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Looking For The Perfect Christmas Gift? Bids now being accepted for CTEC's Skoolie

Students have spent months turning a school bus into an RV, and D91's Career Technical Education Center is now accepting bids for its Skoolie. It would make the perfect early Christmas present for any outdoor lover in eastern Idaho!

The 2007 Thomas TK school bus with a CAT C-7 engine has been converted into a recreational vehicle with features that will excite every camper and outdoor enthusiast. Some of those features include a queen bed, a full kitchen with an Intertek propane fridge, a Graystone stove/range, lots of storage and a dining area that can be converted into an additional sleeping area. The RV also has a climbing wall, an outdoor shower, a waterless toilet and a solar panel, solar storage and a solar generator.

"The amount of work the students have put into this project is incredible," said CTEC Coordinator Bev Hott. "It was amazing to watch the students grow as they worked independently and in groups to gain the knowledge and experience they'll need for future jobs."

D91's Career Technical Education Center offers a wide variety of CTE classes that provide students with the skills, knowledge and real-world experience they need to land high-paying jobs when they graduate from high school. About 130 students from CTE's industrial mechanics, construction and welding classes have been involved in this project over the last 11 months.

The Skoolie has been featured in a number of news stories over the last few months, and there has been a great deal of interest in the vehicle. **Anyone interested in bidding on the converted RV can submit sealed bids to Jessica Swartwood, D91's Comptroller, at the D91 District Office, 690 John Adams Parkway, Idaho Falls, ID 83401. Bids will be accepted through noon, Dec. 7. The minimum bid is \$48,000. Learn more about the bid submission process and appraisal, go to: <https://www.ifschools.org/domain/1472> .**

Those who would like to see the Skoolie, can call CTEC at (208) 525-7549 and make an appointment. Proceeds from the sale will go to fund CTEC's next big project – the construction of a tiny house, as well as paying for students to participate in upcoming Skills USA competitions.

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