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Clockwise from right: Bridgestone Winter Driving School; Badlands Off-Road Adventures: Bobby Ore Motorsports Stunt Driving; Bondurant School of High Performance Driving.







## DRIVER'S ED

For those who aren't content to keep all four to the floor and the needle at 55, it's time to go back to school.

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Whether you do it or not, you know you're supposed to keep your hands at 10 and 2, use parking lights when backing into a space, and not send emoticons while driving. But what about off-roading, banked racing, or Vin Dieseling? You are about to get schooled.

## **BONDURANT SCHOOL OF HIGH PERFORMANCE DRIVING**

How fast do you want to go? At Bondurant, that is entirely up to you and physics. The brainchild of world champion driver Bob Bondurant, this 60-acre compound in Arizona is home to a drivingschool experience that is as customizable as the Camaros and Vettes screeching across the track. You pick your make and model from their fleet of hundreds and the program that's right for you (road racing, grand prix, formula racing-even law enforcement and executive protection), then Bondurant suits you up and straps you in.

BADLANDS OFF-ROAD ADVENTURES The name says it all. Badlands Off-Road Adventures in southern California is like a wilderness retreat for 4x4s. Badlands offers enough dirt, grit, and muscle to satisfy the mud lust of any off-roader. How serious are these guys about all-terrain navigation? One of the entry-level courses is an SUV urban survival course designed to help you flee a natural disaster. If that's too much of a quiet country drive for you, they also offer sand dune and rock crawling adventures, and field repair clinics. These guys can teach you how to drive through hell and get back in one piece.

BRIDGESTONE WINTER DRIVING SCHOOL Winter driving on the highway with your car: scary. On a controlled parcel of tundra in somebody else's car: rad! Bridgestone has found a way to grab you through your TV screen and drop you in the middle of their winter driving ad campaign. That SUV bobbing and

weaving in six inches of snow? That could be you. Nailing a turn in every low-friction situation that the road has to offer, learning ice racing techniquesboth are par for the course at Bridgestone's school in Steamboat Springs, CO. For the more apprehensive driver, courses are also available for the basics: stop, go, turn, reverse. With six different levels of skill training there's something for anyone who has accidently spun out in a parking lot going five miles an hour.

**BOBBY ORE MOTORSPORTS STUNT DRIVING If you live** your life one quarter mile at a time, you need to be here. Let's just run down the menu that Bobby Ore offers: sliding parallel parking, high-speed slalom, horseshoe drifting, Flying 90s, drifting intersections, a snake ("four to eight cars in the high-speed slalom at the same time, just a few feet apart"), and chase scenes. Yes, chase scenes with Mr. Ore, who has pulled off stunts for The Dukes of Hazzard, Spider-Man 2, and Gone in Sixty Seconds. You're sure to walk away at the end of the day with your knees shaking, and your heart racing, like a boss. -Nick Fierro