MONTANA TRAFFIC EDUCATION CONFERENCE

The Science of Safe Driving: Education, Engagement, & Technology

Great Falls, Montana ~ April 26-28, 2026

The Montana Traffic Education Association and Montana Office of Public Instruction invite you to the

2026 Montana Traffic Education Conference

The conference will focus on techniques and resources available to develop stronger teen drivers. Workshops will include how to better connect with and influence teens, working with special needs students (ADED), building confident and capable drivers, strategies for student engagement, the Huff Symposium with a panel of students and parents, OPI/TEDRS/CDTP updates, responsibilities of teen drivers, technology and driving with todays advanced driver assistance systems (ADAS), instructor health & mobility, curriculum applications with teen drug & alcohol use, a variety of teaching techniques for the classroom and in-vehicle, roundtable discussions, classification meetings, and more!

PRE-REGISTRATION: Attendees must pre-register *(no walk-ins accepted)* with MTEA by **Friday, April 10, 2026**. The registration fee is $225 and includes access to five meals and all regular conference sessions. Under OPI guidelines, traffic education reimbursement funds may be used for educational teacher trainings. Complete the registration form and mail to MTEA along with a check for $225 *(sorry, no credit card option at this point)*. *Cancellation policy:* Upon written notice of cancellation *before* the conference only, $150 of the $225 registration fee is refundable.

BOOK YOUR HOTEL: The conference takes place at the **Heritage Inn,** 1700 Fox Farm Road, in Great Falls. Rates are $109.00 (plus tax) for a single or double room, based on availability. Attendees will need a credit card to secure a room. Call the **Heritage Inn at (406) 761-1900** and mention the group name (Montana Traffic Education 2026) to get the special rate. Cut-off for the group rate is **April 13th**, so reserve early!

COLLEGE CREDIT OR RENEWAL UNITS: Register for one semester credit through MSU-N beginning at 10:00 am on Sunday, April 26. The cost is $200. You can alternatively choose to earn up to 16 renewal units which can be used toward your Montana educator license renewal. **You may register for college credit OR renewal units, but NOT both.**

SCHEDULE/AGENDA: Registration packets will be available beginning at 10:00 am on Sunday, April 26. Some "hands-on" activities are available during registration. The first general session will begin at noon. The conference ends at 12:00 pm on Tuesday, April 28. **Conference agenda and other updates will be posted at MTEAOnline.org.** ***Note:*** The special OPI ADED pre-conference workshop on Saturday, April 25th has a separate registration process and can be accessed through https://www.eventcreate.com/e/mttrafficeducationpre-conference2026

2026 Montana Traffic Education Conference Registration

HERITAGE INN

April 26-28, 2026 – Great Falls, Montana

You must pre-register to attend.
MUST PRE-REGISTER BY APRIL 10, 2026
Consider bringing an item to donate as a door prize!

Name (for name badge) _____

Home Mailing Address _____

City _____ State_____ ZIP Code _____

E-mail _____

Telephone (Cell) _____ (Home) _____ (Work) _____

School(s) where you teach _____

_____ I would like to register for the MTEA conference and join/renew my membership in MTEA. Enclosed is a check to **MTEA** for **$225**.

_____ I am unable to attend this year's conference, but I want to join/renew my MTEA membership and receive MTEA's newsletter. Enclosed is a check to **MTEA** for **$45**.

- MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: **MONTANA TRAFFIC EDUCATION ASSOCIATION** *or* **MTEA**
- MAIL TO: **MTEA, PO Box 637, Conrad, MT 59425**
- QUESTIONS? Call Jim Carroll at **(406) 278-3285** (days) or **(406) 278-7856** (evenings)

MTEA USE ONLY

Date _____

Check No. _____

Received check from:

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Amount $_____

The conference registration fee does not include the college credit fee. The cost for the one semester hour of credit is $200 and must be paid to MSU-N at the conference.