

### 4-H Member’s Code of Conduct

These standards of behavior have been set for all youth taking part in 4-H in Cuyahoga County. Everyone is responsible for upholding and following this code so that we may work together well and help all members “learn by doing” in our program.

- ◆ I will be considerate and courteous, and respect the rights and feelings of all the members, leaders, and guests of my 4-H Club.
- ◆ I will act in a mature and responsible way, remembering that I am a role model and am representing Cuyahoga County 4-H, my Club, and my family.
- ◆ I will not use anyone else’s things without permission, or deface or damage anyone else’s property.
- ◆ I will cooperate with all reasonable requests made by leaders and other adults who help at my 4-H Club meetings, project activities, and special programs.
- ◆ I will come to 4-H meetings and activities on time and take part in the planned program, even when an activity might not be my favorite. While taking part, I will make sure to act so that everyone involved can stay safe, have fun, and learn something.
- ◆ I will not use or bring to any 4-H meeting, activity, or event any alcoholic beverage, tobacco product, illegal drug, or any kind of fireworks.
- ◆ I will not bring to any 4-H activity or meeting any gun, knife, or anything else that could be used as a weapon, unless it is required for a project, class, or activity. (I understand that my Advisor or instructor will give me a written list of equipment when such items are needed.)
- ◆ I will dress appropriately for 4-H events, following any special event guidelines when requested.
- ◆ I will welcome all new members and guests or speakers involved in Club or field trip activities, and respect any differences in language, nationality, religion, or personal background or life style.
- ◆ I will use all electronic media responsibly, and respect the rights and feelings of all members and adults in my correspondence to others.
- ◆ When I choose to take part in any county, area, state, or national 4-H activity, I will obey any special rules that apply to those activities.
- ◆ I will practice good sportsmanship, be helpful to others, uphold ethical practices in 4-H projects and events, and refrain from use of any improper language or profanity.

**Consequences:**

I understand that if choose not to follow this code, I may

- ◆ in mild cases, receive a warning;
- ◆ be able to remain at an event, but be prohibited from taking part in a future event;
- ◆ lose Fair premiums or participation privileges, (if misbehavior occurs at Fair);
- ◆ be sent home at my family’s expense;
- ◆ be asked along with my parents to attend a conference with Extension Staff, Club Advisors, or event volunteers.

I promise to obey this code of conduct: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Member’s Signature) (Date)

I have read this Code of Conduct and have witnessed my child’s signature:  
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(Signature of Parent or Guardian) (Date)

