



For many children, the farm is a home, a playground and a place where they do chores.

Teaching them how to take some sort of responsibility for their own safety on the farm is the subject of the upcoming Chase County Progressive Agriculture Safety Day.

The Chase County All-Stars 4-H Club in conjunction with the Progressive Agriculture Foundation will present a Safety Day on Saturday, June 13 beginning at 8 a.m. on the Chase County Fairgrounds.

Through hands-on activities, safety day participants will learn how to prevent farm incidents and how to reduce the extent of injuries if incidents occur. Scheduled speakers and interactive demonstrations will reinforce the importance of children taking responsibility for their own safety, respecting parent's rules and sharing safety tips with their family and friends.

Many Chase County community members are contributing their knowledge to this learning experience.

Fire Chief Bryan Dannatt along with several volunteer firemen will be present to teach the children fire extinguisher safety and how to use an extinguisher.

The local police department will volunteer their time to educate the children about the dangers of meth labs.

Jason Speck and the Imperial FFA students will bring their talents to teach the children about grain safety. These are just a few of the people who have given their time and made a commitment to teach the children of the area 10 different safety issues.

The many safety day sponsors hope that the children who attend the safety day will maintain their new safety attitudes and safe farm behaviors throughout their lives. Ultimately, they hope to see a reduction in the rate of deaths and injuries among children on the farm.

This Progressive Agriculture Safety Day is sponsored by many international sponsors like Bunge North America, Toyota, Tractor Supply Company and Agrium Inc. The list of international sponsors is long and to add the local sponsors would continue at length. The local sponsors have been more than generous to enable the Chase County All-Stars to provide this wonderful event.

Parents can still register their children to participate in the safety day by going to the link on www.chase3000.com or the Chase County School web page. Also you may contact the Extension office, Chris Tomky (883-6513) or Lisa Schilke (882-5709).

The registration fee is \$5 until June 1, then it will increase to \$8 per child which will include a t-shirt, snacks, lunch and a take-home bag. Late registrations make it difficult to plan for meals so register early to avoid the fee increase.

All volunteers will receive the same materials free of charge and they can register with Tomky or Schilke.