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4-H TRACTOR OPERATOR PROGRAM

Learn job and life skills to help you be prepared and safe.

TOPICS COVERED INCLUDE:

- Farm/ranch hazards and safety
- Tractor component basics
- Pre-operational procedures
- Operation basics
- Tractor-powered Implements
- Self-propelled agricultural equipment
- Operating on public roadways
- Basic maintenance and repair
- ATV/Utility vehicle safety
- First aid and emergencies

AUDIENCE:

Youth ages 14-19 by April 5, 2023

COST:

\$50.00 per a youth

WHEN:

The 9-week course is taught on Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00 p.m., January 25 through April 5, 2023. Driving Test will be on April 7, 2023

WHERE:

Baroda Village Township Hall,
9091 1st St., Baroda, MI 49101

Michigan State University Extension offers the Tractor Operator Program (TOP) through 4-H Youth Development. Successful completion of 4-H TOP provides completion certificates.

According to the current federal Fair Labor Standards Act, youth employed over the age of 14, that have not obtained their driver's license and plan to operate a 20 PTO HP or greater garden or agricultural tractor on property not owned, leased or operated by a parent/legal guardian are required to have a tractor operator certificate.

This certification is also used by some local fairs and exhibitions for youth to be eligible to compete in tractor driving and/or pulling competitions.

The course schedule includes educational sessions, some driving practice, final written and driving tests, and graduation program. Study and practice time is also required outside of session time to complete the 24-hours of certification training. Light snacks are provided during each session.

Register by January 23, 2023 by the following the steps below:

Step 1 - Log into your 4-H Online Account or Create a profile listing the Tractor Operator Program as your club at:

<https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

Step 2 - Select the youth you would like to register.

Step 3 - Select events on the left-hand side to complete the registration process.

(A minimum of five participants are required; maximum of 20.)

For more information contact:

Berrien County MSU Extension at 269-927-5674 or contact Kelly Stelter, at 269-927-5674 ext. 4015, grandtke@msu.edu.

In Berrien County, the 4-H Tractor Operator Program is provided with in kind support from: Berrien County 4-H Leaders Association, Inc., Berrien County 4-H Foundation, Inc., Snow Garden Farms, and Schmaltz Farms LLC.

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