

Behavioral Criteria for 4-H Events and Activities:

(Recommend distributing with health forms for trips/activities.)

To 4-H members, volunteers, parents and the public: When attending, participating or acting on behalf of the 4-H program, all persons are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with accepted standards of social behavior, to respect rights of others, and to refrain from any conduct which may be injurious to the 4-H program. **The following actions constitute misconduct for which persons may be subject to disciplinary consequences and/or dismissal from the program:**

- (a) Dishonesty in connection with any 4-H activity by cheating or knowingly furnishing false information.
- (b) Alteration or unauthorized use of 4-H records.
- (c) Obstruction or disruption of any 4-H activity or aiding and encouraging other persons to engage in such conduct.
- (d) Failure to comply or aiding or encouraging other persons not to comply with specific terms and conditions of a given project, contest, or activity.
- (e) Failure to comply with directions of 4-H officials acting in the proper performance of their duties.
- (f) Inhumane treatment of 4-H animal projects.

There are many opportunities for 4-H members, volunteers, parents and the public to participate in 4-H events and activities. When involved in such experiences, members, volunteers, parents and the public are expected to follow all rules and regulations as outlined by those responsible for the specific program or activity. In all such 4-H activities, the following constitute a violation of behavioral expectations:

1. Possession or use of fire crackers, gun powder, firearms, chemicals or other materials that can be used to create an explosive mixture.
2. Misuse of fire equipment or sounding a false fire alarm.
3. Having a guest of a different gender in your sleeping quarters, or inappropriate sexual behavior.
4. Physical or verbal abuse of any person or conduct which threatens or endangers the health or safety of any person.
5. Theft of or malicious damage to property.
6. Possession, use, or distribution of alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco and tobacco-like products, electronic smoking devices (including, but not limited to, e-cigs, vapes, juuls), or other dangerous substances.
7. Inappropriate displays of affection towards another person(s).
8. Distribution, misuse, or abuse of over-the-counter, homeopathic (including supplements and vitamins), or prescription medications.
9. Inappropriate clothing or lack of clothing during the event or activity.
10. Lewd, indecent, or obscene conduct or language.
11. Unauthorized entry, use or occupancy of any facility.
12. Any conduct which threatens or interferes with maintenance of appropriate order and discipline or invades the rights of others.
13. Unwillingness to follow appropriate health and safety procedures.
14. Reckless or inappropriate behavior.

When violations occur at out-of-county, district, area, state and/or national 4-H events, the following procedures will be followed.

- (a) The parents/legal guardians may be contacted to arrange transportation home for the violator(s) and
- (b) The local extension educator may be notified.

I verify that I am a 4-H member, I have read and will abide by the rules and behavioral expectations, set by the Indiana 4-H program or I will forfeit my right to stay. Both signatures are required.

4-H member signature _____ Date _____

Parent/legal guardian signature _____ Date _____

(Attach 4-H member's recent photo to back of this form)