The members of Texas A&M AgriLife will provide equal opportunities in programs and activities, education, and employment to all persons regardless of race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, disability, genetic information, veteran status, sexual orientation or gender identity and will strive to achieve full and equal employment opportunity throughout Texas A&M AgriLife.
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WHAT IS TEXAS 4-H ROUNDUP?
For youth throughout the State of Texas, Texas 4-H Roundup is the culmination of a 4-H member’s year of hard work and dedication. It is designed to supplement the county 4-H program and project work. Each year contests are held throughout the counties, the twelve Texas A&M AgriLife Extension districts, and at the state level. Texas 4-H Roundup has been held in College Station, Texas since its inception (except for 2012), and over 4,000 youth and adults attend annually. Roundup consists of approximately 50 competitive events, and most of these contests require each individual or team to qualify at the county and district level. Texas 4-H Roundup also offers invitational (non-qualifying) contests that allow intermediate and senior 4-H members to participate.

4-H members and adults looking for non-competitive opportunities can participate in one of the many educational workshops offered throughout the event. Roundup is scheduled to officially begin Monday, June 11, 2018 and end Thursday, June 14, 2018.

TEXAS 4-H ROUNDUP OBJECTIVES
• To further the reputation of Texas 4-H Youth Development as a major statewide, educational program.
• To provide 4-H members the opportunity to compare the skills they have gained with those of other members and with their own previous performances.
• To provide 4-H members with an opportunity to develop and practice citizenship and leadership skills in a different environment.
• To provide recognition for project, activity, and scholarship winners of 4-H members and adult volunteers.
• To provide opportunities for 4-H members and adults to network through recreational and social experiences and advance their knowledge of 4-H.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR TEXAS 4-H ROUNDUP
General information, contest rules and contest resources can be found at the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program website http://texas4-h.tamu.edu/ or by contacting the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program Office at:

Texas 4-H Youth Development Program
Mrs. Jana Barrett
2473 TAMU
College Station, TX 77843-2473
Phone: 979-458-0910
Fax: 979-845-6495
E-mail: jcbarrett@ag.tamu.edu

WHO TO CALL:
• Participation questions:
  County Extension Office

• County Roundup events:
  County Extension Office

• District Roundup events:
  County/District Extension Offices

• Texas 4-H Roundup events:
  Texas 4-H Office

• General rules & eligibility:
  County Extension Office

The Texas 4-H Youth Development Program and Texas 4-H Roundup Management reserves the right to modify or change rule(s) for the purpose of clarification and/or understanding.
ALL participants are required to pay a registration fee, both youth and adults. This is a requirement of the event application and insurance.

- YOUTH - SENIOR - Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12
- YOUTH - INTERMEDIATE – Grades 6, 7 and 8
- YOUTH - JUNIOR (Educational Opportunity Only) – Grades 3, 4, and 5
- ADULT - Parent, volunteer, chaperone, coach or County Extension Agents.

**NOTE:** Registration for all County Extension Agents MUST be completed through 4-H CONNECT.

*All contestants and scholarship recipients MUST pre-register using 4-H CONNECT.*

**REGISTRATION TIMELINE**

- May 4, 2018: Deadline to submit volunteer screening application
- May 1 – May 17, 2018: Registration
- May 18 – May 21, 2018: Additional $50 Late Fee
- May 22 – May 25, 2018: Additional $125 Late Fee
- May 26 – June 6, 2018: Additional $250 Late Fee

**REGISTRATION AND FEES**

All registration for the 2018 Texas 4-H Roundup will be conducted on the 4-H CONNECT system. It is the responsibility of the 4-H members and their parent/guardian to ensure they are registered for Texas 4-H Roundup on time, correctly, and their registration has been accepted.

All contest registrations (Qualifying or Invitational) will be the same fee. There will not be a one-day pass option for contestants.

The one-day pass option will be available to non-contestant youth and scholars who are not competing in a contest during the week. This option will also be available for adults who are only attending one day of the event.

