



Massachusetts 4-H Permission and Liability Form

List all of your children enrolled in the MA 4-H Program:

- I, the undersigned parent(s) or legal guardian of child/children listed above, a minor(s), give permission for the above named 4-H member(s) to participate in all 4-H programs and activities with the assistance of a screened volunteer leader(s).
- I give permission for photographs, videotapes and interviews to be taken during the club meeting, conference, after school program or other sponsored 4-H program and for content from the member's 4-H record to be used. I understand that any such photography, videotapes or interviews are the property of UMass 4-H. I further give permission and consent that any such photographs, videotapes or content from interview with member or from member's 4-H record may be used by 4-H in newsletters, videos and printed matter. I also give permission for these same photographs, videotapes, interviews or 4-H records to be used on a website. Use of these is an important way to promote 4-H to the general public. *No youth names will be used on website without prior notification and consent.*
Circle no and initial if you do not give your permission: NO _____
- I understand that there are unforeseeable hazards in any activity and accept all responsibility for any injuries incurred or inflicted by my child/ward. I release and hold harmless 4-H, the University of Massachusetts and any of its authorized personnel involved in any way with the 4-H events in which my child/ward participates. I agree that except in the event of willful neglect or willful injury inflicted by 4-H staff or a volunteer, I will bring no claims, demands or litigations against any of the above, for any economic or non-economic loss due to bodily injury, death or property damage as sustained or caused by my child/ward arising from or in relation to any activities affiliated with 4-H.
- I understand that there is an element of unpredictability involved in animal behavior that cannot always be controlled by the volunteer leader(s) or staff. I understand that each participant and his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s), if under the age of 18, will be solely responsible for any loss, injury or damage to any animal or participant occasioned by my child's actions, or for loss, injury or damage done by or arising from any animal exhibited by him/her and as may be included in a separate lease agreement with the animal's owner. I also understand that the University does not require me as an owner or lessee, or my child to participate in this type of activity, but I want to do so/ to have her/him do so, with the assistance of a screened 4-H volunteer leader(s) or staff despite the possible dangers and risks. Examples of possible specific, significant, non-obvious dangers and risks associated with animal activities include but are not limited to an animal or participant contracting an illness at an event, causing or suffering an injury during an event or during transport to and from the event, or as incurred by one animal to another at events.
- I understand that this release covers liability, claims and actions caused entirely or in part by any acts or failures to act of the University (or its Trustees, employees or agents), including, but not limited to negligence, mistake, or failure to supervise by the University. I also recognize that signing this release form means I am giving up, among other things, rights to sue the University, its Trustees, employees and agents for injuries, damages or losses that my child or I may incur. I also understand that this release binds my child, and my child's heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns.
- I have read this entire release, I fully understand it and agree to be legally bound by it.

The above statements require one parental/guardian signature below (both if parents have joint custody).

Signature of parent/guardian #1

Date

Address: street, city and state

Telephone number

Signature of parent/guardian #2

Date

Address: street, city and state

Telephone number

