

We have read and will abide by the 4-H Code of Conduct below.

Member Signature _____ Leader Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Must have enrollment form (complete including signatures), medical form, acknowledgement of risk and non-refundable dues for acceptance.

4-H MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT

Standards of expected behavior are established by the 4-H Youth Development Program Committee and will be shared by Cornell Cooperative Extension staff, volunteers, or chaperones with all youth participating in 4-H events. These behaviors are expected of all youth while participating in 4-H events and activities. Leaders and/or Chaperones at any 4-H event will be enforcing the code. All enrolled 4-H members will receive and sign-off on the 4-H Code of Conduct.

Expected Behavior:

1. All participants are to refrain from disruptive use of social media, email, text, or IM. It is acknowledged by the Chautauqua County 4-H that social media may be used to promote, encourage, and display county pride and club/program unity. It is also a good way to communicate club/program news and notes. Chautauqua County 4-H also acknowledges that social media can be used in disruptive and destructive ways such as, but not limited to, bullying, taunting, intimidation, and slander. Use of social media in these ways, including but not limited to posting or distributing literature or material containing a threat of violence, injury or harm, slanderous accusations or depicting violent actions against members, volunteers or staff is strictly prohibited.
2. All participants are expected to be responsive to the reasonable requests of the adult in charge at the time given.
3. All participants are expected to participate in all of the planned programs, to be on time and follow through on assigned tasks/responsibilities in a manner that ensures the safety, well-being, and quality of the educational experience for self and others.
4. All participants will act in a mature, responsible manner, recognizing they are role models for others and are representing themselves and the County 4-H Youth Development Program.
5. All participants will be dressed appropriately for the event. Dress will depend on the event. Information given prior to the event will state the type of clothing that is appropriate.
6. All participants will be considerate and courteous of all youth and adults and their property.
7. All participants will respect the rights and opinions of others realizing the strengths of diversity
8. All participants are to refrain from the possession and/or use of illegal drugs, tobacco products, or alcoholic beverages, firearms and/or other weapons at all times. These are prohibited.
9. All participants are to refrain from excessive romantic displays, sexual activities, harassment and hazing either in public or private situations. These actions will not be tolerated.

**Regarding disciplinary action, a witness must submit a written and signed statement of the incident to the 4-H Issue Leader within 10 days of knowledge of the issue, before action will be taken by the 4-H Office or 4-H Youth Development Program Committee.

Consequences Any of the following may be used, depending on severity of the situation. Each severe case will be reviewed by the 4-H Issue Leader and 4-H Youth Development Program Committee.

1. In mild cases, a warning will be given (written or verbal).
2. Able to remain at event but possibly barred from a future event.
3. Loss of awards and/or premiums if applicable.
4. Sent home from event at family's expense, followed by a Review Board consisting of individual(s), 4-H Youth Development Program Committee members and the individual's parents/guardians.

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