The general refund policy for 4-H Connect is that no refunds are provided to a 4-H member or family once the registration is approved. In extreme circumstances, such as death in immediate family, severe illness/accident, or cancellation of event, refunds will be provided, minus any expenses already incurred by the event/activity.
EVENT DATES
Texas 4-H Roundup will be held on Monday, June 11, 2018, beginning at 3:00 p.m. and ending at 11:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 14, 2018.

LOCATION
The 2018 Texas 4-H Roundup will be held in College Station, TX on the campus of Texas A&M University. See schedule for tentative location of all events.

ACCOMMODATION STATEMENT
If you need any type of accommodation to participate in this program or have questions about the physical access provided, please contact Jana Barrett at 979-458-0910 by May 17, 2018 (this information will be collected when you register on 4-H CONNECT).

ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS
For entry into a qualifying contest, participants must be a senior level 4-H member. Senior 4-H members are in 9th – 12th grades as of the September 1, 2017 school year. To be eligible to participate in qualifying contests, 4-H members must qualify at the district competition.

NON-QUALIFYING (INVITATIONAL) ENTRY: The following contests do not require individuals to qualify at district level contests. Contests are open to all 4-H members who are in the 6th – 12th grades as of the September 1, 2017 school year. Invitational contests include:
• Agriculture Product Identification
• Archery
• Discover Scientific Method
• Entomology Identification
• Healthy Lifestyles
• Hippology
• Invitational Livestock Judging
• Invitational Meat Judging and Identification
• Livestock Skill-a-thon
• Photography Judging
• Poultry Judging
• Soil Judging
• Swine Quiz Bowl
• Robotics Challenge
• Vet Science Skill-a-thon
• Wildlife Challenge

REMINDERS / CHANGES FOR 2018
Changes in red bold
• All contest registrations (Qualifying or Invitational) will be $30.00. There will not be a one-day pass option for contests.
• 4-H Has Talent has been discontinued
• Robotics Challenge. This year’s contest will be a Sumo style format. There is no limit on the number of teams entered per county. Teams will be comprised of 2-3 members.
• Entomology Identification and Soil Judging will be Invitational Contests this year.
• Additional National Contest Opportunities have been added for Poultry Judging, Horse Judging, Range Evaluation and Soil Judging. (Information posted in Roundup Guide)
• Discover Scientific Method Research Poster will be an Individual or team of 2 this year, instead of team of 3.
• Assemblies will begin at 7:00 pm this year. There will be pre-assembly activities starting at 6:30 pm each evening.
• Winner line-up will be at 6:00 pm and will include a light buffet for the award winners. Prompt arrival is a must to allow for check-in and time to eat.
• Youth MAY NOT participate in more than one contest in a day.
• As a point of clarification, in an invitational contest, a county may only have a maximum of 2 individual entries per age division. If there are at least 3 individuals from the county in the same age division, they will be considered a team. If a team and its members are not designated on the registration, they will be placed on a team by the State Office.
• Intermediate Age youth can compete as a Senior to complete a team for SOME Invitational Contests. This will NOT be allowed for the following contests: Hippology, Healthy Lifestyles, Livestock Skill-A-Thon, Poultry Judging and Soil Judging, as these contests have the opportunity for a team to advance to a National Contest and that National Contest requires “Senior Age” youth.
• The Archery match will be limited to 120 participants. Entry will be on a first come, first-served basis. Contestants must be a part of an organized 4-H archery program under the supervision of a certified archery coach to participate in this contest.
REGISTRATION PAYMENT
All payments for Texas 4-H Roundup must be RECEIVED IN THE TEXAS 4-H OFFICE by Wednesday, June 6, 2018. Registrations not having been paid by the close of business June 6, 2018 are subject to cancellation.

To prevent the possibility of cancellation, everyone is encouraged to use the credit card payment option on 4-H CONNECT.

If a COUNTY/CLUB is mailing a payment, it must be mailed to:

**United States Postal Service:**
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension/4-H CONNECT
2473 TAMU
College Station, TX 77843-2473

**Overnight mail through either FedEx, UPS, or Lonestar:**
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension/4-H CONNECT
1470 William D. Fitch Parkway
College Station, TX 77845

All registrations paid using a county/club check must include a county invoice with the payment. Absolutely NO PERSONAL CHECKS will be accepted. Personal checks will be returned.

