

## Bay Area Motorcycle Training Beginning Class Information

**This information is vital to your being prepared for and admitted to class, so please read it very thoroughly and carefully!**

Please add [office@motorcycleschool.com](mailto:office@motorcycleschool.com) and [888.744.2268](tel:888.744.2268) to your contacts, since we will communicate by email, text and phone if there are any changes to your class. If you did not provide the best number to receive texts, please email, call or text us at 888.744.2268 or [office@motorcycleschool.com](mailto:office@motorcycleschool.com) from the phone/email address that you used to register so we may change it. Our office is open Mon.-Fri. from 9am-5pm. Instructors are always available to answer questions and we love to help, so please call, text or email us if you have any questions.

The curriculum in our beginning class is based upon the latest research of both motorcycle-related crash statistics and adult learning principals, and is designed for beginners who have never sat upon a motorcycle before. In your first riding session you will learn where the controls are, how to use them and then to ride. Most beginners are riding within the first few exercises!

However, **the purpose of this class is to create safer riders out of the average beginning motorcyclist, not to make it easy to get a license.** While most beginning students are able to pass this class the first time they take it, it is not uncommon to be counseled out so you may come back for more repetition, since everyone learns at a different pace. If you are counseled out or are not able to pass the first time through, our policy allows instructors to waive the standby fee so that you may come back as many times as you are able over the 6 month standby period.

We **LOVE** it when students come back over and over in an effort to learn to ride and improve their skill and we will root for you and do everything we can to help a diligent student to succeed, **BUT there is no guarantee you will pass this class!**

We provide all students with a motorcycle, helmet and gloves automatically. You may not ride your own motorcycle, but you are welcome to bring your own helmet and gloves. **If you would prefer to ride a scooter** in SF or Alameda, please confirm availability with the office, since we cannot guarantee availability less than two weeks ahead of time. Scooters are not available at all at the Vallejo location.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

- **SIGN OUR WAIVER(S)** You must sign our general waiver and the minor waiver, if applicable. To speed up the check in process, please print and sign ahead of time. If you are a minor, your parent must come to the first in person session of your class with their valid, government issued photo ID even if they fill out the waiver ahead of time. BAMT does **NOT accept notarized letters in lieu of a parent/guardian's physical presence.** If they

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are not able to come to the first session please contact the office to see if we can accommodate you.

- **IDENTIFICATION** You will need to come **prepared** with a government- issued photo ID. It does **not** need to be a driver's license or from the U.S., but you will need to show the same valid, government- issued photo ID to the instructors at all in person sessions, so you must have it with you at all times.
- **GEAR** Clothing labeled as 'motorcycle' does not always meet our requirements, since it is often a reference to motorcycle '**style**' instead of the fit and protection we are required to have you wear. **PROTECTIVE** street motorcycle gear is always acceptable for taking our class, but gear that is motorcycle **style** is almost never protective, and so is almost never acceptable. For a guide to gear that is actually protective instead of merely 'motorcycle style' consult the section on gear in the [MTC Handbook](#) and [click here to see some examples](#). This class is very long, and weather is unpredictable at all three of our sites. It goes from very cold to very hot back and forth several times during a typical class, so bring many long sleeved layers!:

**Helmet-** Full-coverage and DOT-compliant helmets will be provided. BAMT only allows helmets that are full face and DOT compliant, so if you would like to bring your own full face helmet you may, but if the instructor cannot confirm that it meets our requirements, you will be required to use one of ours instead

**Gloves-** Full- fingered, 100% leather work gloves are acceptable and can usually be found at any hardware store. You may bring your own or wear ours. Off-road motorcycle gloves, leather dress gloves, ski gloves, or work gloves of material other than leather will NOT be accepted

**Footwear-** Only sturdy, over-the-ankle, snug fitting, reinforced footwear that supports the ankle will be accepted. Most laced and tied hiking boots will do as long as they fit snugly around the ankle with thick, padded/reinforced material so that your ankle bone cannot be felt. They must also be laced up so the sides are snug against the foot/ankle in order to provide ankle support. Hiking boots that merely cover the ankle and/or are worn in such a way that does not provide ankle support will NOT be accepted(ie: Chuck Taylor or other high tops, Uggs, cowboy boots, boots with elastic on the ankle, any footwear previously mentioned that is fastened loosely so that ankle support does not function properly, motorcycle- specific footwear that do not provide ankle support in the instructor's opinion, etc.)

