



Member Code of Conduct

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The 4-H Policy Handbook tells me my rights as a 4-H member, and the rules I have to follow. 4-H calls the most important rules for members the “Code of Conduct”. When members follow the Code of Conduct, it helps keep 4-H safe and fun for everyone.

I will follow the 4-H Code of Conduct (rules) and I will:

1. Be nice, kind, helpful, and respectful to other 4-H members; and to adult volunteers, youth leaders, 4-H staff, and other adults in charge.
2. Be honest, honor my commitments, and accept responsibility for my choices.
3. Use language that is respectful and kind. Not use curse words.
4. Not have or use alcohol, tobacco (like cigarettes, e-cigarettes, or chew) or other drugs (unless my doctor gives them to me).
5. Not bother or attack others, not carry or use a weapon; and not do anything else illegal or unsafe.
6. Know that adults can search my things (like my backpack) if they think I might have broken the 4-H rules.
7. Not touch anyone in a way that is too affectionate, and not engage in sexual behavior.
8. Follow the 4-H *Guidelines for Social Media* - <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/133821.docx>.
9. Not do things outside of 4-H that are harmful to anyone in 4-H or the 4-H program.
10. Follow the *California 4-H Dress Guidelines* - <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/210170.pdf>

While attending 4-H overnight events I will:

1. Be in my room when I’m supposed to be there.
2. Not leave the grounds unless an adult in charge gives me permission, and only if there are two adults with me.
3. Only enter my own assigned sleeping area and will not invite any kids who aren’t 4-H members into the sleeping areas.
4. Be responsible for any damage caused by my actions.
5. Follow all the rules for that event.

Consequences

Anyone who sees someone break the Member Code of Conduct should tell the adult in charge right away. That adult will tell that member’s parent or guardian. Consequences for breaking the 4-H rules may include:

1. Sending the member home.
2. Having the member meet with 4-H adults, talk about how the member can learn from what they’ve done, and decide what the member should do to make up for any harm done.
3. Charging the member (or their parents/guardians) for the cost of repairs to property that the member damaged.
4. Giving the member a warning, barring them from future events, suspending their membership, or terminating their membership.
5. Taking the member to the nearest law enforcement agency or other proper authority.

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