REGISTRATION TIMELINE:
All contestants registered will be verified and certified at the county, district, and state levels prior to being accepted for participation at Texas 4-H Roundup. When certifying contestants, all information entered into the registration program will be reviewed, including age, prior participation, etc.

Steps:
• After you submit and confirm your registration, it will be “Pending at the county level.”
• After your county approves your registration, it will be “Pending at the district level.”
• After your district approves your registration, it will be “Pending at the state level.”
• After the state approves your registration, it will lock for editing and all monies will be due.
• If paying by credit card, it will not be charged until after the state approves registration.
• If paying by check, the county cannot send a check until the state approves registration.

REGISTRATION WORKSHEET:
To help in planning for 4-H CONNECT registration, a YOUTH and ADULT REGISTRATION WORKSHEET will be available online by Monday, April 16th when the workshop schedule is posted.

As a reminder, there are four registration types to select when you begin the Registration process in 4-H CONNECT.
• YOUTH-SENIOR - Grades 9, 10, 11, and 12
• YOUTH-INTERMEDIATE – Grades 6, 7 and 8
• YOUTH-JUNIOR (Educational Opportunity Only) – Grades 3, 4, and 5
• ADULT - Parent, volunteer, chaperone, coach or county extension. Registration for all county Extension agents must be completed through 4-H CONNECT.

Youth-SENIOR will be able to compete in Qualifying (if advanced from District) and/or Invitational contests during the week. As a reminder, you are only able to select one contest per day. You can compete in a contest and attend a workshop the same day, if time permits. Workshops are scheduled for both the morning and afternoon and vary in length.

THANK YOU NOTES
All Texas 4-H Roundup contestants are REQUIRED to bring thank you notes with them for their contest and general Roundup sponsors. All thank you notes will be turned in prior to their competition. All thank you notes should be thanking the donor(s) for their continued support of the respective contest or Texas 4-H Roundup event. Thank you notes should be reviewed by a parent or adult leader prior to placing them in an envelope. All thank you notes will be mailed after Roundup to the donors by the State 4-H Office. Thank you notes can be written on any form of stationary the contestant wishes. All notes must be in a DONOR-ADDRESSED, STAMPED, AND SEALED envelope. They can be turned in at the 4-H Roundup Registration area at Reed Arena or to your contest superintendent.

The list of donors will be posted to the Texas 4-H Youth Development Roundup website around May 1, 2018 in addition to being e-mailed to all County Offices and agents.
SPECIAL CONTESTS
Because there are some contests that are drop-off in nature (do not require youth to be present), a Special Contest section has been created so that you may register for those events but also still select another contest to compete in that same day. These Special Contests include:

• Fashion Storyboard
• Entomology Collection

FASHION SHOW AND FOOD SHOW ENTRY MATERIAL
All Fashion Show and Food Show Contest materials will be uploaded via 4-H CONNECT when you register for the event. Please have these documents available for upload prior to beginning the registration process.

SHARE-THE-FUN ENTRY MATERIALS
Those advancing to Roundup in Share-The-Fun need to complete the following Information Form online regarding their act. http://d94-h.tamu.edu/2017-texas-4-h-roundup-share-the-fun/ This needs to be completed by Friday, May 18, 2018. You will also still need to register via 4-H CONNECT.

DISCOVER SCIENCE METHOD RESEARCH POSTER CONTEST
The Research Poster Entry Form (which can be found as the last four pages of the Discover Science Method Contest rules) https://texas4-h.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2017_2018_Discover_Science_Method.pdf will be uploaded via 4-H CONNECT when you register for the event. Please have these documents available for upload prior to beginning the registration process.

DISTRICT CONTEST PLACING (YOUTH-SENIOR Only):
To help ensure we have the correct team details, we have added a District Placing question this year in 4-H CONNECT. Each of the drop down statements are defined as:

• Invitational Contest / Not Competing this day: You are registering for an Invitational Contest or you are not competing in a contest this day.
• 1st place – 3rd place (in the case of Food Challenge, 1st - 4th): Your team’s placing at District
• Substituting Member / Alternative Team: Select if you are a substitute on a team (See the Roundup Guidelines for Substitution Rules) or if your team has been allowed to advance because any of the 1st – 3rd place teams declined their spot at the Roundup Competition.

