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4-H Safety Day

The Ninth Annual 4-H Safety Day will be held March 24 at the Harlan National Guard Armory. Safety Day targets fifth grade students from all Harlan County Schools and Harlan Independent Middle School. The students will rotate through nine 15 minute sessions. The sessions will consist of Gun Safety, taught by the Harlan City Police and ATV Safety presented by the Harlan Rescue Squad. Water and Boating Safety will be taught by the Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Army Corps of Engineers. The Harlan Fire Department will present Fire Safety. Bicycle Safety will be taught by the Harlan Health Department. Harlan County Sheriff's Office and Jimmy Middleton from the Harlan County of Board of Education will allow students to experience the DUI Goggles Program. The National Weather Service will present Weather Safety. Harlan EMS will be showing the equipment used in emergencies, and the Kentucky State Police will also present a program on safety.

Fifth grader will learn about a variety of safety aspects during these "hands on" experiences. An Emergency Helicopter from one of the area hospitals will make a stop by the armory providing the weather is favorable. This is one of the highlights of Safety Day as the students get a close up look at an emergency helicopter used in Southeast Kentucky.

4-H Safety Day will consist of a morning session of classes of students from James A. Cawood Elementary, Cawood Elementary, Harlan Middle, Rosspoint and Green Hill Schools rotating classes from 8:55 until 11:00. Between 11:00 and 11:30 the Emergency Helicopter will make an appearance for all students. The afternoon session will run from 11:30 until 1:35 with classes from Cumberland Elementary, Evarts, Black Mountain and Wallins schools rotating through the nine sessions. I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of our presenters this year for teaching these sessions. Our presenters take great pride in their fields of expertise and provide their valuable time to make our Safety Day a success. I would also like to thank school administrators, principals and teachers for allowing their students to take part in these valuable life lessons.

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