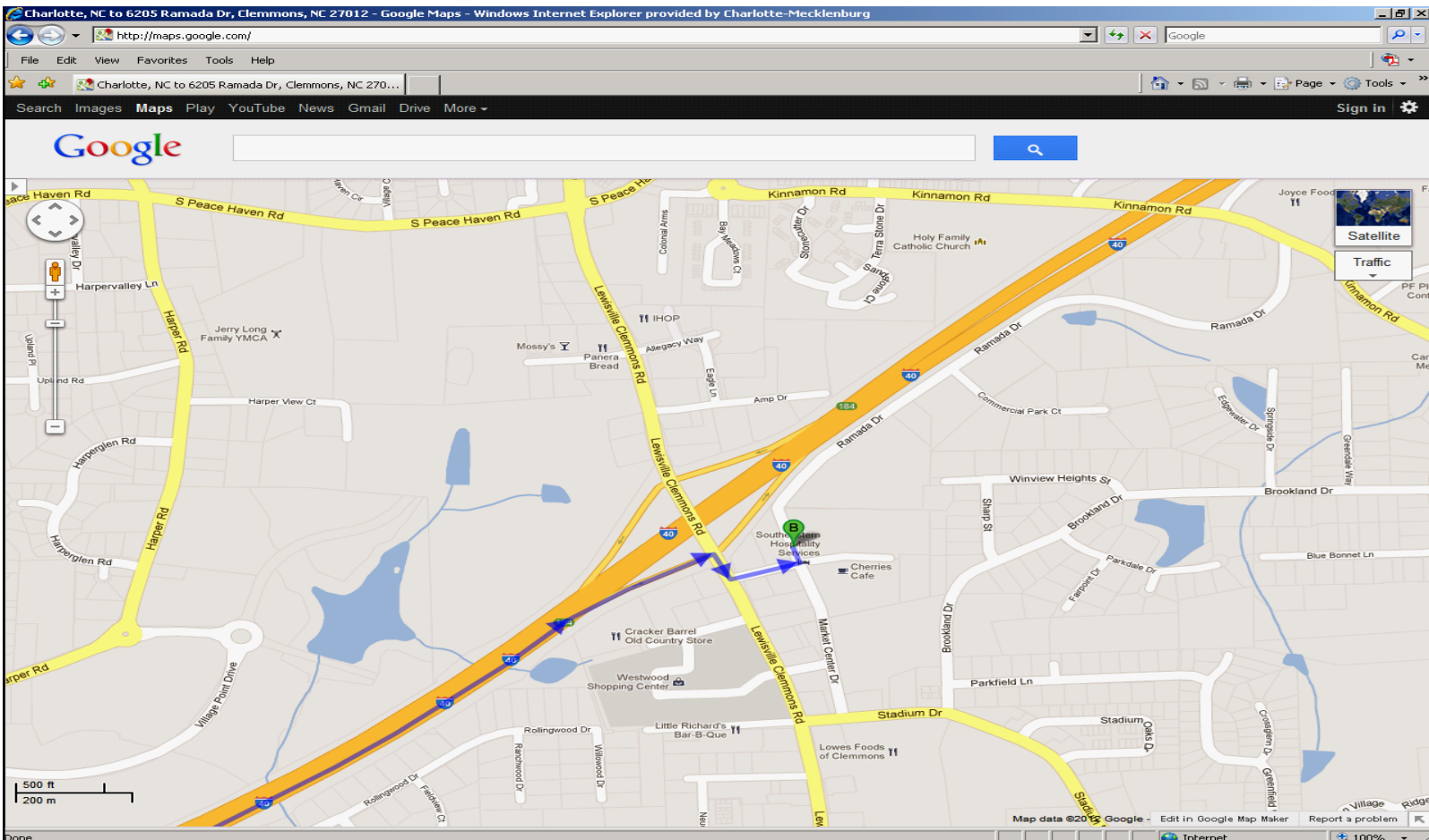
The Village Inn Event Center is just off of I-40 at exit 184

- ⊙ 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, this year. Bring some extra money to the conference and join in on the fun.

Good luck!!!!



Tentative A G E N D A
Thursday, April 25, 2024

- 12:00—2:00 “Early Bird” Check-in
Pre-function Area
- 2:00—3:15 “Early Bird” Part 1-TBA

- 3:15—3:30 Break
- 3:30—4:45 “Early Bird” Part 2-TBA

- 6:00—8:00 Candlelight Dinner and Entertainment
Crystal Ballroom

Friday, April 26, 2024

- Breakfast—On your own
- 8:00—1:00 Conference Registration
Pre-function area
- 8:00—9:00 “Early Bird” Part 3-TBA

- 9:00—9:15 Break
- 9:15—10:00 “Early Bird” Part 4-TBA

- 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**
Mr. Tommy Ledford, NCDTSEA President
- 1:20—1:30 **Conference Orientation**
Mr. Mike Jones — NCDTSEA 1st VP
Exhibitor Introductions
Mr. Jim Gilreath—Exhibitor Director
- 1:30—2:15 **Speaker 1— TBA**
Topic:
- 2:15—3:00 **Speaker 2—TBA**
Topic:
- 3:00—3:15 **Break, Exhibits & Door Prizes**
Sponsored by:

- 3:15—4:00 **Speaker 3— TBA**
Topic:
- 4:00—4:45 **Speaker 4— TBA**
Topic:
- 4:45—6:00 **Exhibits, & Door Prizes**

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

54th Annual Banquet

Winston and Monroe Ballrooms
 6:30—9:00

Welcome & Introduction of Head Table
 Mr. Tommy Ledford, NCDTSEA President

Invocation
 Connie Sessoms, Jr.

Introduction of Speaker:
 TBA

Speaker
 TBA

50/50
 Mr. Reggie Flythe

Door Prizes
 Lucille Lee and Zundrea Baldwin

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

Saturday, April 27, 2024

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

General Sessions

Winston and Monroe Ballrooms

- 9:00—9:45 **Speaker 5— TBA**
Topic:
- 9:45—10:30 **Speaker 6—**
Topic:
- 10:30—11:15 **Speaker 7- Updates from SDPI and**
Lobbyist
- 11:45—12:00 **Hotel Check Out/Free Time**
Exhibits, & Door prizes

54th Annual Awards Luncheon

Winston and Monroe Ballrooms
 12:30—2:30

Welcome & Introduction of Head Table
 President Tommy Ledford

Invocation: TBA

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Lunch

Introduction of Speaker: Susan Harrison

Speaker: TBA

50/50
Reggie Flythe

Door Prizes
Lucille Lee and Zundrea Baldwin

Presentation of Awards:

Business Session
2:30—4:00
Tommy Ledford Presiding

Agenda

- Area Presidents Reports
- Legislative Report: Susan Harrison
- Higher Education Report: None
- Reading of Minutes: Michelle Roberts
- Treasurer's/Membership Report: Ray Wyatt & Connie Sessoms
- Old Business
- New Business
- Election of Officers
- Remarks from President: Tommy Ledford
- Passing of Gavel: President Tommy Ledford
- Remarks from Incoming President: Mike Jones
- 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 26, 2024 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 54th 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 2024-2025, 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 22, 2024** at 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 e-mail me at: ASU8387@yahoo.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 28th

_____ I will not be able to attend the luncheon and meeting on Friday April 28th

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