

HI 4-H Guidelines and Code of Conduct

Guidelines of the HI 4-H Group:

- The HI 4-H group 'year' shall run with the 4-H year; beginning in July and ending in June.
- The HI 4-H group shall meet or have an activity once a month.
- The months of July, August and October (September had been omitted due to the Kern County Fair) will be recruitment months. October shall be the last month for new members to join.
- The HI 4-H group asks the Kern County 4-H Leader's Council for \$400.00 annually towards the HI 4-H budget.
- The HI 4-H group shall have a minimum of 1 (one) fundraiser per year that will help fund the activities of the HI 4-H group throughout the year.
- The HI 4-H group shall participate or host a minimum of 1 (one) community service project per year. The service or services shall be chosen by the HI 4-H group.

For a member to earn a HI 4-H patch for their hat, they must complete the following:

- Attend 80% of the scheduled meetings/activities
 - Must participate in 1 (one) of the annual fundraisers
 - Must participate in 1 (one) of the community service(s)
- OR**
- Work at 1 (one) 4-H event

Patches shall be awarded at the end of the 4-H year, at the Kern County 4-H Achievement Program in August.

Code of Conduct of the HI 4-H Group:

- Youth members shall demonstrate respect to adults and respect the individual rights, safety, and property of others.
- Everyone shall participate, in a positive manner, in all planned activities, workshops, and field trips associated with the event and be appropriately dressed.
- At overnight events, participants will not be allowed on the sleeping areas of participants of the opposite sex. All participants (except those with special planning or program responsibilities) must be in their assigned area at curfew and shall comply with quiet-hour and lights-out regulations.
- Members shall avoid displays of overly affectionate behavior.
- No member may leave the event grounds unless permission is secured from the adult in charge of the event. Youth leaving the event grounds must be accompanied by an adult.
- 4-H members shall not possess or use weapons, tobacco, alcoholic beverages and/or illegal drugs, at 4-H events, activities, or meetings.

- 4-H members shall not set off nor tamper with fire alarms or fire-fighting equipment in non-emergency situations.
- Members shall not participate in gambling or other games where money is used to wager.
- Members shall not participate in obscene and/or discriminatory language, roughhousing, nor be insubordinate to the leader in charge of the event or chaperones.
- Members are responsible for certain personal expenses (such as room service, laundry, personal phone calls, additional food and snacks) and must purchase them separately.
- Members shall not act in anyway detrimental to the 4-H Program or in conflict with its policies or procedures.

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 person in charge of the event who will bear final responsibility for disciplinary action.

Penalties may include any or all of the following:

- Sending the member home (If a member is sent home, fees will not be refunded, and transportation will be at the member's own expense)
- Assessing the member the cost of damages and repairs in the event of damage/destruction of property
- Releasing the member to the nearest law enforcement agency and/or proper authorities

Parents and County Extension Staff will be notified of action taken and, if necessary, recommendations for further disciplinary actions. This may include barring the member from future HI 4-H events or termination of HI 4-H membership.

I, _____ have read the HI 4-H Guidelines and
(Please Print Member Name)
 Code of Conduct and understand the responsibilities and rules to be abided by.

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

 Member Signature

 Date

 Parent/Guardian Signature

 Date