PACKET PICK-UP
Packet pick-up for Roundup 2018 will be held on the concourse level of Reed Arena near the main entrance. Packet pick-up is allowed by individuals or as a county group. If a county Extension agent, or county delegation coordinator, is planning on picking up the entire county’s registration, it is his/her responsibility to designate a location and time to meet and distribute materials. The Roundup registration staff will not be responsible for redistributing registration packets once they have been picked up.

Parents, siblings, grandparents, and other relatives/friends that are attending for only one day, can register on-site at the on-site/information desk located in a specified location in registration area located at the main entrance of Reed Arena on the concourse level.

Registration will be open during the following times:

Monday, June 11, 2018 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, June 12, 2018 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 13, 2018 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, June 14, 2018 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
**T-SHIRTS**
Cost: $15.00 per shirt

Show your Texas 4-H Roundup Spirit with the purchase of the official Texas 4-H Roundup t-shirt. Shirts are available for PRESALE ONLY.

No shirts will be sold on-site this year!! However, Barefoot Campus Outfitters will have other 4-H items for sale at their booth during Roundup.

*T-shirts will be distributed in the Texas 4-H Roundup Trade Show at the Barefoot Campus Outfitters booth located next to Registration on the Reed Arena Concourse.

T-shirt Design credit:
McKenna Hall, Comal County 4-H

**PARKING**
Parking Permit Cost: $15.00 per pass

Parking passes must be purchased on-line. Parking in any other lot than those designated on the Texas 4-H Roundup Parking Permit may result in a ticket being issued by the Texas A&M University Transportation Services. The Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program and Texas 4-H Roundup will not be responsible for any parking violations, nor will they assist you in their dismissal.

Youth participants are NOT allowed to drive to Texas 4-H Roundup.

**TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY INTERACTIVE CAMPUS MAP**
Roundup organizers are making every effort to ensure participants, volunteers, and Extension faculty and staff have all the resources they need to have an enjoyable experience. Please use the following link to search the campus of Texas A&M University to locate all contest locations, Reed Arena, dining locations, and workshop locations. The link can be found at: [http://transport.tamu.edu/maps.aspx](http://transport.tamu.edu/maps.aspx)

Maps that are incorporated with your GPS systems are also available via the 4-H Roundup smart phone app.

**DINING**
- **On-Campus Dining** There are several on-campus dining locations. Visit “Where to Eat?” at [https://www.dineoncampus.com/tamu/where-to-eat](https://www.dineoncampus.com/tamu/where-to-eat) for a complete list. All dining locations accept cash and major credit and debit cards. Hours of operation and menus vary.
- **Local Restaurants/Entertainment venues** This year local restaurants and entertainment venues will be offering discounts to attendees through the “Show Your Badge/App” program. A complete list of discounts will be available at Roundup Registration as well as on the official 2018 Roundup App.

**OTHER GENERAL INFORMATION**
There will not be a hard copy program printed this year. Due to class scheduling, some contest locations are subject to change at the last minute. The printed programs must be printed in advance, therefore are not always up-to-date.

Your schedule and information will be available via the 4-H Roundup App which will be available for both iPhone and Android devices. The App will be released around May 1, 2018. A final, printable schedule will be posted on Friday, June 8th on the Texas 4-H website, Roundup Event page, if you wish to print from home.
REED ARENA GENERAL RULES

BAG CHECK
We will not have to adhere to the “clear-bag” policy adopted by Texas A&M University for all sporting events. However, all bags are subject to search by Reed Arena staff. This review is to enhance public safety and improve efficiencies.

NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINK
Concession stands are located throughout arena concourse. Credit cards are accepted at all permanent concession stands in the arena.

NOISE MAKERS
Reed Arena will only allow certain noisemakers during assemblies.

BANNERS/SIGNS/FLAGS
No unauthorized banners, signs, or flags may be brought into Reed Arena

PROHIBITED ITEMS
No Drones
No Roller Blades, Skate Shoes, or Hoverboards
No Balloons
No Air Horns
No Laser Pointers
No Beach Balls

LOST & FOUND
Items found at Reed Arena are returned to the main office. To claim lost items, come by the office or call 979-862-7334 for more information. Reed Arena is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

PETS
No pets are permitted in Reed Arena. Service animals are permitted in accordance to ADA regulations.

