



2015 Empire Farm Days: August 11-13
Rodman Lott and Son Farms, Seneca Falls, NY
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FFA Student Welders: Pre-Register by July 29 for Empire Farm Days Contest

Seneca Falls, NY – July 29 is the pre-registration date for students interested in competing in the New York State FFA Welding Contest at the 2015 Empire Farm Days at Rodman Lott and Son Farms in Seneca Falls.

Students compete as teams of two or individually for certificates; active FFA students will be scored and compete for \$2,250 in scholarship funds: \$1,000 for 1st Place, \$750 for 2nd Place, \$500 for 3rd Place from Morrisville State College. Awards are also presented for High Team performance.

Each student must perform three welds with two different types of welding equipment provided by Haun Welding. Contestants also complete a metal identification quiz and multiple-choice quiz, and are judged on professional appearance, attitude, preparedness and safety.

Contest sponsors include Haun Welding and Briggs and Stratton Power Products of Munnsville, NY.

To pre-register for the Thursday, August 13 competition, contact contest coordinators Johanna Bossard, 315-824-6386, jbossard@hamiltoncentral.org, or Professor Fred Bach at Morrisville State College, 315-684-6299, bachfw@morrisville.edu. A list of equipment to bring to the contest will be provided. Students may also register on-site at 9 am on contest day.

The New York State FFA/4-H Tractor Safety Contest will also be held on Thursday, August 13 at the largest outdoor agricultural trade show in the Northeast. Learn more at www.empirefarmdays.com.

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MORE INFO:

The New York State FFA Welding Contest individual winners at the 2014 Empire Farm Days were:

Hadley Palmerton, Pioneer Central School, Yorkshire, NY

Jake Eisel, South Lewis Central School, Turin, NY

Brandon VanCuren, Sherman Central School, Sherman, NY.

High team honors in 2014 went to Hadley Palmerton and Kameron Fisher, Pioneer Central School.