

## North Central Sectional Conferences 4-H Member Code of Conduct

The following behavior guidelines and expectations are designed to make everyone's experience at 4-H events satisfying to all attending. This means that all participants, members, adult volunteers, and 4-H YDP staff, shall adhere to the core values of the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program, respect the individual rights, safety, and property of others. Youth are expected to demonstrate the character traits of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

### **While attending all 4-H meetings, projects, programs, and events as a 4-H member I will:**

1. Be courteous and respect the individual rights, safety and property of others. This includes no tampering with emergency equipment, such as alarms or fire extinguishers.
2. Obey all rules established by the California 4-H YDP, the local club/group and all local, state and federal laws.
3. Respect the authority of adult volunteers, youth leaders, 4-H YDP staff, and others in leadership roles.
4. Not participate in obscene and/or discriminatory language, and roughhousing.
5. Not be insubordinate to any volunteers, youth or adults at the event.
6. Show kindness to others and give assistance when needed.
7. Be honest and honor commitments by abiding to all rules of the attended event, activity or meeting.
8. Not use tobacco products, alcohol or drugs (except those prescribed by a doctor) at any 4-H event, activity, or meeting.
9. Not carry, possess or use a weapon or threaten another person with a weapon, bodily force or language.
10. Accept responsibility for personal choices.
11. Acknowledge that searches of personal property may take place when there is reasonable suspicion of violations of law or University policy in accordance with 4-H YDP policy.
12. Not display overly affectionate or sexual behavior.
13. Not be involved in Bullying of any kind, including cyber bullying. Sexting or pornography is not permissible.
14. Not participate in gambling or other games where money is used to wager.
15. Wear appropriate clothing at 4-H activities and events. Inappropriate logos and tattoos must be covered.
16. Attend all planned sessions, workshop, field trips, and meetings of the event.

### **While attending overnight events as a 4-H member, I will:**

1. Be in my room when attending overnight events by the established hours and comply with the quiet hours and lights out.
2. Not leave the grounds unless permission is secured from the adult in charge and I am accompanied by two adults if not with my parent.
3. Not be in the sleeping areas of members of the opposite gender nor will I invite non 4-H participants to the sleeping areas.
4. Will be responsible for any damage caused by my actions.
5. Will comply with other rules of the event.

### **PENALTIES FOR INFRACTIONS**

Infractions of the 4-H Code of Conduct must be reported promptly by anyone observing them 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. The parent/guardian and the County 4-H Office will be notified of action taken. Penalties may include any or all of the following:

- Notification of parents and appropriate staff members.
- Sending the participant home
- Barring the participant from future 4-H events
- Assessing the participant the cost of damages and repairs in the event of damage or destruction of property
- Releasing the participant to the nearest law enforcement agency and/or the proper authorities
- Termination of 4-H membership

I 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.

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by North Central Section 5/21/11