

4-H Member (ages 8 and older) and Parent
(including parents of 5-7 year olds) must read & sign

MEMBER GUIDELINES

I understand that when participating in any/all UMass Extension 4-H programs, activities, and events, I am representing the good name and reputation of 4-H in partnership with the University of Massachusetts Amherst in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture. I will willingly obey all established policies and guidelines and be honest.

The following conduct is not allowed while participating in any 4-H Event/Activity:

- 1. Possession, use, or distribution of alcohol or drugs, including tobacco products.
2. Theft, destruction, or disregard for public and private property.
3. Involvement in sexual misconduct or harassment or physical or verbal abuse of any kind.
4. Possession or use of weapons or other dangerous materials.
5. Fighting or other acts of violence that endanger participants.
6. Unauthorized use of vehicles or property.
7. Leaving the site of an event unsupervised.
8. Use of profane or abusive language.
9. Public displays of affection or inappropriate actions.
10. Intentionally interfering with or disrupting the event.

The following Dress Code must be followed at all 4-H Events/Activities:

- 1. Ripped or torn clothing is not appropriate.
2. Clothing with offensive slogans or messages cannot be worn.
3. If 4-H shirts, jackets, etc. are provided, they should be worn while you are participating at the event/activity.
4. You should change into your own clothes when you are not participating at the event or are "off duty."
5. Extremely short skirts or extremely short shorts should not be worn.
6. Tops or shirts that allow your midriff area to be exposed or strapless tops should not be worn.
7. Please do not share your 4-H items with non-4-Hers who may not understand the Code of Conduct and Dress Code.

I will show respect for my fellow 4-H'ers, Extension staff, volunteers and others involved with activities and programs. I understand that after careful evaluation, the UMass Extension staff has the right to dismiss me from any 4-H activity/event if my behavior constitutes a health, safety, or liability risk to myself or others, and that my parent/guardian will be notified and is responsible for my immediate transportation home. I understand that if I am dismissed from a 4-H activity/event for disciplinary reasons there can be additional consequences including dismissal from the 4-H program without the opportunity to return to Massachusetts 4-H in the future.

Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
(All members ages 8 and older must sign)

PARENT GUIDELINES

I agree to support my child's involvement in 4-H and be familiar with and abide by the rules and policies of 4-H as outlined here and on the 4-H website. I will be responsible for my behavior, exhibit good sportsmanship and uphold exemplary standards of conduct at all 4-H activities. I will not possess, sell, consume or use alcohol or controlled substances at 4-H events and activities that include youth nor will I attend 4-H activities under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances. I will not be disruptive at meetings nor will I be verbally abusive to youth or adults and will respect the leadership position of the 4-H club leader and staff. I understand that my failure to comply with these expectations or other 4-H policy may result in my loss of the privilege to attend 4-H events and activities and could result in my child's exclusion from 4-H as well.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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