



Rice County Sheriff's Office

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

The Rice County Sheriff's Office hosts a Youth ATV Safety Hands-On Class for youth 10-15 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 19 at the Rice County Jail Annex, 2119 Hwy. 60 Faribault (next to Perkins).

All attendees must first complete the ATV Safety Online Course at ATVcourse.com (fee is \$29.95). Rice County does not charge for the course, but a \$10 fee must be paid for the certificate of completion after the course.

Register for the hands-on class by emailing derek.estrem@ricecountymn.gov, leaving a message at 507-333-3881 or visiting the Minnesota DNR website -- www.dnr.state.mn.us/safety/vehicle/atv/index.html -- to register. You will receive confirmation from Estrem whether the student is registered or on the waiting list.

The following information should be included in all messages:

Student's full name:

Student's birth date:

Student's age:

Student's address:

Emergency contact/parent name:

Parent/guardian phone number:

Youth ages 12-15 will be accepted first. Those age 10 and 11 will be put on a waiting list since certificates can't be activated until they turn 12. Anyone born after July 1, 1987, or who is 16 years or older can complete the ATV safety online course at ATVcourse.com (and pay all necessary fees online) to meet certification requirements. Anyone 16 and older is not required to attend the ATV Safety Hands-On class.

All students attending a hands-on class will need to bring with them a working ATV that properly fits the child and is in safe operating condition.

Parents/guardians will not be able to attend the classroom portion, nor the pre-trip inspection or driving course. They are welcome to stay in the parking lot after unloading the ATV, or can leave and return when the class is finished.