If you have questions on other items that may not be allowed it is highly recommended you contact the State 4-H Office before bringing them to Texas 4-H Roundup.

MEDICAL CARE
Limited, secondary medical/accident care insurance covering non-existing conditions/illnesses is provided for registered Roundup youth participants at three (3) local hospitals: College Station Medical Center, Baylor Scott & White and St. Joseph’s Regional Medical Center. All emergencies MUST be reported to the Roundup Headquarters in order to ensure proper processing of insurance coverage.

Procedures for filing a medical claim (these must be adhered to exactly or the claim will not be paid).
• All questions must be answered in full for the claim to be processed.
• The insured (parent or guardian, if minor) must complete the insured’s section in full.
• Attach itemized bills showing: (a) name of patient, (b) diagnosed condition, (c) date of treatment, (d) nature of treatment, and (e) charge per treatment.
• Make a copy of everything before you put your packet in the mail.
• It is the responsibility of the insured (parent or guardian, if minor) to send in the Claim Form and itemized medical bills to the Texas 4-H Office. The organizational certification section must be completed and certified by an official of the sponsor organization.
• Must be received in the Texas 4-H Office by July 3, 2018.

CHAPERONE RATIO
All youth attending Texas 4-H Roundup must be accompanied by a REGISTERED chaperone in a ratio of 1 adult to 8 youth. All chaperone ratios must adhere to gender (i.e. if you send 4 males and 4 females, then you need 1 male chaperone and 1 female chaperone).

All youth will be required to declare who will serve as their primary REGISTERED chaperone during the registration process on 4-H CONNECT. Youth not naming an adult chaperone in the registration process will not be accepted.

Chaperones will need to have a required HEALTH FORM of the participants with them at all times, in the case of an emergency. This form is available for download from 4-H CONNECT. Those registering on-site can complete the Waiver, Indemnification, and Medical Treatment Authorization Form (See Appendix).
VOLUNTEER SCREENING
All adults chaperoning youth during Roundup must be screened and approved through the Youth Protection Standards Program. All volunteer applications for screening must be received in the Youth Protection Standards office by Friday, May 4, 2018. This will also ensure your profile status will be active and avoid any late registration fees.

ROLE OF COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT IN ROUNDUP REGISTRATION
• Register for Texas 4-H Roundup via 4-H CONNECT.
• Provide all necessary registration information to 4-H members and adults regarding Texas 4-H Roundup.
• Once the scholarship list has been released, notify any 4-H members on the list and provide them with the registration information for Roundup.
• Ensure all adults attending Roundup are registered volunteers and have been screened and approved through the Youth Protection Standards Program. All volunteer applications for screening must be received in the Youth Protection Standards office by Friday, May 4, 2018. This will also ensure your profile status will be active and avoid any late registration fees.
• Attend Salute to Excellence Banquet if anyone from the county is being honored during the event.
• Help 4-H members/parents/volunteers understand that it is THEIR RESPONSIBILITY to register online via 4-H CONNECT. County Extension agents need to “certify” each registration through 4-H CONNECT.
• Make sure you have secured a chaperone for each 4-H youth attending Texas 4-H Roundup. The required ratio is 1 adult for every 8 youth. Each youth should have a chaperone of the same gender assigned to him/her.
• Make reservations for the entire county or provide each family with a list of the hotels.
• Provide updated information to all youth and adults regarding Roundup events, contests, and activities. An information meeting is ideal to educate participants and chaperones on all the aspects of Texas 4-H Roundup and county delegation expectations. Updates will be sent out to county Extension agents via e-mail.
• Promote the opportunities of Texas 4-H Roundup to local youth and adults.
• Download the Health Form for all participants from 4-H CONNECT and maintain with you at all times in case of an emergency. Those registering on-site can complete the Waiver, Indemnification, and Medical Treatment Authorization Form (See Appendix)

YOUTH EXPECTATIONS
The Texas 4-H Youth Development Program and staff want every youth to have the best possible experience at the event. We ask that each youth carefully read and make every effort to abide by these guidelines while at Texas 4-H Roundup in order to have a great and enjoyable time.

