

4-H EVENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The following guidelines are designed to make your experience at 4H events satisfying to you and to all others attending. This means that all participants — members, volunteers, and 4H YDP staff — shall adhere to the core values of the University of California 4H Youth Development Program, respect the individual rights, safety, and property of others.

While attending a 4-H event, you are representing all of 4-H:

1. Everyone is expected to attend all planned sessions, workshops, field trips, and meetings of the event, and to be in appropriate dress. Delegation chaperons and/or project volunteers are responsible for ensuring that members participate in all aspects of the planned program activities.
2. The possession and use of alcoholic beverages and/or drugs, or other than prescription medication is prohibited; participants are not to smoke in group meetings, or in sleeping areas.
3. Setting off fire alarms or tampering with fire extinguishing equipment or other emergency equipment is prohibited.
4. Gambling and betting by adults and youth representing 4H is prohibited.
5. Obscene and discriminatory language, roughhousing, and insubordination will not be tolerated at any time.
6. Youth members and volunteers should demonstrate respect for one another.
7. Display of overly affectionate attention between participants is discouraged.
8. All participants are to be in their assigned area at curfew and to comply with the quiet hours, lights out, and other rules of the event.
9. No member or volunteer may leave the grounds unless permission is secured from the conference director or adult in charge. 4H members must be accompanied by an adult. Adults must notify another adult in the delegation before leaving grounds.
10. At overnight events, only Conference participants may be in dormitory areas. No one will be in the sleeping areas of members of the opposite sex. Lounges may be used only for working committees and social activities.
11. Room service such as phone calls, food, laundry, or others will not be permitted.

ADDITIONAL RULES

12. Keep nametags on at all times, if provided at event.
13. No electronic devices (i.e. MP3 players and other portable stereos, games, etc.) in sessions.
14. Do not purposely damage the facility.
15. Dorm areas are off limits during sessions.
16. Be prepared! Take all materials with you (i.e. binders, pencil, and paper) to the sessions.
17. Follow the Event Dress Code.

PENALTIES FOR INFRACTIONS

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

Sending a participant home; barring that participant from future 4-H events; assessing the participant the cost of damages and repairs in the event of damage/destruction of property; releasing the participant to nearest law enforcement agency and/or the proper authorities; and termination of 4-H membership (youth and adult).

Parents and the county 4-H office will be notified of action taken. If a participant is sent home, fees will not be refunded, and will be at the participant's own expense.

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

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

MEMBER/VOLUNTEER _____ COUNTY _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN _____ DATE: _____

Please be advised that the following dress code will be enforced for all individuals attending the conference, including chaperones.

1. Clothing: All clothing shall be neat, clean, acceptable in repair and appearance, and shall be worn within the bounds of decency and good taste as appropriate for 4-H events.
2. Articles of clothing which display profanity, products, or slogans which promote tobacco, alcohol, drugs, sex or are in any other way distracting, are prohibited.
3. Excessively baggy or tight clothing, and clothing which advertises gang symbols or affiliation is prohibited.
4. Items of clothing which expose bare midriffs, bare chests, undergarments, or that are transparent (see-through) are prohibited. Tank tops with straps wider than one inch are permitted. Please be advised that spaghetti straps, shirts which expose a bare back, halter tops, and tube tops are prohibited.

Dress Code Violations



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