

OREGON 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM - YOUTH CODE OF CONDUCT

The 4-H Pledge does a great job of stating what we hope young people will learn and do in 4-H. *I pledge my head to clearer thinking* – this means a 4-Her is committed to learning the knowledge and skills that will help them to make wise decisions, and develop independence, which is an Essential Element of 4-H. In doing the work of developing independence, a 4-Her must be committed to exercising self-discipline, and thoughtful action.

By signing this form, I agree to conduct myself in a responsible manner and abide by all expectations as stated:

- 1. Treat all people, places and things at 4-H events and activities with respect.
- 2. Behave in ways that are respectful to other members, adult volunteers, and program leadership.
- 3. Be caring; do not hurt other people or myself.
- 4. Treat animals humanely and provide them appropriate care.
- 5. Be honest; admit it and apologize when you make mistakes.
- 6. Be present and on time to 4-H program activities and participate in all scheduled sessions.
- Cooperate with adult volunteer's and Extension faculty and staff's leadership. Contact the
 adult volunteer or Extension faculty/staff regarding any conflict or problems during the activity
 or event.
- 8. Use technology during free time, or in ways that contribute to the goals of the program.
- 9. Use good judgement in selecting clothing appropriate for weather and occasion, and dress in accordance with any safety requirements associated with specific activities.
- 10. Not possess nor use alcohol, tobacco, fireworks, weapons, illicit drugs, or medication(s) not prescribed to me or in a manner not in keeping with my prescription.
- 11. Know and follow the applicable policies of the Oregon State University, Extension Service, and guidelines of the 4-H Youth Development Program.
- 12. Behave in accordance with applicable federal, state, and municipal laws.

I have read and agree to the Code of Conduct above. I understand that if I violate any part of this agreement, I may be sent home from a 4-H activity at the expense of my parent(s) or guardian(s). I also understand that if I cause personal or public safety concerns, I may lose my eligibility to participate in some future 4-H Youth Development events, and/or my membership privileges.

Youth Name Printed	
Youth Signature	Date
Parent Signature	Date

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