

Code of Conduct Wyoming 4-H



The following behavior guidelines and expectations are designed to make everyone's experience at 4-H events positive and safe. This means that all participants, members, adult volunteers, and 4-H staff, shall adhere to the core values of the University of Wyoming 4-H Youth Development Program, respect the individual rights, safety and property of others. Everyone involved is expected to demonstrate the character traits of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

The 4-H Code of Conduct for youth outlined below is in effect for all activities involving the University of Wyoming's Extension 4-H Program. It is valid for one year and applies to all activities coordinated through 4-H including local, county, district, state and national activities. Participants who fail to adhere to the 4-H Code of Conduct may be subject to a range of disciplinary actions. Immediate corrective action will be taken to ensure the safety and welfare of all participants at the event. Additional disciplinary action may be taken upon further investigation of the infraction or incident.

While attending 4-H meetings, projects, programs, and events as a 4-H member, I will:

1. Obey all rules established by the Wyoming 4-H program, the local club/program and all local, state, and federal laws.
2. Be honest and accept responsibility for personal choices.
3. Conduct myself in a courteous manner and be respectful the authority of adult volunteers, youth leaders and 4-H staff, and others in leadership roles.
4. Not use, accept, or carry alcohol, drugs, or tobacco, nor associate with or remain in the presence of others using the substances.
5. Not carry a weapon or threaten another person with a weapon, bodily force or language.
6. Not be overly affectionate or have sexual contact with another.
7. Not gamble for real money.
8. Not use computers or cell phones maliciously or access inappropriate websites.
9. Acknowledge that searches of personal property may take place when there is reasonable suspicion of violations of law or policies.
10. Be courteous and respect others as well as leaving sites and public places neat and clean.
11. Use appropriate language and wear acceptable clothing.
12. Show kindness to others and give assistance when needed.
13. Honor my commitments including fully participating in any program or event.

While attending overnight events as a 4-H member, I will also:

1. Not leave the activity or event unless permission is secured from the adult in charge.
2. Be in my sleeping area and honor established curfews.
3. Not enter the sleeping areas of members of the opposite gender nor will I invite non 4-H participants to the sleeping areas.
4. Be responsible for any damage caused by, or as a result of, my actions.

If I do not live up to the Code of Conduct, I know that consequences may include any or all of the following:

- Notification of my parents and appropriate staff members
- Dismissed from the 4-H event at my own expense and without any refund
- Not allowed to participate in future 4-H events
- Pay for the financial cost of damages and repairs for damage or destruction of property
- Released to the nearest law enforcement agency and/or proper authorities
- Terminate my 4-H membership in club programming

I understand that any infractions of the 4-H Code of Conduct should be reported promptly by anyone observing them to the adult in charge of the delegation and to the person in charge of the event and that she/he will advise the county and/or state office of any misconduct on my part. I have read the Code of Conduct and agree to abide by it. I understand that any infraction of the Code by me will result in any or all of the actions listed above.

Youth Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature _____