

WASHINGTON STATE 4-H TEEN CONFERENCE CODE OF CONDUCT OUTLINE

Washington State 4-H Code of Conduct is to ensure the safety of the 4-H member and to encourage conduct and behavior that will result in each participant receiving the full benefit of enjoyment and educational experience from this event. Participants are asked to consider both their underlying attitudes and effects of their behavior in representing themselves, their communities, and the 4-H Program.

Program participants and chaperones are expected to abide by the stated rules for this event:

- ◆ Fully participate in all scheduled activities. Inform your chaperone if you are ill.
- ◆ Conduct yourself in a courteous manner, being respectful to all speakers, adults, roommates, and other delegates. Use appropriate language, exhibit good sportsmanship, and act as a positive role model. Turn cell phones off during scheduled activities, workshops and speakers.
- ◆ Be in your own rooms, observing the 'lights out' time noted on the schedule, and remain in your room/dorm all night.
- ◆ Display of overly affectionate attention between participants is prohibited.
- ◆ Do not tamper with or damage room furnishings, furniture, equipment, etc. Room occupants are responsible for any damage or misconduct. Falsely pulling a fire alarm is a crime.
- ◆ Participants may not drive a car after their arrival at event.
- ◆ Abide by the dress code; it was developed to prevent participants from becoming offended or uncomfortable during their stay. If you choose to dress inappropriately, you will be asked to change, or be required to wear a conference-issued shirt. By planning ahead and packing appropriately, you will save yourself the inconvenience of changing your attire to ensure that you are contributing to a pleasant conference atmosphere. The following dress code will be enforced for all individuals attending the conference, including chaperones:
 1. Clothing: all clothing shall be neat, clean, acceptable in repair and appearance, and shall be worn within the bounds of decency and good taste as appropriate for 4-H events.
 2. Professional attire is strongly encouraged at this event at all the meetings.
 3. Articles of clothing which display profanity, products, or slogans which promote tobacco, alcohol, drugs, sex, or advertise gang symbols or affiliation are prohibited.
 4. Items of clothing which expose bare midriffs, bare chests, undergarments, or that are transparent (see-through) are prohibited. Halter tops, tube shirts, and spaghetti straps are not appropriate.
 5. The wearing of hats is not considered respectful to speakers. Do not wear a hat at any scheduled activities or in buildings during the conference.

4-H TEEN CONFERENCE - INFRACTION PENALTIES

The following behaviors will not be tolerated:

- ◆ The possession or use of alcohol or illegal drugs, tobacco products, stolen goods, weapons, and fireworks.
- ◆ Females in male rooms, males in female rooms.
- ◆ Sexual, physical, or verbal abuse.

Conduct not in keeping with the Washington State 4-H Youth Development standards will not be tolerated. Violation of items listed above will result in consequences to the participant. Law enforcement may be called and illegal behaviors may result in citations or arrest. Consequences may include removal, at the individuals' expense and without refund, from participation in the event; restitution or repayment of damages; sanctions on participation in future local, state, regional, or national 4-H events; forfeiture of financial support for this event; removal from offices held in 4-H; and/or loss of status as a member in good standing, and the privileges associated with that good member status.

We understand the reason for this agreement is to ensure the safety of the 4-H member and to ensure conduct and behavior that will result in each participant receiving the full benefit of enjoyment and educational experience from this event. It is not intended to place undue restrictions upon participants.

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***I have read the Code of Conduct and agree to abide by it.***

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Youth participant signature \_\_\_\_\_

I understand that I am responsible for my child or ward's behavior. I give my permission to the staff in charge to administer the code. I understand that if my child or ward is sent home, it will be my responsibility and at my own expense, and that conference fee will not be returned.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read the Code of Conduct.  
(Name of Parent/Guardian – please print)

Parent/Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_

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I have read the Code of Conduct and agree to abide by it.

Date _____ Chaperone signature _____