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Alabama Power Hosts Education Event at Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama

Area high school students to learn about engineering, automotive careers

Birmingham, Ala. – Students from across the region will head to Barber Motorsports Park for the seventh annual Alabama Power education event, in advance of this weekend's Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama.

The education event on Thursday, April 19, will include representatives from Alabama Power's Electric Transportation group and Verizon IndyCar Series. Alabama Power experts will discuss electric transportation and how math and science connect to automotive careers.

The Alabama Power education event will provide students with a broader understanding of electric vehicles that produce no emissions and can help reduce the nation's dependence on foreign oil. Alabama Power continues to be a leader in promoting greener electric transportation and educating customers about the growing number of plug-in electric vehicles on the market.

Charlie Kimball, Verizon IndyCar Series driver of Carlin Motorsport and Ricky Davis, chief mechanic for Chip Ganassi Racing will be the special guests at Thursday's event. Both will discuss how education has played a role in their career paths.

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After the presentations, students will team up to design, build and race pinewood derby cars, with assistance from Alabama Power engineers. The students will learn how their designs can make a difference in how the cars perform.

Students will also receive gift boxes with two tickets to the Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama presented by America's First. Alabama Power is also providing USB bands that contain information on electric transportation.

The Alabama Power education event begins at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 19, in the Cocina at the Track tent located in the Fan Zone at Barber Motorsports Park. Media planning to attend the event should email Angel Lewis – Alewis@brunoeventteam.com – for credentials. All media need to be on site by 9:45 a.m.

For more information about the Honda Indy Grand Prix of Alabama or to buy tickets, please visit www.barberracingevents.com.

To learn more about Alabama Power's leadership in electric transportation, visit www.alabamapower.com. Scroll to the bottom of the home page and click "The Environment." Click the "More" tab and then click "Electric Transportation."

About Barber Motorsports Park and ZOOM Motorsports:

Barber Motorsports Park opened in the spring of 2003. Since its inception, ZOOM Motorsports, LLC has been the exclusive event promoter for the events at the Park. The Barber Motorsports Park has been considered one of North America's finest road courses for car and motorcycle racing, and has served as the venue for several international product launches. The Barber Motorsports Park also features the Barber Vintage Motorsports Museum. For more information, please visit www.barberracingevents.com.

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