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Application Period Opens for 2021 Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® Program

Communities interested in hosting a Safety Day are encouraged to apply by July 15, 2020.



BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (June 29, 2020) — The Progressive Agriculture Foundation® has opened the application period for the 2021 Progressive Agriculture Safety Day® program. Applications are available to individuals and organizations interested in conducting a Progressive Agriculture Safety Day for their community during the 2021 calendar year.

For the past 26 years, the Progressive Agriculture Safety Day program has provided education, training and resources to make farm, ranch and rural life safer and healthier for children and their communities. With the support of dedicated volunteers and generous partners, the program has reached more than 1.8 million children and adults to date, helping Progressive Agriculture Safety Days become recognized as the largest rural safety and health education program for children in North America.

“Over the past few months, we have successfully been navigating through limitations with allowing in-person events stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic,” says Brian Kuhl, president and chief executive officer of the Progressive Agriculture Foundation. “We have provided a vast amount of resources online through our Daily Learning Drop series and virtual Progressive Agriculture Safety Day events. The excitement surrounding our 2021

Safety Day season has given us something to look forward to during these challenging times.”

Last year alone, more than 500 community leaders were trained to coordinate one-day, age-appropriate, hands-on events for children ages 4 to 13 on topics affecting the safety of rural communities. The 2021 Progressive Agriculture Safety Day season will offer an even broader selection of new and emerging safety topics, such as stress management and mental well-being and the dangers of vaping.

Applications for the 2021 Progressive Agriculture Safety Day program are being accepted now through July 15, 2020. In an effort to keep the safety and health of volunteer coordinators a top priority due to uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, the Progressive Agriculture Foundation has moved all in-person trainings for coordinators online. Virtual trainings for the 2021 season will be offered starting this fall and will continue throughout the winter.

In addition to training and year-round staff support, the Progressive Agriculture Foundation provides t-shirts, take-home bags and insurance coverage for all participants and volunteers, along with peer-reviewed safety and health curriculum featuring hundreds of hands-on activities and demonstrations.

For safety resources or details about coordinating, volunteering or attending a Progressive Agriculture Safety Day, call 888-257-3529 or visit progressiveaq.org.

Looking to make a safe investment? Help send a child to a Progressive Agriculture Safety Day event by texting the word “SAFETYDAY” to 44321 or visiting progressiveaq.org/donate.

Photo: At Progressive Agriculture Safety Days, community volunteers engage with local youth through age-appropriate, hands-on learning in a fun and safe manner.

Editorial note: The Progressive Agriculture Safety Day logo and Safety Day photos are available upon request by calling 888-257-3529.

ABOUT THE PROGRESSIVE AGRICULTURE FOUNDATION

Progressive Agriculture Safety Days is the largest rural safety and health education program for children in North America. Progressive Agriculture Safety Days is a program of the Progressive Agriculture Foundation (PAF), a 501(c)(3) charitable foundation. The foundation’s mission is to provide education, training and resources to make farm, ranch and rural life safer and healthier for children and their communities. PAF is recognized as a Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance National Charity, demonstrating its commitment to accountability and ethical practices. PAF has a 3-star rating with Charity Navigator and a Platinum Seal of Transparency with GuideStar. Applications to host a Progressive Agriculture Safety Day are due each July 15 for Safety Days that will be conducted the following calendar year. For more information, please visit progressiveaq.org.

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