

## ATV: SAFETY

**PLEASE NOTE: Any changes/updates from the previous year will be **BOLDED** and *ITALICIZED*! Pay special attention to any projects with **BOLD**, *ITALICIZED WORDS* because they have changed from last year.**

The goal of the 4-H ATV Safety Program is to educate the pre-teen, teen and adult ATV users about safe and responsible, riding techniques, practices, and ownership. The program helps youth build their critical thinking, mechanical, and life skills. Developing these skills will help riders to make good decisions while riding. This course will actively incorporate parents and other community members into the process of teaching and reinforcing safe but fun riding habits and skills. The course is offered to riders and non-riders. Non-riders will participate in classroom training. Riders will participate in both classroom training and ride training.

Completion, exhibition participation, and State Fair information for ATV: Safety			
Division/Level	Grades	Completion Activities Needed*	Maximum State Fair Entries
Level 1	Grades 3-5	Record Sheet	No State Fair Entries
Level 2	Grades 6-8	Record Sheet	No State Fair Entries
Level 3	Grades 9-12	Record Sheet	No State Fair Entries
Independent Study	Grades 9-12	Record Sheet	No State Fair Entries

**Remember:** 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. Reference Sheets are available at the Extension Office for use. For personal safety, do not include personally identifiable information such as mailing address or phone numbers on posters/displays/exhibits.

### **EXHIBIT:**

Create an exhibit that shows the public what you learned in ATV Safety education this year.

### **Posters:**

Poster exhibits must be displayed horizontally, sized 22"x28", mounted on a firm backing (foam core board or other), and covered in clear plastic or other transparent material. Be sure to include a label with your name, grade, and county. Title your exhibit "ATV Safety", a subtitle is recommended based on topic chosen to display but is not required. The topics are listed below based on "Level"

### **Notebook/Journal:**

The notebook/journal entry is a project entry that will grow with the 4-Her as they progress through the ATV Safety Program. As the 4-Her completes years and "Levels" their notebook/journal will grow. This will serve as a record of gained knowledge and growth as an ATV rider. This binder will be broken up by Grade level of the 4-Her. Each year completed will have the following information and documentation present in the notebook/journal;

- Photo of the 4-Her demonstrating proper riding attire for each year
- Photos taken by parents during meeting and skills rides
- Journal entries after meetings based on the ATV Safety Meeting Journal Sheet
- Documentation of Safety Meeting Attendance for the year
- Any check sheets or graded tests obtained during the year.
- (Optional Copy of offroad-ed.com OHV Education Card/ Certificate)
- Level 2 and 3: Trail Ride Plan (Trail Ride Planning Sheet) with gear list, weather forecast, maps, lodging, time frame, etc.
- Level 3: Mentorship Worksheet

### **Level 1: Grades 3-5**

Exhibit (Choose One)

- Poster based on Level or Grade level appropriate topic listed below.
- Notebook/ Journal with the above listed information and documentation contained within

Exhibits must meet the size restrictions or be presented in a binder style notebook.

### **Level 2: Grades 6-8**

Exhibit (Choose One)

- Poster based on Level or Grade level appropriate topic listed below.
- Notebook/ Journal with the above listed information and documentation contained within. The previous year's entries should be contained within, ordered most recent to the oldest entry.

Exhibits must meet the size restrictions or be presented in a binder style notebook.

### **Level 3: Grades 9-12**

Exhibit (Choose One)

- Poster based on Level or Grade level appropriate topic listed below.
- Notebook/ Journal with the above listed information and documentation contained within. The previous year's entries should be contained within, ordered most recent to the oldest entry.

Exhibits must meet the size restrictions or be presented in a binder style notebook.

### **ATV Skills/ Topics by Group:**

<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level3</b>
Safety Meeting ATV Parts Pre-Trip Inspection Riding Gear Hand Signals Trail Etiquette	Safety Meeting ATV Parts Pre-Trip Inspections Riding Gear Hand Signals Trail Etiquette Maintenance (Oil, Spark plugs, etc.) "Plug a tire" Trip Planning Weather Basic First Aid Map Reading Laws Trailer Gear (tools, clothing, food)	"4-H Member Instructors" Safety Meeting ATV Parts Pre-Trip Inspections Riding Gear Hand Signals Trail Etiquette Maintenance  Plug a Tire Trip Planning Weather First Aid Map Reading Laws Trailer Gear (tools, clothing, food) Winching and Recovery GPS

### **Important Notes:**

The ATV Safety Program is designed to teach participants about safe and responsible, riding techniques, practices, and ownership, this should be reinforced at home, this is done by having parents that are attentive and actively participate in the education of their 4-Her. To have the best understanding and ability to reinforce good habits parents are requested to attend training meetings with their 4-Her.

4-H members are required to attend one Safety meeting, before the 4-Her can participate in riding sessions. This attendance is mandatory each year. All riding participants must be at the mandatory Safety Meeting and have all the paperwork filled out prior to the first scheduled ride. It is strongly encouraged that youth interested in riding during the County Fair Demonstration attend two-thirds (2/3) of the classroom and ride trainings before Fair.

The 4-Her must provide their own ATV (defined as a 4 wheeled vehicle that is operated by straddling the seat and has handle bars to steer). This machine must fit the 4-Her based on the following guidelines:

- Clearance between ATV seat and inseam while standing up on foot pegs should be no less than 3 inches.
- Must be able to reach the handle bars, throttle, and brakes while sitting on the seat at full reach during a turn left and right.
- Upper legs from knee to hip should be horizontal to the ground/ foot pegs/ floor board.
- 4-Her's foot should be able to reach the foot brake and gear shift. While seated normally without strain.

The 4-Her must have the following safety gear when participating in meetings that require the operation of the ATV:

- DOT Certified Helmet
- Long Pants
- Long Sleeved Shirt
- Boots (above the ankle)
- Gloves and Eye protection/Goggles (Optional but highly recommended)

Riders must have the following completed and turned in before they can ride on the fairgrounds:

- 4-H Enrollment form
- State Program Fee Paid
- ATV Inspection Form
- State of Indiana Registration
- Proof of insurance on the ATV

Participants both riders and non-riders, may exhibit a poster or notebook/journal during the fair on what they have learned through the ATV Safety program. This will be judged at the Saturday morning project judging times.

Riders who have participated for multiple years in the ATV Safety Program and fall into the "Level 3" category can be a mentor for younger and new members. This mentor will lead new members by demonstrating proper riding technique, course maneuvers, and will assist with other instructing duties.

The leadership of the ATV Safety program reserve the right to deny participation in the program if the ATV does not fit the 4-H participant, is in poor shape or disrepair, or fails the safety check.