New York State 4-H ATV Safety Guidelines

Cornell Cooperative Extension may provide ATV Safety Programs. 4-H ATV Clubs and Special Interest groups are permitted if they do NOT focus on ATV riding, but rather support ATV safety education. Programs and projects around ATV maintenance, environmental impact (ie. Leave No Trace), helmet fitting, first aid & community service are encouraged.

ATV riding events are allowed. However, they are NOT to be competitive in nature and are not to be a priority of the club or group.

Cornell Cooperative Extension may not provide any ATV Safety Certification courses or Safety Certificates.

All participants in the 4-H ATV riding events must follow these guidelines:

• Youth ages 10 and above are allowed to participate in 4-H ATV Safety Trainings but should focus on non-riding activities like safety, maintenance, environmental impact, and creating a positive image for ATV riders in club meetings.

• All riders MUST have completed both 4-H Community ATV Safety training and the ASI certification. It is recommended that ATV club members complete the 4-H ATV safety course regardless of amount of riding done in the 4-H club setting.

• Parents/guardians of ATV participants must sign a CCE Acknowledgement of Risk form. It is recommended that parents/guardians also sign the CCE Permission Slip and Medical Release Form also.

• All riders should provide their own ATV’s, if possible. The ATV should be matched to the youth by both physical and mental capabilities.

• Parents/guardians of ATV participants must provide proof of insurance (including liability insurance that covers their ATV’s off their own property) and hold the registration of the ATV used in the 4-H program if the ATV is owned by the participants or the family.

• ATVs MUST be registered and insured, as required by New York State law. ATV’s provided by dealers must be insured for physical damage and liability by the dealers. CCE must have written proof that they are insured.

• During any ATV Safety programs, there must be at least one trained instructor present at all times. Two adult chaperones (including one instructor) is recommended.

• During light trail rides, at least two DMV certified adults must be present at all times. Three would be optimal, one in the front of the group, one in the center, and one as sweeper (end of
line). This is to assure that at least one adult could remain with the youth should an accident occur.

- Written approval must be obtained from any landowner whose property is used for any riding, including the light trail rides.

- It is recommended that at least one of the two adults required during any program be trained in First Aid/CPR. All youth must complete and submit a CCE approved health/permission form.

- With a Memorandum of Understanding between ASI and each local participating CCE Association and a Certificate of Insurance provided to the New York State 4-H Program, the 4-H program within an Association may provide the venue for ASI Certification under the following terms and conditions:
  - MOU must contain a hold harmless and indemnification clause from ASI to CCE approved by the Wood Office.
  - Certificate must name CCE Association as an “additional insured” and indicate no exclusions for injury to participants.
  - ASI must be the sponsor of the class, not CCE
  - CCE may help publicize and facilitate (recruit participants, arrange for facilities, etc.) the training program but cannot sponsor the program.
  - Instructors must be ASI Certified instructors with no tie to CCE (volunteer, staff, etc.)
  - When CCE obtains a grant from National 4-H Council to assist individuals with the cost of obtaining Certified ATV Safety Instructor training from the ATV Safety Institute:
    - National 4-H Council must agree that CCE can make sub-grants to these individuals.
    - One Association may get the grant for multiple counties.
    - Individuals who are receiving the sub-grants or conducting the ATV Safety Certification may not be volunteers or staff of CCE.
    - CCE will have a form and process for the individuals to apply for the sub-grants. It will be very specific that the purpose for the individual receiving the sub-grant is to seek and obtain certification from the ATV Safety Institute. The individual receiving the sub-grant (sub-grantee) and the ASI will agree that they are under the auspices of the ASI when they are conducting the certification training. They will also agree that there will be no charge to the participants other than a nominal charge for materials, etc.