**Shirt/Jacket-** A full-sleeved and high- cut shirt and/or jacket that allows no skin(including wrists and parts of your chest) showing when seated on the motorcycle when your arms are outstretched to ride is required at all times you are seated on a bike. Since temperatures fluctuate quite a bit through out the day bring many full sleeved layers, since you will not be allowed to ride with short sleeves. If you are not able to be cool/warm/dry enough to continue to ride safely you will be counseled out, but you may come back as a standby for a reduced fee.

**Durable Pants-** Denim jeans or anything made of durable, rugged material, such as protective work pants will be allowed. We will not allow you to ride in stretch pants or stretch fabric (including jeggings), or ANY pants with rips, tears, or any sort of holes, no matter the material. Pants must cover all of the leg when seated on the motorcycle

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with feet up on the foot pegs - **no skin/socks, etc. showing**. Unfortunately there is no way to know for sure which motorcycle you will end up riding and how long the pants will need to be unless you use the following test: try on the footwear and pants you will be riding in, then sit down or lie on your back and bend your knees all the way to your chest. If your pants ride up up past the top of your boots so that your socks are showing, then they may not be long enough once you are riding, so you must bring longer pants.

**Rain Gear-** We do NOT cancel for rain so arrive prepared for rain. You will have to pay a fee to come back as a standby student if you are not able to ride due to being unprepared

- **FOOD AND WATER** There will be no place to buy food or drink during class, regardless of how close stores/cafes look on the map, so bring PLENTY of snacks and drinks, ESPECIALLY **PLENTY OF WATER!!!** You will be not be allowed to continue if you are late for a session or coming back from a break, but you may come back as a standby for a fee.
- **POSITIVE ATTITUDE** You will be asked to leave if you display threatening, obscene, or inappropriate behavior or messages, if the instructor suspects any kind of impairment/intoxication of any kind with any drug, including alcohol or any other legal, illegal, prescription and/or over- the- counter substance(s), or if you intentionally or unintentionally interfere with other students enjoyment of the class. You will be asked to leave and you will not be eligible for a refund, to be rescheduled, or to return to our school under any circumstances
- **ATTEND ALL SESSIONS IN ORDER WITHIN 60 DAYS** This course includes approximately 5 hours of classroom and 10 hours (broken up into two 5 hour days) of in person training on a motorcycle. The State of California requires that all students attend/ complete and pass all classroom(s) and riding sessions in order within a 60 day period in order to pass:

**If you attend in person classroom sessions** your schedule will be:  
study the [MTC Handbook](#)

1st Classroom Session	meeting at classroom
1st Riding Session	meeting at riding area
2nd Classroom Session	meeting at classroom
2nd Riding Session	meeting at riding area

**In person classroom requirements-** If your class takes place over one weekend, there will be only about an hour break for lunch, so bring everything you will need for both the classroom and riding sessions, including a bag lunch, if appropriate. You may eat in the classroom as long as you leave it cleaner than you found it. We cannot count you as present unless you are in attendance for the whole classroom session, so you will not get credit if you are late for either session or from a break. Since sessions must be taken in order, you will not be eligible to attend any of the rest of the sessions in that class, but you may come back as a standby to a different class for a reduced fee.

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**If you use eRider** your schedule will be

study the [MTC Handbook](#)

Complete and bring a screenshot or printout proving you have completed up to chapter two of eRider\*  
1st Riding Session meeting at riding area

Complete and bring a screenshot or printout proving you have completed up to chapter four of eRider\*  
2nd Riding Session meeting at riding area

\*Both completion **AND** proof are REQUIRED in order to be allowed into the riding sessions! If you do not have proof you may be able to come back to a different session as a [standby student for a fee](#)

**eRider requirements-** eRider takes approximately one hour per chapter, consists of 6 chapters and can be done at your own pace, since you can save and exit at any time. Since eRider can be done at your convenience in the comfort of your home, the hours to complete it are not included in the the class hours you signed up for

