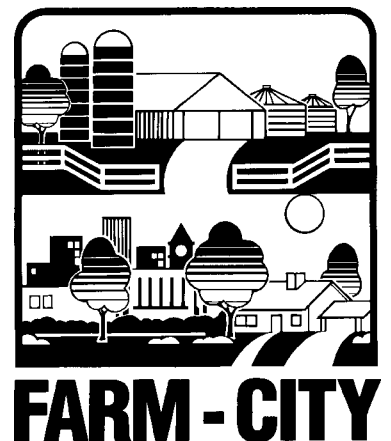


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Pedal Tractor Contest

A children's activity that has been very successful at the Tioga County Farm-City event has been a pedal tractor contest. You might give it some consideration for your event. If so, coordinate with the site planner as to where this might best be held. Also make this contest part of the published schedule of events. That way parents can have their children at the site and ready when their age group is called. This could prevent a lot of disappointed kids later.

What you'll need:

- Pedal tractors (these may need to be modified for this event)
 - Two bullhorns
 - Registration table and at least four chairs
 - Clipboards, tablets, and pencils for registration and keeping track of scoring.
 - Certificates for each participant as well as a coupon for a free ice cream from the food booth. These should be made up in advance.
 - Winner certificates are needed for one boy and one girl in each age group - 4 years though 12 years. You might also get 18 silver dollar coins to give as prizes to winners in each category.
- Lists (if possible) of prize winners should be given to the Farm-City chairperson who can pass it on to media. Blank lists could be made up ahead so only names need to be written on each list to save time. One list should be kept in Farm-City records.
 - Registration is preferred ahead of time. Once the age group is started, it is up to the registrars to determine if additional persons will be added. Once that age group is finished, do not go back to it. It is suggested that all children be given a chance to participate if their group is not finished because of delays that can be caused by wagon rides, food lines, etc.



These pedal tractors were specially built to withstand the stress put on them by "drivers" of different ages and sizes.