

## Tractor and Farm Machinery Safety

The Tractor Safety Course for 2007 will again be offered this summer for youths 13-15 years of age. The Federal Child Labor Law, established in 1970 states that a person under the age of 16 cannot be employed for driving a tractor, other than by a parent. However, if the student completes a tractor safety course and becomes certified, the labor law can be waived. Participants must be 14 years of age to receive this federal certification. Thirteen-year-olds who enroll will receive certification on their fourteenth birthday.

WI. Act 455 prohibits any child under the age of 16 to operate a farm tractor or self-propelled implement of husbandry on the highway unless the child has completed tractor safety certification. WI. Act 178 establishes a minimum age limit of 12 to enroll for this type of certification.

The class has hour requirements to follow. All class sessions are set to meet the requirements to lead to certification. The students must attend all classes and pass the course to receive certification.

The course teaches youth about tractors and farm machinery. They learn how to operate the machines safely. They also learn about safety features connected with operation and use of machines. The course includes classroom and practical instruction and the youth are tested on knowledge and operation of a tractor.

Students who enroll are required to have a Social Security number before they can be certified. Application forms for Social Security numbers are available at banks and post offices. Please bring a bag lunch. Dates are June 18, 19, 20 and 21 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Class will be held at the Ellsworth Sr. High Ag. Room 90. The instructor is Steve Kastberg. Cost is \$38. A registration form is in the back of this newsletter or can be found in the "Ellsworth Community Education Class and Trip Catalog". Registration is on a first-come-first-served basis. Mail form to the address listed.

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### Tractor Safety Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (W) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$38/person)

I give my child permission to participate in this class. I will be responsible for my child's behavior and release and hold harmless all those sponsoring this class from any and all liability for injuries or other damages relating to my child's participation.

Parent or Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Registration is on a first-come-first-served basis.

Send registrations to: Ellsworth Community Education, c/o Sue Andrews at P.O. Box 1500, Ellsworth, WI. 54011.

Make check payable to Ellsworth Community Ed