YOUTH CODE OF CONDUCT

4-H members participating in or attending club, county, regional, district, state and national programs, activities, events, shows, and contests sponsored for youth by the 4-H Youth Development Program of Cornell Cooperative Extension Cayuga County are required to conduct themselves according to the following Code of Conduct.

The following are not permitted at 4-H sponsored programs, activities, or events:

1. Clothing printed with:
   a. Advertisements for tobacco or alcohol
   b. Inappropriate, lewd, or suggestive messages
2. Revealing clothing such as (but not limited to):
   a. Inappropriately short skirts or shorts;
   b. Revealing (including midriff-baring) tops;
   c. Pants worn to show underwear
3. Possession, consumption or distribution of alcohol.
4. Possession, use, or distribution of illegal drugs.
5. Possession or use of all tobacco products.
7. Boys in girls' dormitory or lodging areas and girls in boys' dormitory or lodging areas.
8. Cheating or misrepresenting project work.
9. Theft, destruction, or abuse of property.
10. Violation of an established curfew.
11. Unauthorized absence from program site.
12. Physical, verbal, emotional, or mental abuse of another person.
13. Possession or use of a weapon (except as part of an authorized shooting sports event or other staff-authorized use).
14. Possession or use of a harmful object with the intent to hurt or intimidate others.
15. Other conduct deemed inappropriate for the youth development program by Cornell Cooperative Extension Cayuga County staff, or a 4-H volunteer leader.
16. Youth are expected to arrive on time, and be prepared for all 4-H events, shows and meetings.

If this code is violated, the following steps may be taken:

1. The adult chaperone for the youth involved in the violation (extension staff or 4-H leader) will be made aware of the situation.
2. The parent(s) may be called and arrangements made for transportation home at the parent's expense.
3. The 4-Her may be barred from participating in 4-H.
4. When a violation occurs at a competitive event, 4-H members may be disqualified from the contest and may be ineligible for any awards. Competition in later contests may also be barred.
5. If any laws are violated, the case may be referred to the police.

*By signing my name below, I have read and fully understand the "Code of Conduct" above, and will abide by them.

Signature of Youth ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

ADULT CODE OF CONDUCT

Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) of Cayuga County Parents/Guardians (of youth involved with CCE programs) are expected to accept and adhere to the following standards of behavior when their child(ren) is/are engaged in CCE Youth Development Program activities as stated here.

As a CCE Parent or Guardian I will:

1. Respect and adhere to CCE rules, policies and guidelines that relate to specific CCE Youth Programs.
2. Conduct myself in an ethical manner.
3. Model kindness and compassion for others. Recognize that all young people have skills and talents that can be used to help others and improve the community.
4. Teach and model fair-mindedness by being open to ideas, suggestions and opinions of others. This includes the final opinions of judges/evaluators for all Youth Programs.
5. Fulfill my parental/guardian duties, including completion of required records or reports, in a timely manner.
6. Work cooperatively with CCE Extension staff and volunteers.
7. Avoid and prevent put-downs, insults, name-calling, yelling and other verbal and non-verbal conduct as well as written items (including social networking, Internet, etc.) likely to offend, hurt or set a bad example.
8. Be responsible for my behavior, exhibit good sportsmanship, use appropriate language and uphold exemplary standards of conduct at all CCE youth activities.
9. Respect and uphold the rights and duties of all staff, other volunteers, and all individuals who participate in CCE programs recognizing that people's values, beliefs, customs, and strengths differ.
10. Respect individuals of diverse backgrounds, cultures, and perspectives.
11. Not possess, sell, offer, consume or use alcohol and/or controlled substances at CCE youth events/activities, or attend CCE youth activities under the influence of alcohol and/or controlled substances.
12. Model the importance of obeying the laws and rules as an obligation of citizenship & commit no illegal or abusive act.
13. Provide a safe environment, not carelessly or intentionally harming youth or adults in any way; verbally, mentally, or physically.

*By signing my name below, I have read and fully understand the "Code of Conduct" above, and will abide by them.

Signature of a Parent/Legal Guardian ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

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