



## 2009-2010 TEXAS 4-H MEMBER ENROLLMENT FORM

Unit/Club Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Preferred Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Gender  Male  Female

**Race/Ethnicity**

*The following information is requested to gather statistics to comply with non-discrimination requirements.*

Are you of Hispanic ethnicity? Check only one.  
 Yes  No

What is your racial group(s)? Check all that apply.

- White
- Black
- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- Asian

**Place of Residence - Check only one**

- Farm
- Town under 10,000 and rural non-farm
- Town/City 10,000-50,000 and its suburbs
- Suburb of city more than 50,000
- Central city more than 50,000

**Projects**

List your projects and number of years in project (Refer to 4-H Project List)

_____	Years _____	_____	Years _____
_____	Years _____	_____	Years _____
_____	Years _____	_____	Years _____

**Military Service**

- Check if either parent or guardian is in the military.
- Branch of service (check one):
- Air Force  Marines
  - Army  Navy
  - Coast Guard
- Branch component (check one):
- Active Duty  Reserves
  - National Guard

**Parent/Guardian – Primary**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ X

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian – Secondary**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ X

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Grade in School \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

Type of school \_\_\_\_\_

Years in 4-H (include this year) \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact Information (other than parent/guardian)**

Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact's Relation to 4-H Member \_\_\_\_\_

**4-H Leadership Information**

- Check if club officer
- Current offices held:
- President  Reporter/Public Relations
  - 1st Vice President  Council Delegate
  - 2nd Vice President  Alternate Council Delegate
  - 3rd Vice President  Health/Safety Officer
  - Secretary  Other \_\_\_\_\_
  - Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Leadership Type (check all that apply)

- Junior Leader  Teen Leader

If you're a new 4-H member, how did you hear about 4-H?

- School program  Internet  Family
- Newspaper  Friend  Other

Our signatures below indicate that:

- We give permission for photos or videotapes of the member to be reproduced for promotional or educational purposes.
- We give permission for the member to participate in and or complete surveys and evaluations that will be used to determine program effectiveness or to promote the program.
- We understand that participation in surveys and evaluations is voluntary and that the member may choose not to participate in surveys or evaluations without any impact on his or her eligibility to participate in the 4-H program.
- We understand that the member will be asked for his/her verbal assent before completing a survey or an evaluation.
- We understand that failure to abide by the Commitment to Excellence, Code of Conduct, and Consequences of Misbehavior may result in loss of membership privileges.

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Member Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature

# Texas 4-H and Youth Development 2009-2010 Code of Conduct

## During my 4-H involvement...

1. I am expected to attend all sessions that are part of the planned program for all activities. I will inform staff if I am not feeling well or have a schedule conflict.
2. I will dress appropriately to the occasion and adhere to any attire requirements stipulated for the event I am attending. 4-H members should be courteous and clean, and possess good manners.
3. Language must be controlled and appropriate for a 4-H member — I will not use language that is socially offensive.
4. Except for planned tours and outings, I will not leave an activity facility any time without permission of the chaperone and/or staff responsible for the event.
5. I will not smoke or use tobacco products, or be in possession of such products, at any 4-H program event.
6. I will not be in possession of, use alcohol or drugs (except those directed by a doctor), or be associated with or remain in the presence of others when they are being used.
7. I will not be in possession of, use, or threaten another person with a weapon, bodily force or language.
8. I will respect the rights of privacy of those attending an activity and those with whom I may be rooming.
9. I will observe hours established by the staff and be in my room. No boys in girls' rooms, no girls in boys' rooms.
10. I will avoid unnecessary roughness to room furnishings, furniture, equipment, etc. Towels, ashtrays, etc., are not to be taken as souvenirs. Occupants of a room or conveyance are financially responsible for any damage or results of misconduct.
11. Any participant at an official 4-H activity who observes a breach of the code of conduct has the responsibility and obligation to report the misbehavior to appropriate chaperones.

