



4-H Tractor Operator Program



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According to the current federal 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 education sessions, driving practice, examination, and graduation program. Study and practice time is required outside of session time to complete the 24-hours of certificate training. Light snacks are provided during each session.

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 13-19. Youth must be 14 by the testing date of March 26, 2024, to be eligible for the course.

COST:

\$50.00 per a Youth

WHEN & WHERE: The 8-week course is offered at the:

Baroda Township Hall

Tuesdays from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
January 16 through April 5, 2024

Register by January 15, 2024

Register by contacting the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 269-927-5674 or online at: <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

(A minimum of six (6) participants are required for each session to run; maximum of 20)