



4-H Member and Family Code of Conduct

B.C. 4-H is dedicated to the personal development of youth while providing a positive impact on volunteers and communities in British Columbia. In order to achieve this mission all participants must be willing to comply with the guidelines and policies of the 4-H program in British Columbia. This includes recognizing and adhering to a Code of Conduct. Failure to comply may result in the dismissal of the member or family in the 4-H program,

1. 4-H members are expected to contribute and participate to the best of their abilities. This includes arriving on time for meetings and events and participating fully in all planned activities.
2. 4-H members, families, volunteers and guests should be treated appropriately and courteously as you yourself would like to be treated while ensuring respect for people and property.
3. A positive 4-H image is expected at all times. The use of profanity, crude remarks, derogatory dress and actions will not be condoned.
4. Behaviour must be conducive to a friendly, safe, fun and learning environment. Behaviour that is disruptive to other 4-H members, families and volunteers or is harmful physically, mentally and/or emotionally to you and other 4-H members, families and volunteers will not be tolerated.
5. Acts of discrimination, and/or harassment on the basis of race, nationality or ethnic origin, colour, age, religion, family status or disability is unacceptable from all 4-H participants.
6. Emotional, physical, verbal, mental or sexual abuse of any participant will not be tolerated.
7. Possession and/or use of alcohol, illegal drugs or inhalants are forbidden by participants, regardless of age of majority, at 4-H member activities and will result in disciplinary action.
8. Maintaining the privacy of 4-H participants is important. No person shall disregard another's privacy, including personal belongings, accommodation or hygiene facilities.
9. The district, regional or provincial councils may have additional guidelines and/or policies that need to be adhered to. It is the responsibility of the 4-H participant to ensure that he/she is aware of and understands these additional rules and responsibilities.

Failure to comply with this 4-H Code of Conduct may be cause for dismissal of a 4-H member or family from a club/activity/program. In case of dismissal, no portion of fees will be refundable. Interpretation of this code is at the discretion of those 4-H volunteers and/or staff responsible for the activity, in consultation with other volunteers as appropriate.

I, _____, have read the 4-H Member and family Code of Conduct and agree to participate within these boundaries while in attendance at 4-H activities. I further understand that any violation of the 4-H Code of Conduct may be cause for dismissal from the 4-H club/activity/program.

4-H Member Signature

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date of Signature

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