

4-H EVENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The following guidelines are designed to make your experience at 4-H events satisfying to you and to all others attending. This means that all participants, members, volunteers, and 4-H Staff must adhere to the core values of the University of Kentucky 4-H Youth Development Program, respect the individual rights, safety, and property of others. While attending 4-H events, you are representing all of 4-H.

WHILE ATTENDING ALL 4-H MEETINGS, PROJECTS, PROGRAMS, AND EVENTS:

1. Everyone is expected to attend all planned sessions, workshops, field trips, and meetings of the event, and to be in appropriate dress. Delegation chaperones and/or volunteers are responsible for ensuring that members participate in all aspects of the planned program activities.
2. The possession and use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, and/or drugs (other than prescription medications) is prohibited. Delegation chaperones and/or volunteers are asked to limit use of tobacco products to designated areas.
3. Setting off fire alarms or tampering with fire extinguishing or other emergency equipment is prohibited.
4. Gambling and betting by adults and youth representing 4-H is prohibited.
5. Obscene, discriminatory, and/or inappropriate language, roughhousing, and insubordination is prohibited at all times.
6. Youth members should demonstrate respect toward their peers, friends, family and other adults.
7. Display of overly affectionate or inappropriate attention between participants is prohibited.
8. Additional Code of Conduct guidelines specific to each event or program may apply

WHILE ATTENDING OVERNIGHT CONFERENCES, CAMPS, AND EVENTS, THE FOLLOWING WILL ALSO APPLY:

1. All participants are to be in their assigned area at curfew and comply with quiet hours, lights out, and other rules of the event.
2. No member or volunteer may leave the grounds unless permission is granted from the conference director or adult in charge. An adult must accompany 4-H members. Adults must notify another adult in the delegation before leaving the grounds.
3. At overnight events, only Conference participants may be in dormitory areas. Lounges may be used only for working committees and social activities.
4. Room service such as phone calls, food, laundry, or others will not be permitted without chaperone permission.

PENALTIES FOR INFRACTIONS

Infractions of this Code of Conduct must be reported promptly by anyone observing the incident to the adult in charge of the delegation/project and to the person in charge of the event who will bear final responsibility for disciplinary action. Penalties may include any or all of the following:

- Sending participant home
- Barring participation from future 4-H events
- Assessing the participant the cost of damages in the event of destruction of property
- Releasing participant to nearest law enforcement agency or authority
- Termination of 4-H membership (youth and adult)

I, _____, have read the Code of Conduct and agree to abide by its rules.
(Print Name)

I understand that infraction of this Code will result in any or all of the penalties listed above.

Member/Volunteer _____ County _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

