

Texas 4-H and Youth Development 2007-2008 Code of Conduct & Commitment to Excellence



Name: _____
County: _____ District: _____
Home Phone: _____

Code of Conduct

General Behavior

1. I am expected to attend all sessions that are part of the planned program for all activities. I will inform staff if I am not feeling well or have a schedule conflict.
2. I will dress appropriately to the occasion and adhere to any attire requirements stipulated for the event I am attending. 4-H members should be courteous, clean, and possess good manners.
3. Language must be controlled and appropriate for a 4-H member - no swearing.
4. Except for planned tours and outings, I will not leave the activity facilities any time without permission of the chaperone and/or staff responsible for the event.
5. I will not smoke or use tobacco products at any 4-H program event.
6. I will not use alcohol, drugs (except those directed by a doctor), or be associated with or remain in the presence of others when they are being used.
7. I will not carry or threaten another person with a weapon, bodily force or language.
8. I will respect the rights of privacy of those attending an activity and those that I may be rooming with.
9. I will observe hours established by the staff and be in my room. No boys in girls rooms, no girls in boys rooms.
10. I will avoid unnecessary roughness to room furnishings, furniture, equipment, etc. Towels, ashtrays, etc., are not to be taken as souvenirs. Occupants of a room or conveyance are financially responsible for any damage or results of misconduct.
11. Any participant at an official 4-H activity who observes a breach of code of conduct has the responsibility and obligation to report the misbehavior to appropriate chaperones.
12. In the event that photographs, slides, web pages and/or videotapes are made of the undersigned, I/we consent to the release of those photographs, slides, web pages and/or videotape for use in promoting the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program.

Commitment to Excellence

I will exhibit traits of a person with character including trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

It is my attitude at the beginning of any project that will affect its successful outcome.

It is impossible to succeed without others, and it is my attitude toward other individuals that will determine their specific attitudes toward me.

Nothing can be gained by thinking negatively; therefore, I will think positively. We become what we think. I will not talk about negative ideas or gossip.

I must develop personal pride in what I am, what I do, what I say, how I act; and I must remember the destructive function of false pride.

Nothing of consequence was ever accomplished without cooperation, optimism, perseverance and enthusiasm: it is contagious when it is real, urgent, honest, human and my own!

Signature of Participant: _____