“Farm Safety Day Camp”

A special project coordinated by:

Progressive Agriculture Foundation

Farm Safety 4 Just Kids

Kenmare FFA
Rationale

Living in a rural, agricultural community, our youth are constantly exposed to agricultural activities. There is a definite need to inform young people about many farm safety issues.

Hosting Progressive Agriculture’s “Farm Safety Day Camp” at the Kenmare High School, enables us to educate area 5th and 6th graders about safety. Our chapter members will be involved in a wide variety of coordination activities.

Grain production comprises a major portion of our local agricultural sector. Since this is a common link to most farms in the area, addressing grain safety issues is important at our camp. We cover topics such as suffocation, physical disabilities, mold, fire, explosion, and more through hands-on activities during the camp.

Tractor and equipment safety is another extremely important issue that is discussed at the camp. To show the students the do’s and don’ts while being around farm equipment, we give a walk-around of various implements. Members of our FFA Chapter present an overview of the tractors and the dangers of certain parts of each implement.

PTO’s, augers, and pinch point safety are other areas that we plan to cover. To illustrate the dangers of these particular hazards, we will demonstrate what can happen to you if you misuse or abuse this dangerous machinery.

By the time children have reached fifth and sixth grade, most have been around or have operated ATV’s. Many farm related injuries and deaths are related to ATV misuse and accidents. Therefore, this is another area that we plan to stress at the camp.

Many other areas of safety education will be presented at the camp by qualified volunteers from the area. Examples: lawn mower safety, hunter safety, chemical safety,
and electrical safety. Throughout the course of the camp everyone involved, including the
volunteers that will present sessions, will gain knowledge about safety on the farm.

**Project Objective**

We have three primary objectives that we hope to accomplish with our “Farm
Safety Day Camp”:

1. Provide hands-on safety training in many areas of rural life
2. Reduce the number of farm-related accidents in our area
3. Provide a safety camp that is not otherwise available

Our secondary objectives will relate to all FFA members. We want to involve
FFA members in a community service project that will improve them personally in the
following areas:

1. Knowledge of farm safety issues
2. Development of leadership and speaking skills through giving public
   presentations
Target Audience

Our key audience is fifth and sixth graders from Kenmare and surrounding schools. We chose fifth and sixth graders because at their age they are more likely to be active on the farm. They need to be able to recognize safety issues concerning agricultural activities. A secondary audience composed of FFA members and community volunteers will also gain farm safety knowledge.

Key Message/Theme

The purpose of our involvement with the Progressive Agriculture Foundation’s “Farm Safety Day Camp” is to educate the youth in our area about safety issues in agriculture. Furthermore, demonstrate what they should and should not do when they are faced with dangerous activities on a farm. We feel that we can make our rural community a much safer place to live and work for both children and adults by having students participate in this camp.

Media selection

1. Newspaper
   - The Kenmare News
     - A press release will be written and submitted to the local newspaper to inform the public of our camp and our desired results.
Following the camp the newspaper writer from this team will prepare an article for the Kenmare News informing the public of what happened at our camp.

2. Presentation Aids

- *Posters and Displays*

  - As part of the presentations conducted by our FFA members, posters and displays will be developed to increase the learning experience of the camp participants. Real life displays, like tractors, will also be used.

3. Website

- *www.progressiveag.org*

  - This website describes Farm Safety Day Camp. It gives an overview of how to conduct and organize this event. The general public can use this website to learn more about Progressive Farmer’s Safety Day Camp.

4. Facebook

- *www.Facebook.com/kenmareffa*

  - Pictures of Farm Safety Day Camp will be posted on facebook. We also plan to post farm safety updates for camp goers so they will be kept reminded about farm safety.
Budget

Since this is a service project we do not intend to generate a profit from the camp.

Income

Cash Donations ......................................................... $1,500
Product Donations .................................................... $1,800

Total Income ...... $3,300

Expenses

Supplies for “goody bags” ............................................ $1,800
Office Supplies ......................................................... $200
Meals ........................................................................ $400
Products (rolls, pop, supplies) ..................................... $600
Training Expenses ...................................................... $300

Total Expenses ...... $3,300

Evaluation

As outlined, we had three primary objectives. These are the objectives and how we will evaluate each of them:

1) Provide hands-on safety training in many areas of rural life. Our goal is to have at least half of the presenters using hands on activities that will help students remember the lessons they learn.
2) Reduce the number of farm-related accidents in our area. We are currently compiling data on farm accidents and will compare these numbers with future occurrences of farm accidents.

3) Provide a safety camp that is not otherwise available. No other farm safety camps are held in our area at this time.

We also had two secondary objectives relating to FFA members.

1) Increase knowledge of farm safety issues. We currently have approximately 60 in school members. This project will require a minimum of 30 members to complete, so our goal will be to have 50% of our membership involved in the camp as presenters or group leaders. In order to do this effectively, they need to have an understanding of the material being presented.

2) Development of leadership and speaking skills through giving public presentations. All presenters, group leaders, and 5th and 6th graders will fill out a standardized evaluation form on the camp. From these evaluations we will be able to determine the effectiveness of the efforts made by our members.
Example Press Release for the *Kenmare News*:

There will be a Progressive Agriculture Foundation "Farm Safety Day Camp" on April 10th, held at the Kenmare High School from 9:30 to 2:30. 5th and 6th grade students from Kenmare, Mohall, Bowbells, Sherwood, Powers Lake, and Burke Central will be participating.

The "Farm Safety Day Camp" consists of 15 or 30 minute safety sessions. These sessions will deal with electricity, tractors/equipment, chemicals, lawn mowers, tobacco, fire, drugs, disabilities, ATV, hunter safety, and first aid.

During the day there will be scheduled breaks for the children. During breaks, there will be displays on things such as hearing safety, reaction time, sun safety, bike safety, grain safety, and animal safety that will be available for the students to visit.

If you would like to learn more about the camp, friend us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/kenmareffa or look a Progressive Farmer’s day camp website found at www.progressiveag.org.