

## ATV SAFETY

The All-Terrain Vehicle (ATV) Safety program will be dedicated to providing the 4-H youth of Parke County with a Safe, Fun, and Educational experience in the use of ATVs in a recreational setting.

**Superintendent:** Shawn Howard

**State Fair Entries:** No State Fair Entries

### General Information and Requirements

1. The Parke County ATV Safety Project is open to 4-H members in grades 3 through 12.
2. Members will be divided into 3 divisions for the ATV Safety Program as follows:
  - Beginners: Grades 3, 4, and 5
  - Intermediate: Grades 6, 7, 8 and 9
  - Advanced: Grades 10, 11, and 12
3. Each youth enrolled in the 4-H ATV Safety project will also belong to a local 4-H club of their choosing.
4. A parent is requested to attend the training meetings and riding sessions with their 4-H'er.
5. All members must have an ATV and have said ATV inspected. Please see the 2018 Program Schedule for the date and time.
6. **PROPER SIZE REQUIREMENTS:** Members must provide their own four-wheeled ATV and helmet. During inspection, it will be determined by trained authorized registered Adult if the ATV and helmet is deemed safe and size appropriate. Their decision is final.  
*Reminder:* All terrain vehicles have many uses and promise new adventures to young and old alike. ATVs are not toys and riding one can be a potentially hazardous activity, especially for young people. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, young people under the age of sixteen years are at particular risk when they operate adult-size ATVs. Adequate physical size and strength, cognitive abilities, motor skills and perceptions are all important factors for youth when operating a motorized vehicle. Children differ in these skills and characteristics. The National 4-H Council ATV Rider Handbook guidelines for "How to 'fit' an ATV to a rider" will be used to determine whether the 4-H'er can physically handle the ATV he or she intends to ride. Anyone not meeting these "fit" guidelines will not be permitted to ride in our program unless a smaller, more suitable machine can be made available.
7. Each 4-H'er must complete the appropriate ATV Safety record sheet and submit it to the leader by the announced date.
8. All 4-H'ers who enrolled in the ATV Safety project are expected to participate in either the ATV WRITTEN EXAM and the ATV DRIVING CONTEST and/or the ATV POSTER EXHIBIT CONTEST. Please see the 2018 Program Schedule for the date and time.
9. A champion and reserve champion will be given for each division for both the ATV Driving Contest and the ATV Poster Exhibit contest. Only one Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be given for the ATV Safety Project.
10. It is strongly encouraged that all participants in the ATV Safety Project participate in the ATV Safety Expo at the Parke County Fair.
11. Posters exhibited must follow the guidelines listed in the Parke County 4-H Handbook. Posters exhibits are to be entered on Thursday evening prior to the fair between 4:00 PM and 8:00 PM.
12. The ATV Safety project exhibits are not exhibited at the Indiana State Fair.
13. The Parke County 4-H Council reserves the right to not display any exhibit that may be deemed inappropriate for the fair-going audience.
14. There will be an additional charge of \$20.00 asked of all ATV Safety members to help cover the cost of obstacles and fair shirts.
15. Refer to the National 4-H Council "4-H Community ATV Safety Handbook" and information presented at the ATV Safety meetings for additional guidelines and information.

## **NOTE**

4-H ATV instructors are certified to provide instruction to 4-H members (grades 3-12). ATV instructors are NOT certified to provide instruction to parents, siblings, other family members, or to the general public. This means that parents, siblings, other family members, and the general public may attend 4-H ATV workshops or other events, but they cannot be active participants by riding ATVs during these times.

## **ATV WRITTEN EXAM**

All three divisions, beginner, intermediate and advance, will be tested as follows:

- Written examination of 50-100 questions on ATV Safety.
- The exam may be read to the participant by one of the adult trained registered leaders.
- Member MUST complete their ATV Project Record Sheet.
- Members ARE EXPECTED to participate in the Written Exam and the Driving Contest and/or exhibit a poster for the fair. Members may complete all three if they would like.

## **ATV DRIVING CONTEST GENERAL GUIDELINES**

### **General Guidelines:**

All three divisions, beginner, intermediate, and advance, will be tested as follows:

- Member will operate THEIR approved ATV through a prescribed course.
- Member MUST complete their ATV Project Record Sheet.
- Members ARE EXPECTED to participate in the Driving Contest or exhibit a poster for the fair. Members may complete both if they would like.

### **Note to Contestants:**

Driving contestants who do not exhibit a poster at the fair MUST present their 4-H ATV completed record sheet at the registration of the driving contest to complete. All results and scores will be on display at the Parke County 4-H Fair and not announced until then. NO EXCEPTIONS!

## **ATV POSTER EXHIBIT**

### **General Guidelines:**

All posters, notebooks, and display boards must include a reference list indicating where information was obtained, giving credit to the original author, to complete the 4-H member's exhibit. This reference list should/might include web site links, people and professionals interviewed, books, magazines, etc. It is recommended this reference list be attached to the back of a poster or display board, be the last page of a notebook, or included as part of the display visible to the public. A judge is not to discredit an exhibit for the manner in which references are listed.

Members will be divided into three divisions for the poster exhibit contest as follows:

Beginners: Grades 3, 4, & 5;

Intermediate: Grades 6, 7, 8, & 9;

Advanced: Grades 10, 11, & 12.

All three divisions, beginner, intermediate and advanced are to exhibit a poster:

- Each division needs to follow all the guidelines for making their poster as stated in the Parke County 4-H Handbook

- Members MUST complete their ATV Project Record Sheet
- Members ARE EXPECTED to participate in the Driving Contest or exhibit a poster for the fair. Members may complete both if they would like.

Beginner (Grades 3, 4, & 5)

Exhibit a 22" x 28" horizontal poster titled one of the following:

"The Code for ATVentures" "ATV Dressing Like a Pro" "Fitting the ATV to the Rider"  
 "Getting Familiar with your ATV"

Intermediate (Grades 6, 7, 8 & 9)

Exhibit a 22" x 28" horizontal poster entitled one of the following:

"ATV Pre-Ride Inspection" "ATV-Let's Start Riding" "Starting the ATV" "ATV Riding Survival Kit"

Advanced (Grades 10, 11, & 12)

Exhibit a 22"x28" horizontal poster titled one of the following:

"ATV-Riding Techniques" "ATV-  
 Riding Safety Strategies" "ATV-On the Trail Safety"

**ATV SAFETY EXPO**

**General Guidelines:**

All three divisions, beginner, intermediate, and advanced, will be a part of an expo for the public immediately following the Parke County Fair parade. We strongly encourage all participants in the program to be involved in this public informational display of everything that was taught over the course of the program year.