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Date

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Signature

# Texas 4-H and Youth Development Consequences of Misbehavior

## Violators May Expect:

To have the opportunity to explain actions to the professional Extension staff in charge. Behavior that is disruptive to the event will be documented and a letter describing such will be sent to the District 4-H Leadership Team, County Extension Agent(s) and parents/guardians of those involved. Examples of offenses are as listed below, but not limited to:

### Minor Offenses

1. *Habitually late to program activities*
2. *Not in room at designated time*
3. *Not possessing good manners and using language that is offensive to others*
4. *Not respecting the rights and privacy of those rooming with or attending an activity*
5. *Lying or untruthfulness to chaperones, leaders, event organizers or others in attendance*

### Intermediate Offenses

1. *Inappropriate visitation*
2. *Leaving a 4-H activity without the permission of staff member(s) in charge*
3. *Intentional damage to meeting site, sleeping quarters, person, or other person's property*
4. *Bullying*

### Major Offenses

1. *Smoking or using tobacco products*
2. *The use of alcohol or drugs*
3. *Carrying an unauthorized weapon*
4. *Threatening another person with a weapon or bodily harm*
5. *Cheating*
6. *Sexual activities*
7. *Theft of any kind*
8. *Acting in a manner considered by 4-H leadership to be harmful or potentially harmful to the health or well-being of themselves or others, whether such act occurred within, or outside of the 4-H program*

## **Consequences**

- For every offense 4-H member will receive a verbal reprimand.
- For every offense the violator shall write letters of apology to the appropriate people.

## **Major Offenses**

- Automatic removal from an event/activity and/or sending a participant home at the parent's/guardian's expense.
- One major offense during any 4-H year may lead to suspension of membership in all Texas 4-H and Youth Development programs for a defined period of time, along with the possibility of facing criminal charges, depending on offense. In addition, 4-H member may be asked to resign from all 4-H offices or leadership roles held or give up monetary awards or scholarships from the Texas 4-H program.
- May lead to Termination of 4-H Membership.

## **Intermediate Offenses**

- One or two violations is grounds for removal from the event/activity and/or sending a participant home at the parent's/guardian's expense.
- Three violations during one calendar year is grounds for the 4-H member to not be allowed in any county, district or state activities for the remainder of the 4-H year. In addition, 4-H member may be asked to resign from all 4-H offices or leadership roles held or to give up monetary awards or scholarships from the Texas 4-H program.

## **Minor Offenses**

- Consistent discipline problems requiring more than two reprimands is grounds for sending a 4-H member home at the parent's/guardian's expense.
- Habitual discipline problems requiring more than four reprimands during one calendar year is grounds for the 4-H member to not be allowed in any county, district or state activities for the remainder of the 4-H year. In addition 4-H member may be asked to resign from all 4-H offices or leadership roles held or to give up monetary awards or scholarships from the Texas 4-H program.

## **Course Of Action**

Event managers responsible for 4-H events and activities are encouraged to communicate to 4-H participants and adult chaperones prior to the event a standard of acceptable behavior, via the Commitment to Excellence. Standards of behavior and consequences should be reviewed with participants as part of the initial orientation.

1. Event Manager obtains all the relevant facts.
2. Brief the on-site adult responsible for the youth delegate (Extension faculty member or 4-H volunteer).
3. If not on-site, but available via phone, brief the county Extension faculty member and District Extension Administrator responsible.
4. Review consequences of misbehavior. The following steps should be taken when sending a 4-H member home:
  - \*Extension faculty member contacts parents.
  - \*Parents advised that child is being sent home by safest, most direct means, and that parents are responsible for cost.
  - \*Event manager decides if parents should be given the option of picking up the child.
  - \*County Extension faculty member collects money from parent to pay transportation charges.
  - \*Follow-up correspondence from event's manager to appropriate county Extension faculty member, District 4-H Leadership Team, child and parent for documentation.
5. For all reprimands a Summary Letter and Accident/Incident Report Form will be completed and mailed to the 4-H member, parent, County Extension Agents, District Extension Administrator, County Extension Directors (if applicable), 4-H Specialist, Texas 4-H Program Director and the Associate Directors for 4-H, Youth and Human Sciences and County Programs. Additionally, notification will be made to District 4-H Leadership Team prior to letter and form being mailed.

I have read the Texas 4-H Commitment to Excellence and understand what violators may expect. I agree with the Code of Conduct and do intend to abide by it throughout my 4-H activities. I have reviewed and understand the Consequences of Misbehavior.

\_\_\_\_\_  
4-H Member Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
County

\_\_\_\_\_  
District

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

As the parent or guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, I have read the commitment and do support all points. I give permission to the professional Extension faculty in charge to carry out the Code of Conduct as described including inspection of rooms.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date