

# Responsible snowmobile riding key to trail safety

With the onset of winter and a blanket of snow coating the ground, Labatt Breweries, the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs, and Bombardier Inc. — partners in the Labatt Safe Trails program — want to remind snowmobilers to stay safe this

winter.

So before hitting the trails for a crisp winter day of outdoor fun, it is important to equip yourself with the necessary information and materials to make your snowmobiling experience both safe and enjoyable.

Some of the snowmobile safety tips the partners recommend include:

- Never ride impaired. Alcohol, drugs or fatigue blur your senses, slow your reaction time and make it harder to stay warm.
- Take charge of your machine. Make sure your snowmobile gets regular maintenance checks and that you are aware of the regulations and safety precautions.
- Ride within the posted

speed limits on the trails. High speeds rob you of time to react to surprises.

- Stick to marked trails, especially on lakes — uncertain conditions and untravelled territory may be risky. Obey trail signs, watch for other riders and use proper hand signals.
- Ride in daylight. You need to spot trouble ahead before it is too late.
- Always ride with a partner. In an emergency, a part-

ner can make the difference between life and death.

- Carry a survival kit. Pack it with emergency items like repair tools, a tow rope, spare clothing, a blanket and high-energy food.
- Wear a helmet. It's not only safety-smart, it's the law. The helmet should fit snugly and be securely fastened under your chin.
- Wear safe, reflective clothing and, if riding over a lake or river, a buoyant

snowmobile suit. It's important to stay warm, so layer your clothing. Cotton, which retains moisture, should be avoided.

• Know basic first aid. Knowing how to respond in any kind of emergency could save a friend's life.

• Respect the environment.

Don't ride if there's not enough snow to protect vegetation, and don't ride over trees and shrubs.

## IT'S TIME... for Kindergarten Registration!

The Halton Board of Education is accepting September 1997 registrations for Senior Kindergarten in ALL schools having Kindergarten.

To be eligible for **Senior Kindergarten**, children must be **five years of age by December 31, 1997**. Children must RESIDE within the boundaries of the school offering the program and must be a public school supporter.

Registrations are held at the public elementary school your child will attend. To make registration easy, please bring verification of your child's date of birth and your child's immunization record.

For further information, please call your local school principal.

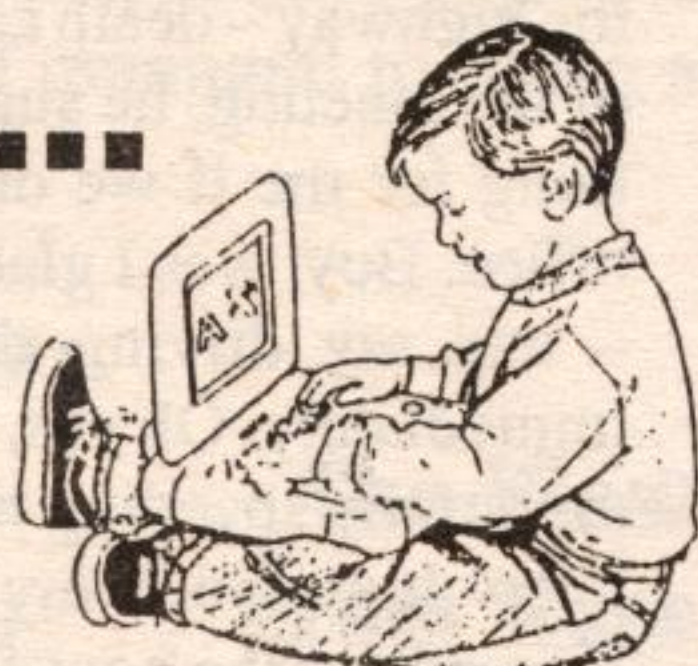
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## Head Start heads up for local businesspeople

The Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce is offering the Head Start Small Business Training Program.

The 10-hour course is designed to assist entrepreneurs avoid the many pitfalls new small business owners tend to succumb to.

The course can also help established small business owners gain an advantage over competitors by learning how to develop effective administrative and economic expertise. According to the Royal Bank of Canada, "only one half of all new businesses survive the critical first three years of operation. Usually this high failure rate stems not from owner's lack of tech-

nical qualifications in their field, but rather from weak managerial and financial skills."

The topics included in this 10 hour course include:

- The right to legal structure.
- 20 steps to chartering your successful course of action.
- The Business Plan and why it is so important.
- Record keeping and Financial Statement analysis.
- Eight key ratios to calculate including break-even point.
- Choosing and managing your banker.
- Cash flow projections — don't run out of fuel.

• Market trends of the '90s.

• Components of any Marketing Plan.

The instructor for this course is Don Crossley, Executive Vice President of the Oakville Chamber of Commerce, who, prior to going to work with the Chamber, was a small business owner for over 25 years. During most of this time Don was a part-time instructor at Sheridan College in various small business management courses.

Invited guests to each session include: a lawyer, an accountant and a banker. Sessions will be a three-hour evening session on Thursday, followed by a seven-hour session on Saturday.

The next scheduled session is Jan. 30 from 6 to 9 pm, and Feb. 1 from 9 am to 4 pm. The 10-hour course costs \$58 per person with lunch provided. For further information contact Erin Travers at 877-7119.

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