• Behave in a respectable manner and serve as a role model for those around you.
• Abide by all the rules for Roundup, including the 4-H Consequences of Misbehavior and Code of Conduct.
• Any conduct deemed unacceptable will result in immediate removal from Texas 4-H Roundup. In addition, other actions (i.e. removal from Texas 4-H Program, banning from Future Roundups) may result at the conclusion of Texas 4-H Roundup.
• Abide by the dress code and dance code philosophies.
• Understand the guidelines and rules for Texas 4-H Roundup are designed to allow participants to have the best possible experience as you serve as positive representatives of the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program.
• Commit to being an active participant in all activities. This includes contests, workshops, general assemblies, community service activities, and recreation.
• Understand that in attending the event, you can only get what you put into it, and you commit to make the most of the experience at Texas 4-H Roundup.
• Meet friends (new and old), learn new things that will help you be a better leader and role model in your community, and have a great time!

CHAPERONE/ADULT EXPECTATIONS
Your delegation will need one male chaperone for every eight (8) male youth delegates and one female chaperone for every eight (8) female youth delegates. It is the responsibility of the county to arrange chaperones for all youth participants, not the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program.

If you are willing to commit to actively encouraging the development of the youth during Texas 4-H Roundup, you are well on your way to being an excellent
chaperone. Being a chaperone is a vital part of making Texas 4-H Roundup a success.
• Chaperones must be over 21 years of age, have been approved as a 4-H volunteer leader through their county Youth Protection Standards program, and be willing to supervise and encourage youth delegates.
• A chaperone’s goal is to supervise and encourage safe and active event participation of all delegates under his/her care.
• Chaperones are responsible for the safety and well-being of the youth delegates in their care from the time they leave the care of their parent/guardian until they return.
• Chaperones need to make themselves available to their youth participants.
• A chaperone should participate in county travel meeting and find time to learn a little about each participant before arriving at Texas 4-H Roundup.
• During Texas 4-H Roundup, chaperones should know the location of each youth under their care at all times.
• Chaperones are expected to lead by example and attend all sessions and planned activities.
• Chaperones must report and correct any wrongdoing among ALL 4-H members, not just members from their county. This is for the safety of all youth and the event.
• Texas 4-H Roundup expects all adults to serve as responsible chaperones and supervise youth. This includes making sure that the Consequences of Misbehavior and Code of Conduct are being followed.
• Download the Health Form for all participants from 4-H CONNECT and maintain with you at all times in case of an emergency. Those registering on-site can complete the Waiver, Indemnification, and Medical Treatment Authorization Form (See Appendix)
• Complete the Authorization for Dispending Medication Forms with Completed Record for any youth indicating medication needs on their Medical Form. (See Appendix)

Chaperones not wishing to accept the responsibility or volunteer their help in making Texas 4-H Roundup a memorable experience for our 4-H members should reconsider attending before registering for Texas 4-H Roundup!

Above all, chaperones need to promote having fun while adhering to the 4-H Code of Conduct, Consequences of Misbehavior, Dress Philosophy, Dance Philosophy and Contest Rules. A chaperone makes an essential contribution to what each delegate gains from Texas 4-H Roundup.

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DANCE CODE PHILOSOPHY

Dances at Texas 4-H Roundup are provided for the entertainment and recreation of the registered delegates. In order to continue with this fun and exciting time of networking and meeting new friends across the state, the following guidelines have been established:

• To gain access to the dance, nametags must be worn visibly on the UPPER part of the body. Attendees not having a nametag will be asked to locate it before returning.
• Dance behavior should be appropriate for youth in a public setting.
• Dance behavior will be monitored by the Roundup staff and chaperones. Any behavior deemed inappropriate will earn the 4-H member(s) a warning. If the inappropriate behavior continues, the 4-H member(s) will be asked to leave the dance.
• If a large number of violations occur during the dance, the dance will be terminated and curfew will be called.
• Failure to follow the dance code may lead to being dismissed from the event.