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4-H TRACTOR SAFETY CERTIFICATION COURSE FOR TEENS

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County Announces 4-H Tractor Safety Certification Course

Teenagers, are you thinking of working on a farm or in the lawn maintenance business this spring? Get the valuable training you need to operate that equipment safely by enrolling in Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County's 4-H Tractor Safety Course. This certification program is open to all Ulster County youth ages 14- 19 who may operate a tractor on a farm, orchard, landscape nursery, or in lawn maintenance and grounds care. Class participants have found that they have not only learned important safety skills, but also gained an advantage in the job market. The instructor, Grant DeWitt, is a former Ulster County 4-H member who holds a degree in Ag Engineering from SUNY Cobleskill and is a former qualifier at the National level in the 4-H Tractor Operation Contest. The course begins Tuesday, March 23rd from 7-9 pm at Cornell Cooperative Extension Education Center, 10 Westbrook Lane, Kingston. Classes will then be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at the Ulster County Fair Grounds in New Paltz March 25, 30 and April 1 with one hands-on day, April 16, for participants to practice what they learned in class. All participants who complete the course will receive a U.S. Dept. of Labor Farm Safety Training Certificate. The fee for the course is \$15. ***Space is limited - only the first 15 paid registrants will be accepted.***

For more information or to register, contact Jenny Burkins, 4-H Program Secretary, at 340-3990. Pre-registration is requested by Thursday, March 12, 2004.

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