**PCA DE Welcome/Introduction Instructions for Novice students**

**Script for phone call:**

Good evening ?????,

I have the honor of being your instructor this coming weekend at Barber.  I want to thank you for making the trip from ?????!  Please summarize your driving experience for me and tell me about your car.

(Use your knowledge of the “3 minute” interview questions to fill in anything they do not cover.)  Thank you for spending the time to provide this information so that I may better assist you this weekend.

Should you need help with car or or anything else, please let me know.  In Birmingham we have very good access to support personnel for solving track issues to save your weekend in the event something goes wrong.

**Content for introductory Novice Student email.  Modify as necessary for the experience level of your student:**

Good evening,

We are so glad that you can join us for the upcoming Driver’s Education (DE) Event!  I have the honor of being your instructor this coming weekend at Barber Motorsports Park (BMP).

Although you may have seen these before, your homework is to review the videos before the event to which I have provided links.

Please learn the turn number for each turn on the track.  Have a Track map (attached) printed out as you watch the videos and that will assist you.

In addition, please re-familiarize yourself with the attached novice preparation instructions and flag definitions.

When we hit the track on Saturday morning, please be prepared to waive to each corner worker station that is indicated on the map.

If you have some specific areas of interest or concern, please share those with me.

Barber Motorsports Park Turn By Turn Explanation Video
<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=youtube+chin+professor+apex&view=detail&mid=CA43A8615BADC4BE0373CA43A8615BADC4BE0373&FORM=VIRE>

Barber Motorsports Park Lap Video
<https://youtu.be/lvRIXvQbna4>

Please do not forget to have your car inspected by a qualified technician and have them fill out and sign the form provided in the DE Events email.  In addition to a 2015 or later Snell rated helmet, please be sure to bring a lawn chair, water, sunscreen and a hat or cap.  When you arrive, please be sure that your car is emptied (of everything including floor mats), your tow hook is installed and you have lowered your tire pressures from stock pressures dependent upon our discussions (we may lower by as much as 6 lbs. on the passenger side and 7 lbs. on the driver's side).  You should have access to a torque wrench to check your wheels throughout the weekend.  There is normally a service vendor providing track support at this event and they will be able to assist you in the event you do not have a torque wrench (or a buddy so equipped) to check your lug nuts during the event.

You may want to consider track insurance.  You probably know that many auto insurance companies do not cover a car while it is on the track even for driver’s education.  If you are interested there are several options for track insurance:

<https://www.opentrack.com/insurance>

<https://locktonmotorsports.com/hpde-insurance/>

<https://www.hagerty.com/insurance/track-day-insurance>

At the track please plan to pick me up 15 minutes before each of your sessions begins at a mutually agreed location.

My cell:  XXX-XXX-XXXX  Please put me in your phone in case we need immediate contact over the weekend.

Please send me your cell number so that I know you have received this email. I will be in touch to determine a time that we can speak for 20 minutes or so before the weekend.

We are going to have a terrific weekend!

Thanks,

Firstname

Full Name
mobile xxx-xxx-xxxx

**PCA DE Welcome/Introduction Instructions for Experienced students**

**Script for phone call:**

Good evening ?????,

I have the honor of being your instructor this coming weekend at Barber.  I want to thank you for making the trip from ?????!  Please summarize your driving experience for me and tell me about your car.

(Use your knowledge of the “3 minute” interview questions to fill in anything they do not cover.)  Thank you for spending the time to provide this information so that I may better assist you this weekend.

Should you need help with your car or or anything else, please let me know.  In Birmingham we have very good access for solving track issues to save your weekend in the event something goes wrong.

**Content for introductory or follow up email for experienced students depending upon ability to have a call in advance (content in brackets is optional).  Modify as necessary for the experience level of your student:**

Hi ?????,

[As we discussed] I have the honor of being your instructor this coming weekend at Barber Motorsports Park (BMP). This email is sent with the intent of addressing several housekeeping items so that we can spend more time focused on driving this weekend at Barber.

You should anticipate building on what you have already learned in your previous events.  As you likely have already gleaned, Barber is very much a flow track.  If you are on the right line, generally the track camber is helping.  This will help you experience more fully how wonderfully your car handles.  [From your information I see that you were approved for solo at other tracks and that is terrific.]  As a refresher, please review the novice instructions attached.  Even with thousands of laps, I routinely refer back to the basics, as we are not able to be on track every week.  [As you know, the instructor that will do your check ride may be looking for some of these behaviors and applications.]

As with many tracks, braking is the key to your best lap.  When to brake, threshold braking and trail braking are three of the most important parts to a consistent, safe and timely lap at BMP.  If you come in too hot for a turn, you will blow that one and at least one more.  Visualize braking hard (threshold) in a straight line preparing for the turn, then smoothly and slowly releasing the brake pressure as we approach the apex (trail braking).  These are among the necessary qualities to go solo.

 There are not enough O’s in the word smooth to describe how we want to approach inputs (steering, throttle and brake).  Smooth on and smooth off will result in better control along with safer and quicker laps.  When the car is upset, you have to dial it back.  Barber is very technical without very long straights; thus, the benefits of smooth inputs and proper braking are magnified.

It will also be helpful for you to know the turn numbers (see track map attached).  This will allow our verbal communications to be more efficient.  I will bring my in-car communicator and if your helmet is wired for it, I have a cable; otherwise, you can use my standard student unit.

Although you may have seen these before, your homework is to review these videos before the event.  In addition, please re-familiarize yourself with the attached flags.  When we hit the track on Saturday morning, please be prepared to waive to each corner worker station.  If you have some specific areas of interest or concern, please share those with me.

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Barber Motorsports Park Clean Lap Video

[https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=porsche+cayman+lap+barber&view=detail&mid=D797F2F318BCB0E701AAD797F2F318BCB0E701AA&FORM=VIRE](https://na01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.bing.com%2Fvideos%2Fsearch%3Fq%3Dporsche%2Bcayman%2Blap%2Bbarber%26view%3Ddetail%26mid%3DD797F2F318BCB0E701AAD797F2F318BCB0E701AA%26FORM%3DVIRE&data=04%7C01%7C%7C1024c6c1173a4d2fe32208d998f497fd%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637708998717483701%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=QCz4FRgg8AnaRNf71mBWPsTr%2B8SArvx6vM%2FXxJYmLn4%3D&reserved=0)

Please be sure that your car is emptied, tow hook is installed and lower your tire pressures from stock, by 6 lbs. on the passenger side and 7 lbs. on the driver’s side.  Please plan to pick me up 10 minutes before your sessions begin.  We will agree on the pickup point on Saturday morning when we are paired at the driver’s meeting.

My cell:  NNN-NNN-NNNN  You should put me in your phone in case we need immediate contact over the weekend.  Please send me your cell number so that I know you have received this email. [I will be in touch to determine a time that we can speak for 20 minutes or so before the weekend.]

We are going to have a terrific weekend!

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