

KLICKITAT COUNTY 4-H YOUTH CODE OF CONDUCT

The code of conduct shall be signed by each youth member and parent/guardian with the current year enrollment. A 4-H youth is not eligible to participate in the 4-H program without this agreement.

As a 4-H youth participant/member you have the responsibility of representing all 4-H members to the public. Therefore, you are expected to conduct yourself in a manner that respects individual rights, safety and property of others, and reflects favorably on your state, county and club, as well as yourself. You are expected to observe the following guidelines as a participant/member of 4-H. Please place your initials next to each item to indicate that you have read and understand each item.

- ◆ The possession and use of alcoholic beverages, marijuana, and/or drugs other than prescribed medication is prohibited. Use of tobacco products by youth members is prohibited.
- ◆ Members and leaders must demonstrate respect for each other and the public
- ◆ Members are to refrain from public displays of affection or sexual activities at all 4-H functions
- ◆ Provide an environment that is free of any form of harassment toward other 4-H participant/members, volunteers, or staff.
- ◆ Damage to, or destruction of property belonging to others is prohibited.
- ◆ Animal abuse of any kind is prohibited.
- ◆ Display of unsportsmanlike conduct is prohibited.
- ◆ Be an example of how to accept what life has to offer-good and bad-and how to live with the outcome of exhibiting your project,
- ◆ Wear neat, clean and appropriate attire; including shoes, boots or appropriate footwear at all times and helmets while working with a horse.
- ◆ Report any infractions to the superintendent/club leader/event coordinator.
- ◆ Attend all sessions in the planned program. Inform your chaperone or 4-H leader if you are not feeling well and cannot participate.
- ◆ Be courteous and use good manners at all times. Do not be disruptive during presentations.
- ◆ Language must be controlled and appropriate. Swearing is not considered appropriate.
- ◆ Participants are expected to remain in the assigned program area. They may leave only with permission from the adult in charge. This includes remaining in cabins or rooms after lights out at overnight events.
- ◆ All throwaway materials must be picked up and put in proper containers (garbage or recycle).
- ◆ Faculty/staff or leader/chaperone will determine immediate disciplinary action; long term disciplinary action will be determined by faculty/staff.

Penalties for infractions may include any or all of the following:

- Placing the member on probation for involvement in further 4-H events and/or termination of 4-H membership.
- Assessing the member the cost of damages and repairs in the event of damage or destruction of property
- Notification of parents and being sent home
- Releasing the 4-H member to the nearest law enforcement agency and/or proper authorities
- Notification of the 4-H member's county extension agent for consideration of further sanction

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

For youth members: I have read the code of conduct and agree to abide by its rules. I understand that infractions of this code will result in any or all of the penalties listed above.

I understand that the WSU Extension County 4-H program may have policies that are more restrictive than the state policies, but not less restrictive. In the event that the County 4-H program has additional agreements required for enrollment, a hard copy form will be provided for signature.

I understand that there are risks in participating in 4-H Youth Development events and activities associated with Washington State University (WSU)

Membership in the 4-H youth Development Program may involve participation in a wide variety of activities such as, but not limited to: club meetings, shows, clinics, working with animals, physical education activities, shooting or archery, water-sports, food preparation, woodworking, crafts, and travel. Risks in participating include, but are limited to: temporary or permanent muscle soreness, sprains, strains, cuts, abrasions, bruises, ligament and/or cartilage damage, orthopedic damage, head, neck, or spinal injuries, loss of use of arms and/or legs, eye damage, disfigurement, burns, drowning or death. I also recognize that there are both foreseeable and unforeseeable risks of injury or death that may occur as a result of traveling to or from the 4-H Youth Development Program activities that cannot be specifically listed. Further, I recognize that the actions of other participants in the activity may cause harm or loss to my child, self or property.

I, my heirs and assigns, hereby release, the state of Washington, the Regents of WSU, WSU, any subdivision or unit of WSU, its officers, employees/volunteers, and agents, from any and all liability, claims, costs, expenses, injuries and/or losses to person or property, which I may sustain and/or sustain as a result of death or injury, as a result of or connected with participation in this program and/or event. If any part or portion of this Release of Liability is determined to be invalid or unenforceable, the remaining parts or portions shall be enforceable. This release and all matters related to my activities involving Washington State University shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with Washington law. I have carefully read this document, understand its contents and am fully informed about this program and circumstances. I am aware that this document is a contract with WSU and the program sponsors. I enter this contract freely and voluntarily.

I agree to abide by its rules and understand that infractions of this code will result in any or all of the penalties listed above.

I, _____, have read the Code of Conduct.
(Name of parent/guardian – please print)

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

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