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Dear Friend:

We have been advised that you are interested in the Tractor Certification Program. You will be learning about tractor and machinery safety, so you should already know how to drive a tractor. This class is for 14 and 15 year olds who wish to be certified so they may drive a tractor for hire off their home farm or drive a tractor on a public roadway when working on their home farm. (Thirteen year olds may take the course if they will turn 14 by April 18.) This course is also for teens of any age who simply wish to become more safety conscious in working with farm equipment.

Tractor certification will be taught using a Self-Study Module. Participants or a parent/guardian will need to come to the Ashland County Extension Office to receive instructions and their manual. The Extension Office is located in the Ashland County Service Center, 1763 State Route 60, Ashland. Park in front of the building, come in the front door and go straight back the hall way. We are open Monday and Tuesday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Thursday by appointment.

Each tractor certification student will need an adult helper to work with them at home. Being a self-study course, it is up to each participant to conscientiously work through the manual and safety activities in a timely manner. We will also have an optional, but recommended, meeting in early April to review materials and practice for the written test plus go over driving test instructions. We will send out notice of that meeting in March.

We are participating in the National Safe Tractor and Machinery Operation Program. The program requires completion of the training materials, a written test, and a hands-on test using tractors and machinery. You need to complete your self-study by early April, so that we may administer the written test and get you certified. The written test will be given at the Ashland County Extension office at a time convenient to you but must be completed between April 7 and April 16. The driving test will be held beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 18 at the Ashland County Fairgrounds. Both parts must be passed in order to be certified.

Enclosed is a registration form to be returned along with a \$40.00 check (payable to the Ashland County 4-H FCS Committee) to cover registration costs and materials. Complete and return them to our office when you pick up your manual. Late registrations will be accepted; however the time to complete the self-study materials will be reduced.

If you have any questions concerning the self-study tractor certification course, please contact Ohio State University Extension in Ashland County at (419) 281-8242.

Sincerely,



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