



4-H Member/4-H Parent Code of Conduct

Character Development is the cornerstone of the 4-H program, and therefore we expect all people involved with the 4-H program to exemplify the six pillars of character. Please make yourself aware of these expectations.

As a 4-H Member, I will:

- ▶ Treat members, parents, Extension staff, judges and others with respect, courtesy and consideration. Avoid and prevent put-downs, insults, name-calling, yelling and other verbal and non-verbal conduct likely to offend, hurt or set a bad example.
- ▶ Model kindness and compassion for others and be a team member, discouraging selfishness.
- ▶ Practice fair-mindedness by being open to ideas, suggestions, and opinions of others.
- ▶ Obey rules and policies as an obligation of being a good citizen, and promote the responsible treatment of animals and stewardship of the environment.
- ▶ Maintain a safe environment. I will not carelessly or intentionally harm youth or adults in any way.
- ▶ Set a good example for others by abstaining from the illegal use of controlled substances such as drugs and alcohol.
- ▶ Avoid taking part in or initiating sexually explicit behaviors or activities.

As a 4-H Parent, I will:

- ▶ Treat members, parents, Extension staff, judges and others with respect, courtesy and consideration. Avoid and prevent put-downs, insults, name-calling, yelling and other verbal and non-verbal conduct likely to offend, hurt or set a bad example.
- ▶ Model kindness and compassion for others. Recognize that all young people have skills and talents which can be used to help others and improve the community.
- ▶ Teach and model fair-mindedness by being open to ideas, suggestions and opinions of others. Make all reasonable efforts to assure equal access to participation for all youth and adults regardless of race, creed, color, sex, national origin or disability. Make all decisions fairly and treat all members with impartiality.
- ▶ Model the importance of obeying the rules and policies as an obligation of citizenship.
- ▶ Provide a safe environment, not carelessly or intentionally harming youth or adults in any way: verbally, mentally, or physically.
- ▶ Follow all rules and policies on the use of drugs and alcohol.