

Basic 4-H ATV Safety Riding Instruction Requirements

- At least one approved 4-H adult volunteer who has completed the skills assessment training must be present and supervise hands-on riding workshops using ATVs.
- Instruction is intended for 4-wheel All Terrain Vehicles with low pressure tires, handlebars and a step across seat, made for a single rider. Three-wheel ATVs and side-by-side ATVs are not permitted. Motorcycles and other two-wheel motorized machines are not permitted.
- Youth must provide their own ATV and personal safety equipment. The only exception is sharing among family members. Much like horses are not shared with non-family members because the rider knows how the horse handles, the same is true for ATVs.
- The ATV must properly fit the rider, both physically and engine power.
- Each 4-H program year youth participants must present documentation indicating their ATV being used in 4-H workshops has been inspected by an ATV dealer/maintenance shop stating the machine is in safe working condition.
- An approved 4-H adult volunteer is expected to conduct a visual inspection of all ATVs prior to each workshop checking for safety hazards. i.e. broken brake cables, missing/broken safety guards, etc.
- Approved 4-H adult volunteers are expected to communicate regularly with their county 4-H Youth Development Educator regarding workshop locations, issues, needs, and updates related to the county 4-H ATV program.
- Safety is first and foremost! No personal safety equipment=no riding, no exceptions. Inspect riding areas prior to each ride. Etc.

If in doubt, ask. Purdue Extension staff at the county and state level serve as a resource and provide support while making sure the 4-H ATV Safety program complies with university and National 4-H policies. Communication between volunteers and staff is key to a successful 4-H program.

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