# STATE EVENT 4-H CODE OF CONDUCT

The following guidelines are designed to make your experience at 4-H events satisfying to you and to all others attending. This means that all participants members, volunteers, and 4-H YDP staff shall adhere to the core values of the University of California 4-H Youth Development Program, respect the individual rights, safety, and property of others. While attending 4-H events, you are representing all of 4-H.

**WHILE ATTENDING ALL 4-H MEETINGS, PROJECTS, PROGRAMS AND EVENTS**:

1. Everyone is expected to attend all planned sessions, workshops, field trips, and meetings of the event, and to be in appropriate dress. Delegation chaperons and/or project volunteers are responsible for ensuring that members participate in all aspects of the planned program activities.
2. The possession and use of alcoholic beverages and/or drugs, other than prescription medication is prohibited; participants are not to smoke in group meetings, in sleeping areas, or while wearing any part of the 4-H uniform.
3. Setting off fire alarms or tampering with fire extinguishing equipment or other emergency equipment is prohibited.
4. Gambling and betting by adults and youth representing 4-H is prohibited.
5. Obscene and discriminatory language, roughhousing, and insubordination will not be tolerated at any time.
6. Youth members should demonstrate respect to older adults.
7. Display of overly affectionate attention between participants is discouraged.
8. All participants are to be in their assigned area at curfew and comply with quiet hours, lights out, and other rules of the event.

**WHILE ATTENDING OVERNIGHT CONFERENCES, CAMPS AND EVENTS, THE FOLLOWING WILL ALSO APPLY**:

9. All participants are to be in their assigned area at curfew and to comply with the quiet hours, lights out, and other rules of the event.
10. No member or volunteer may leave the grounds unless permission is secured from the conference director or adult in charge. An adult must accompany 4-H members. Adults must notify another adult in the delegation before leaving grounds.
11. At overnight events, only Conference participants may be in dormitory areas. No one will be in the sleeping areas of members of the opposite sex. Lounges may be used only for working committees and social activities.
12. Room service such as phone calls, food, laundry, or others will not be permitted.

**PENALTIES FOR INFRACTIONS**

Infractions of this Code of Conduct must be reported promptly by anyone observing them to the adult in charge of the delegation/project and to the person in charge of the event who will bear final responsibility for disciplinary action. Penalties may include any or all of the following:

Sending a participant home; barring that participant from future 4-H events; assessing the participant the cost of damages and repairs in the event of damage/destruction of property; releasing the participant to nearest law enforcement agency and/or the proper authorities; and termination of 4-H membership (youth and adult).

Parents and the county 4-H office will be notified of action taken. If a participant is sent home, fees will not be refunded, and transportation will be at the participant's own expense.

I, _____ have read the Code of Conduct and agree to abide by its rules.
Print Name

I understand that infraction of this Code will result in any or all of the penalties listed above.

MEMBER/VOLUNTEER _____ COUNTY _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN _____ DATE: _____