- BRING PROOF OF COMPLETING CHAPTER TWO BEFORE THE FIRST RIDING SESSION Even if you do not pass, bring your grades to your first riding session. A printout or a screenshot is adequate. Please don't send your grades to the office. It needs to be brought to the first riding session. Since sessions must be taken in order, if you do not have proof we will not be able to let you in and you will not be eligible to attend any of the rest of the sessions in that class, but you may come back as a [standby to a different class for a reduced fee](#)
- BRING PROOF OF COMPLETING CHAPTER FOUR BEFORE THE SECOND RIDING SESSION Even if you do not pass, bring your grades to your second riding session. A printout or a screenshot is adequate. Please don't send your grades to the office. It needs to be brought to the second riding session. Since sessions must be taken in order, if you do not have proof we will not be able to let you in and you will not be eligible to attend any of the rest of the sessions in that class, but you may come back as a [standby to a different class for a reduced fee](#)
- FINISH ALL CHAPTERS BY MIDNIGHT OF YOUR SECOND RIDING DAY You will receive a failing grade if you do not finish all chapters by midnight of your second riding session. Since you get two chances to pass the classroom portion of your class, as long as you your grade is high enough you will still have the opportunity to only finish the rest of the chapters instead of having to do all of eRider over again, but you will need to contact the office to let us know when you have finished, since we will not be notified automatically. If you fail twice due to this issue, a follow up email will be sent automatically explaining how to proceed when the roster for your class is processed.
- ONE ACCOUNT PER STUDENT Since eRider is testing your knowledge as you progress, each student **MUST** complete their own eRider class in their own account, and all students and must present their own report card. If you do not have proof of **YOUR** grades we will not be able to let you in and you will not be eligible to attend any of the rest of the sessions in that class, but you may come back as a [standby to a different classfor a reduced fee](#)
- GRADE OF 80% OR MORE You need an overall grade of 80% in eRider to be eligible to receive a DL389. If you receive a grade below 80%, eRider will give



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you another chance to get a better grade after you have completed the riding portion of your class, so be sure to review the [MTC Handbook](#), review eRider and ask plenty of questions in order to get a better grade next time. The phone is usually answered by instructors, so please call us if you have any questions!

- USE A DESKTOP OR LAPTOP COMPUTER Most problems finishing the course are created by using unsupported devices, not following directions or having a poor internet connection. Since it is your responsibility to be sure you have everything you need in order to log in and complete eRider(just as it would be your responsibility to arrive at the classroom on time if you were taking class in person), we **STRONGLY** recommend that you complete all 6 chapters at least one week before your riding sessions begin so you can get help from the office if you have any trouble, since **we will not refund or reschedule you if you are not able to finish due to starting too late to get help from the office!**

[Click here to see eRider system requirements](#)

[Click here to check your internet connection/speed](#)

[Click here to see eRider FAQs](#)

[Click here to see BAMT FAQs](#)

- PLEASE BE AWARE eRider grades are processed electronically when DL389s are assigned. If you fake your grades to get into the riding sessions the office will catch it when your scores are processed. You will be counseled out of the class and will **NOT** be eligible to come back as a standby for a reduced fee. If we get permission and decide to allow you to come back, you will have to pay the whole class fee again for a confirmed seat.

Please call or text 888.744.2268 or email [office@motorcycleschool.com](mailto:office@motorcycleschool.com) if you have any questions.

