



# Esprit De Four Inc. presents Four Wheel Drive How To Clinic



September 15<sup>th</sup> 2012

At Hollister Hills SVRA, Hollister, California



For more than **20 years**, we have offered this one day course to introduce drivers with little or no experience to off highway driving and safety. In addition, more experienced drivers get the opportunity to learn and practice four wheeling skills. All participants get a better understanding of what they and their vehicles are capable of, while driving in various types of terrain. **Almost all four wheel drive vehicles**, and all levels of driver experience are welcome.

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- Experienced guides and instructors provide
  - Classroom instruction
  - Demonstration of recovery techniques
  - One-on-one instruction on practical obstacles
  - Guided trail runs on trails rated easy to moderate
- FRS Radios will be used to communicate with your trail guides.
- Lunch and breakfast are **not** be provided
- Camping is available Friday and Saturday night at "Area 5" campground.

Sorry, Children/pets can not be allowed in the classroom session. Feel free to contact us for clarification.

## Clinic Reservation Form September 15<sup>th</sup>

Name: _____ 2 <sup>nd</sup> Driver: _____ Address: _____ City/Stage/Zip: _____ Phone: (____) _____ - _____ Email: _____ Vehicle Type: _____ (Year, make, model)	Amount Enclosed: Driver 1 <span style="float: right;">\$65.00</span> Driver 2 (Same Vehicle) <span style="float: right;">\$55.00</span> BBQ Dinner (Sat. Night) <span style="float: right;">\$12.00 ea</span> Total Enclosed <span style="float: right;">\$ _____</span>
Drivers must be 18 years or older Sorry, no refunds: re-scheduling is available	
Send this form with your fee to: ED4 How To Clinic, c/o Doug Greig 16 Dorchester Dr., Mountain View, CA 94043 Make check payable to: <b>Esprit De Four Inc.</b>	

# ATTENDING A SAFETY CLINIC

## SUZY JOHNSON

"I think it's time that I learned how to four-wheel," I said to my club members. They had puzzled looks on their faces, knowing that I'd been Jeeping with my family for most of my life. But most of my knowledge had been handed down over the years, a mixture of folklore and fact. I needed to know the difference.

Besides, I had an invitation from the Esprit de Four club to attend one of their clinics at Hollister Hills State Vehicular Recreation Area. So, my son and I packed the Jeep and headed to Hollister on a gorgeous Friday afternoon in May.

Esprit de Four's crew greeted us the next morning at their campsite, carefully dividing nearly 40 vehicles and their occupants into groups and directing us to our next activity.

The historic schoolhouse in the park was the site of our classroom instruction, which included amusing anecdotes, a great slideshow, and final answers to many four-wheeling myths. Our knowledgeable instructors made the new drivers feel right at home, patiently answering their many questions.

Excitement ran high as we left our school benches and headed out to our vehicles. Several easy trails had been arranged for us, along with a few moderate obstacles, and a trip through the park's obstacle course.

Our leader coaxed us on the radio, reassuring a few of the drivers who seemed to be getting a little nervous.

Ruts can be treacherous if you're not careful, and I usually avoid them. But with Esprit de Four's expert spotters, I thought I'd give it a shot. Keeping the

hood level was the goal, and their guidance made it easy. It was exciting to see how many of the participants put their vehicles in low range for the first time and went for it.

The rest of the day was spent driving over logs, climbing ledges, starting and stopping on a hill, and everyone's favorite: precision backing.

Let's just say that I'd better keep

my day job. In the end, we were treated to a delicious barbecue, and the icing on the cake: our certificates.

So, if you need to know how to



put your sparkling new rig into low range, or if you want an answer to the question of whether you can really break your thumbs with the steering wheel, a safety clinic should be on your to do list.

To find out about upcoming clinics, visit the calendar at [ingear4x4.com](http://ingear4x4.com).