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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

For many teenagers, securing a summertime job may seem like something to put on their list of things to do once the weather turns warmer and the end of school is nearer. But for those teens thinking of working in a lawn or landscaping business, as a grounds keeper at an area golf course or as a worker on a local farm the time is now to the valuable training they need to operate that equipment safely. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County's 4-H Tractor Safety Course is a certification program 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 a former qualifier at the National level in the 4-H Tractor Operation Contest. The course begins Tuesday, April 5th 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 April 7, 12, and 14, with one hands-on day, April 16, for participants to practice what they learned in class. All participants who successfully 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. Or visit our website: www.cce.cornell.edu/ulster. Pre-registration is requested by Tuesday, March 15, 2005.

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