Thank you and have a great class! 😊

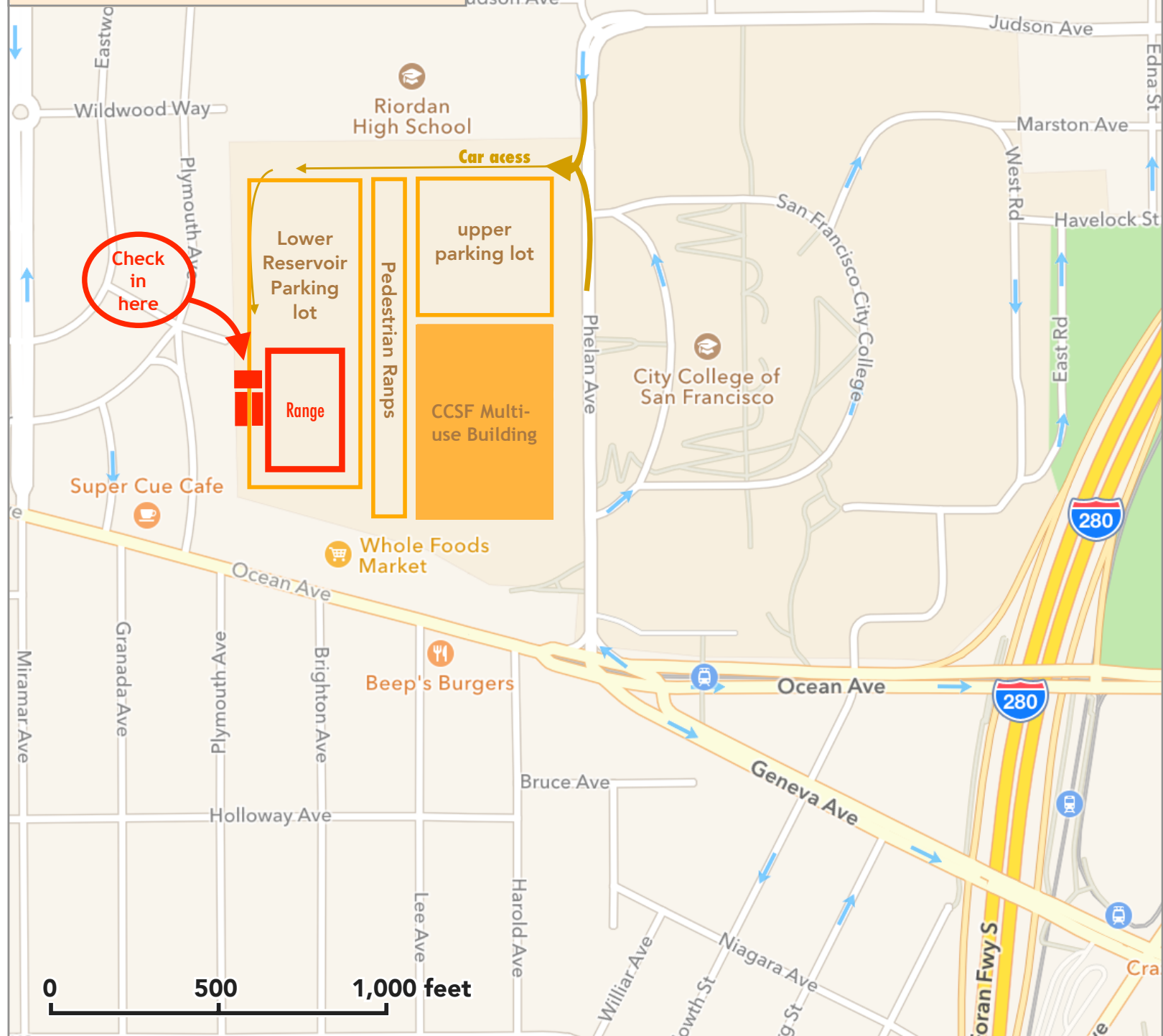
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**PLEASE SCROLL TO THE END TO FIND THE MAPS AND  
DETAILS FOR YOUR CLASS**

Riding sessions are NOT VISIBLE FROM THE STREET and do not have an address as they take place in CCSF's Lower Reservoir Parking Lot, which is what is left of an old water reservoir:

<https://goo.gl/maps/QQNRPERAfQE2>

You will have to come back as a standby student if you are late and/or miss any portion of any of your sessions



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## CCSF BEGINNING RIDING SESSION MAP

Riding sessions take place in CCSF's Lower Balboa parking lot in what used to be the Balboa Water Reservoir. The half of it nearest the street has been filled in, so our riding area is **NOT VISIBLE FROM THE STREET!!** When it is dark or foggy it can be very hard to find, so please use the attached map and [GPS from our website](#).

eRider classes meet in person at the riding area only.

BAMT is not allowed to leave the gate to the parking lot we use near 50 Frida Khalo Way/Phelan Ave. open and/or unlocked for any length of time. **If you are on time** and find the gate is locked, your instructor is getting the classroom or riding area ready and will let you into the gate as soon as they are able. **Please be patient and wait at the gate.**

Since instructors are not allowed to leave the riding area for any length of time after class has begun, **if you are late and find the gate locked, unfortunately we are not able to let you into class** as the State of California requires instructors to follow a very strict schedule, we are not allowed to let you back into the class, but **you may be able to pay a partial fee to come back as a standby student.**

If you choose to park elsewhere you are assuming the risk of being towed or paying a fee. If you would like to park for free in the training lot, **please be patient and wait at the gate.**

Classes with in- person classroom sessions meet at the classroom first. If you are taking in person classroom sessions please scroll to the bottom for classroom map and details.

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## ALAMEDA BEGINNING RIDING SESSION MAP

Riding sessions in Alameda take place very **near** the U.S.S. Hornet, but are **not visible** from the Hornet, so please use GPS and the map below to find us.

