



2008-2009 TEXAS 4-H MEMBER ENROLLMENT FORM

Unit/Club Name:		Unit/Club Number:		
Meml	ber Information			
NameLast First	Middle Initial	Check if either parent or guardian is in the military.		
Mailing Address		The following information is requested to gather statis-		
City/Town Z	tics to comply with non-discrimination requirements. Are you of Hispanic ethnicity? Check only one. Yes No			
Home Phone		What is your racial group(s)? Check all that apply. White		
E-mail		Black		
Date of Birth / Gender	☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native☐ Asian☐ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander			
Place of Residence - Check only one				
☐ Farm ☐ Suburb of city more than 50,000 ☐ Town under 10,000 and rural non-farm ☐ Central city more than 50,000		Grade in School Name of School		
Town/City 10,000-50,000 and its suburbs		Years in 4-H (include this year)		
Parent/Gi	uardian Information			
Name (Primary)				
Address				
Occupation				
Work Phone	Work Phone			
Home Phone	Home Phone			
E-mail	E-mail			
4-H Leadership Information Check if club officer Youth Leadership Type (check all that apply) Junior Leader If you're a new 4-H member, how did you hear about 4-H? School program Web Newspaper Centennial Dother List your projects (Refer to 4-H I-3.055 – Annual List) Code Project Name	We give per be reproducted when the reproduction with the per complete sulprogram effective with the program effective with the program effective with the program effective with the program of the participation of the participation with the program effective	 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		
What other projects would you like 4-H to offer?	Date	Parent/Guardian Signature		

Check this box if you do not want your family to receive direct mailed information from the Texas 4-H Friends and Alumni Association.

Texas 4-H and Youth Development 2008-2009 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 at any 4-H program event.
- 6. I will not 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 carry a weapon 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.			

Date	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 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 the remainder of the 4-H year, along with the possibilities of facing criminal charges, pending 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.

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 <u>all</u> 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), District 4-H Specialist and the Associate Directors for 4-H and Youth 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
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sion to the pr	rofessional Extension faculty in charge to ca	arry out the Code of Conduct as d	iescribea including inspecti-	on of rooms.
	Parent or Gua	ardian	Date	