

Chase County Safety Day registration is under way

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Summer camps, vacations and fun are within sight as summer begins.

The Chase County, Neb. All-Stars 4-H Club is excited to welcome youths back for another day filled with fun learning related to their personal safety. Teaching them how to take some of the responsibility for their own safety is the subject of the upcoming Chase County Farm Safety Day.

The 4-H club will work in conjunction with the Progressive Agriculture Foundation on Saturday, July 21, at the Chase County Fairgrounds to bring this fun-filled event to Imperial, Neb. again.

The hands-on activities will continue much like the past with topics and fun-filled learning experiences for all.

The instructors and demonstrators will reinforce the importance of children taking responsibility for their own safety, respecting parents' safety rules and sharing safety tips with their family and friends.

Kristi Ruth, an Iowa teenager who nearly lost her arm in a PTO accident, will be at the Safety Day to share her personal story related to farm safety. Ruth was here for the first Safety Day in 2009.

Many Imperial community members are contributing their knowledge and time to this learning experience.

The community volunteers will be on hand to teach the participants farm machinery dangers, hidden dangers, a disability challenge course and other topics.

Safety Day sponsors hope the children who attend will maintain their new safety attitudes and

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safe farm behaviors throughout their lives. Ultimately, everyone hopes to see a reduction in the rate of deaths and injuries among children in the agricultural communities all over the world.

This event is made possible due to the donations made by many local businesses and organizations as well as the international sponsors of the Progressive Agriculture Foundation.

International sponsors include Bunge, Agrium, Crop Production Services, Farm Credit, John Deere, Toyota, Monsanto, Pioneer and many more.

Efforts are now being made to gather adult and teen volunteers to make this day a success for the children.

Anyone interested in volunteering their time or talent can contact the Chase County Extension office at 308-882-4731 or Chris Tomky at 308-883-6513. Registration forms are available at the Extension office, The Imperial Republican and Chase County Schools. Also watch the Chase 3000 web page for a link to the registration forms printable at home.

Registration deadline for the early rate is June 30. The registration fee includes lunch, snacks, take-home bag and a Safety Day T-shirt along with a day filled with learning.

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