Please be **PREPARED** to check in by being present on the range at least 15 min before the check in time with plenty of **WATER(!!!)** and snacks you will need for the day. The instructors are **REQUIRED** to start on time due to the very strict time requirements that create the best learning environment, so once class has begun you will no longer be allowed into the class.

Bring everything you will need for both the classroom and riding sessions, including extra layers, plenty of water, snacks, a bag lunch, and anything else you feel you might need. It is rare for classes to go long, but if it happens we will not be able to give you credit if you leave early, so be prepared.

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## VALLEJO BEGINNING RIDING SESSION MAP

Riding sessions and some classroom sessions take place at the Solano County Fairgrounds, but each have their own entrance separate from the main entrance to the Fairgrounds. In either case, **DO NOT ENTER** at the main entrance to the Fairgrounds!

If you have in person classroom sessions, double check your confirmation letter to find out if your classroom sessions are in Vallejo or in San Francisco. It is your responsibility to read your confirmation email and be sure you signed up for the correct class/location, so you will **NOT** be rescheduled if miss class due to your making a mistake and going to the wrong classroom location, but you may be eligible to come back as a standby for a reduced fee.

The Fairgrounds is often used by Discovery Kingdom as their overflow parking lot, so their security people are always on the alert and actively searching for anyone trying to get out of paying their fee. If they find your vehicle it may be may ticketed and/or towed if you do not park in the space allotted for our classes.

eRider classes meet in person at the riding area only. It does not have an address, so please use GPS from the map on our website and this map to find it. All riding sessions take place at GATE 6, which is directly across the street from Discovery Kingdom's parking lot exit.



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Classes with in- person classroom sessions meet at the classroom first. BAMT uses two different classrooms for the Vallejo location. If you have in person classroom sessions, double check your confirmation letter to find out if your classrooms sessions are in Vallejo or in San Francisco. **It is your responsibility to read your confirmation email and be sure you signed up for the correct class/location, so you will not be rescheduled if miss class due to your making a mistake and going to the wrong classroom location, but you may be eligible to come back as a standby for a reduced fee.** Please scroll all the way down for Moto Guild classroom map and details.

If your classroom is at the Sage street entrance of the Solano County Fairgrounds in Vallejo, the entrance is at the after hours/North RV entrance on Sage street, on the North side of the Fairgrounds. Since the events at the Fairgrounds change frequently and so create different paths through it each time, the only way to ensure you are on time is to use the entrance from the street, even if you are going from the classroom to the riding area.

BAMT is not allowed to leave the gate to the parking lot for our riding sessions or to our classroom open and/or unlocked for any length of time. **If you are on time** and find the gate is locked, your instructor is getting the riding area or classroom ready and will let you into the gate as soon as they are able. **Please be patient and wait at the gate.**



Since instructors are not allowed to leave the riding area for any length of time after class has begun, **if you are late for a licensing/ beginning class and find the gate locked, unfortunately we are not able to let you into class** as the State of California requires instructors to follow a very strict schedule, we are not allowed to let you back into the class, but **you may be able to pay a partial fee to come back as a**

**standby student.**

Please be PREPARED to check in by being present on the gate at least 15 min before the check in time that you registered for. The instructors are REQUIRED to start on time due to the very strict time requirements that create the best learning environment, so once class has begun you will no longer be allowed into the class, but you may come back as a standby student for a reduced fee.

If you have in person classroom sessions in the morning followed by riding sessions in the afternoon, there will be only about an hour break for lunch, so bring everything you will need for both the classroom and riding sessions, including **PLENTY OF WATER!!!** snacks and/or a bag lunch, if appropriate. You may eat in the classroom as long as you leave it cleaner than you found it.



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## MOTO GUILD BEGINNING CLASSROOM SESSION MAP

If your classroom session is taking place at Moto Guild on Treasure Island (in San Francisco) please use GPS from the map on our website and one of the maps below to find it, since huge parts of Treasure Island are under construction and so the streets often shift literally overnight.

Moto Guild  
849 13th St  
San Francisco, CA 94130

Give yourself plenty of extra time to get stuck in traffic and to find it and/or get lost, since we cannot let you in late. If you are on time and find the door locked, please wait **please be patient and wait**. The instructor is getting the classroom ready and will let you in when they have finished setting up.

**Park and enter at the FRONT DOOR (pictured)** only, even if you are riding a motorcycle, since the side/barn door entrance is for Moto Guild customers.

You are welcome to eat in the classroom as long as you leave it cleaner than you found it 😊

