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CHIPPEWA COUNTY
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COURSE



June 3rd-6th, 2024
8:00am-2:00pm
Northern Wisconsin
State Fair Grounds

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The purpose of this program is to teach youth about tractor, machinery, and farm safety.

Tractor and farm machinery operators need to be knowledgeable and safety-smart. Studies show that many farm accidents are caused by inexperience, carelessness, haste, fatigue, stress, or poor judgment or attitude. These problems, and practical tractor operation, will be discussed by program instructors through the supplementary videos.

With certification, youth ages 12 to 16 will be allowed to operate tractors or self-propelled implements of husbandry on a public road, under the direction of their parent or guardian (state law).

Youth ages 14-15 will be certified to be employed or to work without pay on a farm other than their family farm (federal law). They will be certified in:

- 1) **TRACTOR OPERATION** - Operating a tractor over 20 PTO horsepower. This includes connecting or disconnecting equipment or any equipment parts to or from a tractor.
- 2) **EQUIPMENT OPERATION** - Operating or assisting to operate equipment listed below. This includes starting, stopping, adjusting, feeding, or any activity including physical contact associated with the operation of the equipment listed. This equipment includes: hay mower, hay baler, forage harvester, forage blower, unloading mechanism of a non-gravity-type self unloading wagon or trailer, grain combine, corn picker, auger conveyor, feed grinder, crop dryer, cotton picker, post-hole digger, post driver, non-walking-type rotary tiller, and mobile pea viner.

Upon successful completion of this 24-hour program, the student will receive certification in both the State and Federal Tractor and Machinery Programs. This safety program is directed toward youth who are 12-16 years of age. To enroll, youth must be **at least 12 years of age the day that the class begins.**

The **state certification** is good for four years. The **federal certification** will automatically be issued when youth reach their 14th birthday.

In order for a youth to successfully complete the program and receive the Wisconsin Safe Operation of Tractor and Machinery Certificate of Training, he or she must:

- Participate in 24 hours of instructional training;
- Pass the written exam with a score of 70% or greater; and
- Pass a driving exam, which demonstrates tractor driving ability in a 2-wheel course with a trailed implement.

Students will also be asked to complete a 15-question identification quiz.

To register for the program, complete the form and return it to

**Bloomer High School Ag Department
1310 17th Ave
Bloomer, WI 54724**

A \$50.00 fee is charged for education materials. Checks should be made payable to Bloomer High School and sent with your registration.

Important Notes:

- This course is open to all youth who live within a Chippewa County School District.
- Registration is limited to the first 50 students. Please register early to secure your seat.
- Registration closes May 3rd or when registration limit is reached.
- No walk-in registrations will be accepted.
- In order to cover all training material students will be required to complete some course work and driving practice outside of scheduled time.

Lunch:

Students will have a working lunch and are asked to bring a packed lunch for each day of the course. Students will not be allowed to leave for lunch.

Farm/Tractor Safety Certification Student Registration

Student Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Guardian Email: _____

Address _____
(Street/City/Zip of the home student resides)

Telephone _____ Grade _____

School student attends _____

Birthdate ___/___/___ Age _____

Check: ___ Male ___ Female
Race: ___ White ___ Black ___ Asian
 ___ Am Indian ___ Hispanic

Residence: ___ Farm ___ Rural Non-Farm
 ___ City 10,000-50,000

My child may need assistance with reading material and written exam on test day. ___ No ___ Yes

My child has experience with operating agricultural machinery ___ No ___ Yes

Course will be conducted at the Northern Wisconsin State Fair grounds agricultural campus.
225 Edwards St.
Chippewa Falls, WI 54757

⇒ As a student, I agree to take part in this special 4-H/FFA program, and I agree to obey instructors and conduct myself safely while in this program.

Student Signature/Date

⇒ As a parent (guardian) of the above child, I give my consent for his/her participation in this program.

Parent (Guardian) Signature/Date

Fee: \$50.00 per student

Amount enclosed: \$ _____