



**Press Release  
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### **Student Welders May Pre-Register by July 23 to Compete at Empire Farm Days**

Seneca Falls, NY - Students interested in competing in the New York State FFA Welding Contest at Empire Farm Days are encouraged to pre-register by July 23, 2010. Students may also register on-site at 9 am on contest day Thursday August 12, 2010. All students are welcome to compete as teams of two or individually for certificates. Active FFA students will compete for \$2,250 in scholarship funds from Morrisville State College.

Those interested in participating in the welding contest should contact coordinators Jim Taylor, [taylorjd@morrisville.edu](mailto:taylorjd@morrisville.edu), 315-527-8262, or Johanna Fox-Bossard, [jbossard@hamiltoncentral.org](mailto:jbossard@hamiltoncentral.org), 315-440-1044, for a list of equipment to bring.

Awards are presented for High Team performance. The top three individual students receive Morrisville State College scholarships: 1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$1,000 scholarship; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$750 Scholarship; and 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$500 Scholarship.

Each student must perform three welds with two different types of tools provided by Haun Welding. Contestants also complete a metal identification quiz and a multiple choice quiz. The students are also judged on professional appearance, attitude, preparedness and safety. The contest will be held next to the Field Demonstrations area starting at 10 am.

Contest sponsors include Haun Welding, Briggs and Stratton Yard Power Products Group in Munsville manufacturing Ferris Products, Clinton Tractor & Implement, and the Calidonna Family.

The FFA/4-H Tractor Safety Contest at Empire Farms Days will also be held Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup> with rolling registration starting at 9 am.

The 300-acre Empire Farms Days agricultural extravaganza also includes Dairy Profit Seminars, live animals, an Equine Center, farm safety and family life displays and activities, 600-plus representatives of agricultural institutions and organizations, GPS-equipped and compact tractor test drives, and chicken, beef and pork BBQ. For more details, contact Empire Farm Days Manager Melanie Wickham at 877-697-7837, [mwickham@empirefarmdays.com](mailto:mwickham@empirefarmdays.com). #