



Tehama County 4-H Camp

Campers Code of Conduct

This CODE OF CONDUCT has been established to create a positive educational experience for all campers and staff. To provide the best educational camp program possible, it is necessary that all participants are aware of the rules and the consequences for not abiding by these rules. Rules are as follows:

1. **Follow the 4-H Code of Conduct always.** Members sign this at the time of enrollment each year. It can also be referenced here: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/211114.pdf>
2. **Respect the rights and property of others.**
 - Do not touch other campers' belongings; this means no cabin raiding.
 - If appropriate campers must be invited to visit other cabins. Boys are not allowed in the girl's cabins and girls are not allowed in the boy's cabins.
 - Disrespectful and abusive language will not be a part of camp (no profanity, racial slurs, or putdowns).
 - Do not damage or deface camp facilities or property.
 - **Rudeness, lack of courtesy, cheating, and disrespect for authority will not be tolerated.**
 - Fighting and threatening physical abuse are not acceptable behaviors.
 - All clothing worn shall be within the bounds of decency and in good taste. No short shorts, halter tops, tube tops or bare backs or shirts that show cleavage or excessively baggy or tight-fitting clothes will be acceptable.
 - Items of clothing which display profanity; advertises gang affiliation or products or slogans which promote tobacco, alcohol, drugs, of sexual nature or are in any way distracting are not allowed.
 - Swimsuits, sandals/crocs, and water shoes may be worn **only** to/from showers and for activities at the creek and swimsuits must be worn with a cover up.
 - No spitting in public areas, walkways, etc. (please use restroom or garbage can).
3. **Be concerned for the safety of campers and staff.**
 - No running in camp unless during an organized activity.
 - Everyone must wear enclosed shoes suitable for all activities. Sandals/crocs are not safe on uneven terrain.
 - Sleeping areas will be kept neat and free of litter and food.
 - Throwing objects will not be allowed unless during a planned activity such as sports.
 - No jumping or swinging on or from beds.
 - Campers cannot leave the campgrounds without an adult and must have the Camp Director's permission prior to leaving. Camp boundaries will be posted.
 - Swimming is not permitted in the fishpond.

- All prescription and over the counter drugs, including directions of use, must be given to the Camp Medical Staff immediately upon arrival at camp.
- All meals and snacks are provided; do not bring extra food. Food in the cabins will attract insects, squirrels, and other wildlife.

4. 4-H Camp is a fun experience, and everyone is to participate in the planned activities.

- When called, report immediately to the dining hall.
- Be on time and ready to participate.
- If ill, report to the Camp Medical Staff.
- Be a positive team member of your group and cabin.
- "Lights out" means quiet and in bed for all campers and camp staff.
- The camp telephone is only to be used with permission of Camp Director and is solely for emergency use. Cell phones are not allowed at Tehama County 4-H Youth Camp (see Electronic Device Policy).

5. The following items and activities are not allowed at camp. Campers and staff having or doing such will immediately be sent home at their own expense.

- Do not bring alcoholic beverages, weapons, knives, firearms, fireworks, illegal drugs, matches, and/or tobacco.
- Gambling or betting with money, overly display of affection, fighting, threatening, hazing, bullying, or causing physical abuse, stealing, tampering with emergency equipment, setting off fire alarms for fun, and being under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

Consequences: The following steps will be followed if a camper or staff member doesn't abide by the rules.

1. Verbal Warning – Two (2) adult staff members will discuss the inappropriate behavior with the camper or staff member and clarify the rules and expectations.
2. Loss of activity participation/redirect – Camp Director and adult staff members will discuss the inappropriate behavior with the camper or staff member and clarify the rules and expectations. Camper may lose the opportunity to participate in the activity and be redirected to a new activity or task by the camp director/adult staff.
3. Dismissal from Camp – Parent/guardian will be notified to pick-up the camper. Camp fees will not be refunded.
4. Additional consequences may include barring the individual from future activities, assessing the cost of damage and repairs in the event of destruction of property, or releasing the individual to the nearest law enforcement agency. Parents will be notified of any further actions taken.

The severity of the consequences will be determined on a case-by-case with input from the UCCE Staff and/or academics. There is no set progression as it is possible to encounter scenarios in which dismissal from camp is warranted without any warning. Examples include but are not limited to outright defiance and bullying.