

Sauk County Rural Safety Day Camp

Est. 1992

May 6th, 7th, 8th



Rural Safety Days has been bringing safety education to youth for over thirty years. These day camps are a collaboration between Public Health Sauk County and UW-Madison, Division of Extension Sauk County. Originally focused on farm safety, the program has grown to cover many different safety topics including water safety, seatbelt safety, and more.

Safety professionals from around the county give short presentations to the youth, with the hope that each student will leave with one takeaway about safety that could save their life or someone else's.

700+ third graders from throughout Sauk County participated over three days



Safety Topics Explored

Water	Bike/helmet
Gun	Farm Equipment
Fire	Seatbelt
Electrical	ATV/UTV
Chemical	Small/Large Animal



- Sessions and experiences were in person and interactive
- 1-2 key safety takeaways given to each student
- Of the 185 students that completed pre and post tests, 64% showed improvement in knowledge

Camp Organization & Talent

The 2025 Rural Safety Day Camp was held on May 6th, 7th, and 8th at the Sauk County Fairgrounds.

The annual camp is organized by the Rural Safety Days Committee, led by Public Health Sauk County Nurse, Rebecca Szydlowski.

UW-Madison, Division of Extension provides peer support services, through 4-H and in coordination with local FFA programs, which help model mentorship and connection for young students.

Many professionals volunteer their time, services, and resources to the day camps. These individuals are representatives from the following:

Sauk County Emergency Management, Sauk County Sheriff's Department, Alliant Energy Center, Sauk County Humane Society, Gerike Farms, Baraboo Police Department, WI DNR, Morning Glory Veterinary Care, WI DOT, Baraboo Fire & EMS District, and Baraboo School District Indoor Pool



Challenges

- Costs of venue rental, lunch and water for safety presenters, safety t-shirts for youth (listing the sponsors), and signage.
- Need for a renewed understanding of what the camp provides for area children in order to reinvest in a community wide commitment to support this education.

Want to become involved with Rural Safety Days? Start by:

- Volunteering (at camp, or for your local school)
- Donating (money, professional experience, safety related items for goody bags)
- Asking a local third grader about their experience and building on what they learned
- Sharing this impact report with your local leaders



Sauk County Rural Safety Days Camp would not be possible without the following sponsors. We wish to thank the volunteers, businesses, organizations, and individuals for their contributions to the event and for their care in the safety of the youth in our community.

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MORE INFORMATION



Visit our website or scan the QR code:

<https://www.co.sauk.wi.us/publichealth/sauk-county-rural-safety-days-camp>

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