

About Iowa's MoGo workshops

Iowa's motor grader operator (MoGO) training program consists of one- or two-day workshops during which a team of experienced operators teach safe, efficient operating practices. The workshops cover both rural and urban operations.

The first day is a classroom session with presentations, videotapes, and discussion. Participants have many opportunities to exchange ideas.

The second day (optional) is spent in the field. Participants operate their own equipment on their own roads, accompanied by an instructor who provides guidance and advice. This site-specific assistance can be particularly useful, especially for new operators. Participants may attend the classroom session without attending the field day.

Who should attend

Operators and their supervisors are encouraged to attend. New operators will get solid training in the basics of motor grader operations. Experienced operators will get a good refresher course and learn some new tips. Supervisors will stay abreast of new developments and operating techniques.

Course participants should be familiar with basic equipment operations before the workshop.

Dates and locations

Dates and locations will be announced soon.

For more information

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Careers in transportation

This year's career fair for area high school students was held April 20, 2006, in the Scheman Building at the Iowa State Center, Ames, Iowa. Over 60 students from 10 different schools attended and participated in a variety of hands-on indoor and outdoor activities, including the following:

- running a mini excavator
- playing construction Jeopardy
- using hand-held GPS devices for a scavenger hunt
- using outdoor surveying equipment
- viewing interactive presentations and booths

The career fair was hosted by CTRE and Des Moines Area Community College, and sponsored by several public and private agencies.

For more information

www.ctre.iastate.edu/events/careerfair/ ■



Students learned to use surveying equipment.



One of this year's most popular activity stations was the mini excavator, where students could experience firsthand what it's like to work with construction equipment.