



Cornell University  
Cooperative Extension  
Schoharie and Otsego Counties



## 4-H Member's Code of Conduct

Everyone is responsible for upholding and following this code so that we may work together well and achieve the educational goals of our program.

- I will be considerate and courteous and respect the rights and feelings of all the members, leaders and guests of my 4-H club.
- I will act in a mature, responsible way, remembering that I am a role model and representing Otsego County 4-H.
- I will not use anyone else's things without permission.
- I will cooperate with all reasonable requests made by the leaders, chaperones, and other adults who help at my 4-H club, project meetings and trips.
- I will come to 4-H meetings and activities on time and participate in the planned program even when an activity is not my favorite. While participating, I will make sure to act so that everyone involved can stay safe, have fun, and learn something.
- I will not use or bring to any 4-H meeting or activity any alcoholic beverage, tobacco product, or illegal drug.
- I will not bring to any 4-H meeting or activity any gun, knife, or anything else that could be used as a weapon, unless it is required for a project, class, or activity. (I understand that my leader or the instructor will give me a written list of equipment when such items are needed.)
- I will dress appropriately for 4-H events, following special event guidelines when requested.
- When I choose to participate in county, district, state or national 4-H activities I will obey the special rules that apply to those activities.

Consequences: I understand that if I choose not to follow this code, I may:

- In mild cases, receive a warning
- Be able to remain at the event, but be barred from a future event
- Lose Fair premiums (if misbehavior occurs at Fair)
- Be sent home at my family's expense.
- Be asked to a conference with Staff, the Program Committee, and my family

I promise to obey this code of conduct \_\_\_\_\_  
(Member's signature)

I have read this Code of Conduct and have witnessed my child's signature

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(Signature of parent or guardian)

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Date