

Lake County 4-H

Behavior Expectations and Code of Conduct

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

The Lake County 4-H Program promotes the six core ethical values of CHARACTER COUNTS™ as our behavior expectations for members.

◆Trustworthiness

- I will be worthy of trust, honor and confidence.
- I will keep my commitments by attending all sessions of the planned event. If I am not feeling well or have a scheduled conflict, I will inform my chaperone or a person in charge.
- I will be in the assigned area (buildings, dorms, etc.) at all times.
- I will not enter the sleeping area of members of the opposite gender while attending overnight events or invite non 4-H members to the sleeping areas.
- I will be honest in all my activities. 4-H does not permit dishonesty by lying, deception or omission.

◆Citizenship

- I will follow the hours and room rules established for the event.
- I will not use any illegal substance (e.g., tobacco, alcohol or non-prescription drugs.)
- I will not share or misuse prescription medication.
- I will be respectful to the environment and contribute to the greater good.

◆Responsibility

- I will be on time to all program events.
- I will be accountable by accepting responsibility for my choices and actions.
- I will be responsible for any damage, theft or misconduct in which I participate.

◆Caring

- I will help members in my group to have a pleasant experience by striving to include all participants.
- I will treat others the way I want to be treated.
- I will show appreciation for the efforts of others.

◆Fairness

- I will be just, fair and open.
- I will participate in events fairly by following the rules and not taking advantage of others.

◆Respect

- I will show respect, courtesy and consideration to everyone, including myself.
- I will dress appropriately and tastefully at all events.
- I will act and speak respectfully. I will not use vulgar or abusive language.
- I will not use a computer maliciously or to access inappropriate websites.
- I will treat program areas, lodging areas and transportation vehicles with respect.
- I will appreciate diversity in skill, gender, ethnicity, and ability. 4-H does not permit statements or acts of prejudice.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS

All 4-H members participating in or attending club, county, regional, district, state, and national programs, activities, events, shows, and contests sponsored for youth by 4-H are required to conduct themselves according to the Lake County 4-H Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct operates in conjunction with the above Behavior Expectations and the rules and regulations of the specific activity.

The following are not permitted at 4-H sponsored programs, activities or events:

- ⇒ Physical, verbal, emotional, or mental abuse of another person.
- ⇒ Possession, consumption or distribution of alcohol, illegal drugs, or any type of tobacco products.
- ⇒ Overly affectionate or sexual contact with another person.
- ⇒ Entering the sleeping area of members of the opposite gender while attending overnight events or inviting non-members to the sleeping areas.
- ⇒ Cheating or misrepresenting project work.
- ⇒ Theft, destruction, or abuse of property
- ⇒ Violation of an established curfew.
- ⇒ Unauthorized absence from a program site.
- ⇒ Driving or riding in any unauthorized personal vehicle during a program, event, or activity.
- ⇒ Possession or use of a weapon except equipment used in authorized shooting sports practice or competition.
- ⇒ Possession or use of a harmful object with the intent to hurt or intimidate others.
- ⇒ Other conduct deemed inappropriate for the 4-H youth development program by an event Chairman, Extension Educator, Club Advisor, or other 4-H Adult Volunteer Leader.

If the Code of Conduct for Members is violated, the following steps may be taken.

- The event Chairman, Extension Educator, Club Advisor, or other 4-H Adult Volunteer Leader working with the 4-H member involved in the violation will be made aware of the situation. he violation may be counseled by the event Chairman, Extension Educator, Club Advisor, or other 4-H Adult Volunteer Leader working with the 4-H member to reach an understanding and cessation of the inappropriate behavior.
- The parent(s) of the 4-H member involved in the violation may be called and arrangements made for transportation home at the parents' expense.
- If a violation occurs at a competitive event, the 4-H member may be disqualified from the event and/or ineligible for accompanying awards. The 4-H member may be barred from participating in future national, state, district, or county competitions/events and be ineligible for awards related to those competitions/events.
- The 4-H member may be barred from participating in 4-H for a period of time to be determined by the Extension Educator in consultation with the Lake County 4-H Advisory Committee.
- When warranted (i.e., a law is violated) the matter may be turned over to the proper law enforcement authorities.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ADULTS

Adults attending or participating in 4-H youth activities are expected to assist and support youth in their efforts to adhere to the Behavior Expectations/Code of Conduct for Members and to abide by the following rules and regulations.

The following are not permitted at 4-H sponsored programs, activities or events:

- Physical, verbal, emotional, or mental abuse of another person.
- Possession, consumption or distribution of alcohol or illegal drugs.
- Use of tobacco products except in authorized areas.
- Overly affectionate or sexual contact with another person.
- Theft, destruction, or abuse of property.
- Unauthorized absence from a program site.
- Driving or riding in any unauthorized personal vehicle during a program, event, or activity.
- Possession or use of a weapon* except equipment used in authorized shooting sports practice or competition.
- Possession or use of a harmful object with the intent to hurt or intimidate others.
- Other conduct deemed inappropriate for the 4-H youth development program by an event Chairman, Extension Educator, Club Advisor, or other 4-H Adult Volunteer Leader.

*Does not apply to law enforcement officers authorized and acting within the scope of their employment.

Detach this section and attach to your enrollment form.

I have read the 4-H Behavior Expectations and Code of Conduct for Members and agree to live up to these expectations. I am aware that all my actions and decisions affect others. I realize that my failure to act with good character could result in loss of privileges during the event or future events. I am willing to accept the appropriate and logical consequences of my actions.

Member Name (please print)

Club

Member Signature

Date

As the parent/guardian of this 4-H Member, I have read the Behavior Expectations and the Code of Conduct for Members, and I will support the individual in charge in maintaining appropriate behavior and in the development of good character. I agree to reimburse the 4-H program for transportation costs if it is necessary to send my child home because of discipline problems. I further agree to reimburse the 4-H program for any damage or destruction of property caused by my child.

I have also read the Code of Conduct for Adults and agree to abide by the rules and regulations set forth therein.

Parent/Legal Guardian Name (please print)

Date

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature