

**MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT**

I understand that when attending UMass Extension 4-H Program activities and programs I am representing the good name and reputation of 4-H in partnership with the University of Massachusetts Amherst in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture, and will willingly obey all established policies and guidelines.

I will show respect for my fellow 4-Hers, UMass Extension staff, volunteers, and others involved in activities and programs while taking part in all 4-H programs.

I understand I must have parent/guardian permission to participate in 4-H programs and activities. When attending a 4-H event/program, I will inform the program/activity coordinator if I have a medical condition that requires attention or am taking prescription medication. I will report all incidents, injuries or accidents immediately to the appropriate staff or volunteer.

I will not willfully steal or damage property, use foul language, or carry anything that may be considered a weapon, unless the tool is authorized by the volunteer leader and is used directly with my project. (Improper use will result in a violation of this code of conduct.) I will not engage in behavior that can be considered sexual harassment or physical or verbal abuse. I will not smoke or use any type of tobacco product nor use or willingly be in the presence of drugs and/or alcohol at a 4-H program.

I understand that if I fail to follow this Code of Conduct, I may be dismissed or temporarily suspended from participating in 4-H activities, pending an evaluation of my behavior by the appropriate UMass Extension staff and program coordinator. I understand my parent/guardian may be notified, as well as my local UMass Extension staff.

I understand that, after careful and thorough evaluation, the UMass Extension staff has the right to dismiss me from the 4-H Program if my behavior constitutes a health, safety or liability risk to myself or others, and that my parent/guardian will be responsible for my immediate transportation home.

I understand that if I am dismissed from the 4-H Program for disciplinary reasons, I should not expect to return to the program in the future. I understand that I may request, with no guarantee of reinstatement, a review of my case and a personal interview with my parent or guardian and the local UMass Extension 4-H staff.

I am a member of the following 4-H clubs: (List club & town) \_\_\_\_\_

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MEMBER SIGNATURE

DATE

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE

TELEPHONE

WHITE: 4-H EXTENSION EDUCATOR COPY    YELLOW: LEADER COPY    PINK: PARTICIPANT COPY