



Kansas 4-H Code of Conduct as of October 1st, 2023

The 4-H Code of Conduct is intended to foster a safe environment that encourages optimal learning and growth. The opportunity to participate in or attend 4-H activities is a privilege and not a right. All 4-H participants - **youth, families, volunteers, and Extension staff** - who participate in or attend any activity or event sponsored by Kansas State Extension 4-H Youth Development Program are expected to uphold the values of the Kansas 4-H program and conduct themselves according to the following standards listed below. These standards also apply to online 4-H activity, including social media and internet presence. Whether online or in person, this Code of Conduct is to guide participants to think critically, behave safely, and participate responsibly in our shared world. The following Kansas 4-H Code of Conduct is a condition of participation in any Kansas 4-H activity or program. **When I participate in 4-H programs, I agree to:**

1. Be present, attentive and engaged in the 4-H activities. Practice good sportsmanship, be helpful to others, uphold ethical practices in 4-H projects and events, and never cheat or falsely represent efforts related to 4-H project activities.
2. Know and follow federal, state, and local laws that apply to minors (e.g., no use of alcohol, illicit (non-prescribed) drugs, and tobacco in any form) even when I am 18 or 19 years old and still a program participant.
3. Use language and actions that do not substantially interfere with others' participation in the program. (Swearing, harassment, and bullying are not allowed). You are personally responsible for any damage you cause as a result of your behavior, including the cost of any physical injury or property damage you cause in the course of your participation in any program or event.
4. Know and follow safety policies and procedures of Kansas State University, Kansas State Research and Extension (KSRE), and guidelines of the 4-H Youth Development Program, as applicable to this program. (Such as: not leaving the program area without permission from the program supervisor; be in assigned lodging and program areas during activities; abide by curfew hours; and, any other additional safety policies established by a specific event or program.)
5. Obey all rules and directives that apply to the 4-H activity which I am involved.
6. Use mobile electronic devices during a scheduled 4-H activity only in a manner that is consistent with the approved activity and not disruptive.
7. Conduct yourself and your project work in a manner that is trustworthy, respectful, responsible, fair, caring, and in good citizenship. You are representing your family, 4-H club, community, Extension unit, and state.



Signature Required

I acknowledge and agree that:

- I have read and agree to abide by the Kansas 4-H Participant Code of Conduct. I agree to comply with the policies, rules, and regulations of the Kansas 4-H Youth Development Program.
- I am bound by Kansas State University's standards of appropriate conduct found in applicable University policies, including but not limited to the non-discrimination policy (PPM 3030), and the Threat Management Policy (PPM 3015).
- Failure to abide by this participation agreement may result in restrictions on my participation during a current or future 4-H event.
- I am responsible for any costs associated with my dismissal or removal from any program event or activity, or any physical injury or property damage I cause during the course of any program or event.
- I have received, read, understand, and accept the terms and conditions related to participation in the 4-H Youth Development program as stated above. I understand my or my minor child's failure to comply with the requirements of participation may result in dismissal or removal from the program, at my own expense.
- I consent to my or my minor child's participation in all activities during program events, including but not limited to riding in vehicles operated by releasees (defined below) to and from events during the event, as and if applicable.
- In consideration for my or my minor child's participation in KSRE programs, including but not limited to 4-H Youth Development, I WAIVE, RELEASE, AND DISCHARGE for myself and my heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, assigns, and successors in interest ("successors"), Kansas 4-H Youth Development, K-State Research and Extension, Kansas State University, the State of Kansas, the Kansas Board of Regents, and all their agents, officers, and employees (all collectively referred to as "releasees"), from all claims, demands, and causes of action of any kind, including claims for negligence which may arise from or be related to my or my minor child's participation in Kansas 4-H Youth Development.
- I give permission to the releasees to act in my absence to authorize members of the medical profession and any hospital to treat me or my minor child for illness or injury suffered during the event. Without limiting the foregoing release, waiver, and discharge, I (and on behalf of the successors) specifically

hold the releasees harmless in the exercise or non-exercise of such permitted action and related decisions. I shall assume responsibility for all medical expenses and recognize that no medical insurance is being provided by or through the releasees.

- I grant permission for the releasees to store the medication supplied by me or my child in a safe location in order for my child to access it to self-administer or for me to administer during the event. I understand that I must label all medications with the child's name. I understand that releasees will not dispense or administer or instruct about medications, and take no responsibility for the child's or my administration of any medications. I understand that the releasees will permit access by my child at my child's request to the medications I have supplied.
- Misrepresentation of the individuals providing signatures (electronic or in-person) or falsification of provided personal information will result in termination of program participation.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____
Youth Signature _____ Date _____