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## **Helmet Heroes Contest Begins May 1**

Cornell Cooperative Extension's Traffic Safety Education Program announces the "Helmet Heroes" campaign which encourages children throughout the county to wear a helmet and follow safe riding rules.

Children caught wearing their helmet and following safe riding rules between May 1<sup>st</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup> will be entered into a grand prize drawing. This program is run in collaboration with local law enforcement agencies in the Livingston County area. Officers will be handing out "tickets" to children "caught" wearing a helmet in the community during these summer months.

Children between the ages of one and 14 are required to wear a certified bicycle helmet when bicycling, in-line skating (roller blades), operating a non-motorized scooter, or skateboarding in New York State. But a helmet will not protect you if it doesn't fit properly or is not used correctly.

Children under the age of one are not allowed to ride as passengers on bicycles.

A special thank you to the local law enforcement agencies for promoting safety in our communities. The following agencies will participate in this year's event: Avon, Caledonia, Dansville, Geneseo, Nunda, and Mount Morris Police Departments; Livingston County Sheriff's Department; New York State Troopers; Marks Pizzeria in Avon, and the Livingston County Department of Health.

For more information on the Cornell Cooperative Extension Traffic Safety Education Program, contact Katelyn Sanders at 585-991-5420 or [kls334@cornell.edu](mailto:kls334@cornell.edu)

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