

Cherokee Youth Council



Vision

The Cherokee Youth Council will produce a selfless giving generation that will be grounded in cultural and traditional values.

Mission

Bring back the valued voice of the youth that was tradition in the days of the Cherokee Grand Council. Together we are going to strengthen ourselves, community, schools, and future through the practice of traditional values.

The Cherokee Youth Council provides an atmosphere for youth to voice their opinion on issues that matter to them. Using traditional values in the meetings such as:

- ❖ **Spirituality**
- ❖ **Honoring the past**
- ❖ **Group Harmony**
- ❖ **Possessing a sense of humor**
- ❖ **Sense of place**
- ❖ **Strong individual character**
- ❖ **Educating the children**



4-H Enrollment Form



Name of 4-H Group/Unit: _____ Year: _____

Member Name: _____
First Middle Last

Address: _____
Street Address City State Zip Code

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____ County: _____

Gender*: Male Female Date of Birth: _____ Grade: _____ School Attending: _____

Do you live*: Farm City over 50,000 people
(Choose only one) Town under 10,000 people or rural non-farm Suburbs of city over 50,000 people
 City 10,000-50,000 people Military installation: _____

Do you have parent/guardian(s) active in the military? Yes ___ No ___

If yes, circle all that apply: Army Air Force Navy Marines Coast Guard National Guard(Air & Army) Reserves

Ethnic group*: A. Choose One: Hispanic or Latino Non-Hispanic or Latino

B. Choose all that apply:

- White or Caucasian Asian
- Black or African-American Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- American Indian or Alaska Native Other _____

Parent or Guardian: _____
First Middle Last

Address: _____
Street Address City State Zip Code

Phone: _____ (____) _____ (____) _____
Area Code Daytime/Cell phone Area Code Home phone Email (if applicable)

Additional Parent or Guardian: _____
First Middle Last

Address: _____
Street Address City State Zip Code

Phone: _____ (____) _____ (____) _____
Area Code Daytime/Cell phone Area Code Home phone Email (if applicable)

1. A parent or guardian should sign below whichever statements you wish to apply to the youth's involvement in 4-H programs.

_____ I agree to allow 4-H to take photographs/audio/video of my child for use in 4-H and other N.C. Cooperative Extension educational, promotional, and/or marketing materials. Neither individual addresses nor telephone numbers will be published within these materials.

_____ I do not wish for 4-H to take photographs of my child for use in 4-H or N.C. Cooperative Extension educational, promotional or marketing purposes.

2. The enrolling youth is bound by the NC 4-H Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Procedure for 4-H events and activities. The youth should initial here if he/she has received and reviewed the NC 4-H Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Procedure for 4-H events and activities: _____.

**This information is required for all federally assisted programs and is solely used for the purpose of determining compliance with Federal civil rights laws; your responses will not affect consideration of your application. By providing this information, you will assist us in assuring that this program is administered in a nondiscriminatory manner.*



<p style="text-align: center;">For office use only</p> <p>4-H Membership # _____</p> <p>Date entered: _____</p>
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**4-H Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Procedure
North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service
Department of 4-H Youth Development**



I. Purpose and Application:

- A. The 4-H Code of Conduct is intended to foster a safe environment that is conducive to optimal learning and growth. Toward that end, youth participants are expected to behave in a way that respects the rights and property of others, and that will not disrupt or interfere with 4-H program goals.
- B. This 4-H Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Procedure is a condition of participation in any North Carolina 4-H activities or programs.

II. Behaviors Prohibited at 4-H program Activities:

- A. Possession, selling, and/or use of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, and illegal drugs OR being present where individuals are using alcohol, tobacco products and/or any illegal substances
- B. Any kind of sexually related physical contact
- C. Possession of weapons or firearms (except while participating in a 4-H Shooting Sports Event)
- D. Behavior that violates state or local laws
- E. Damage to property of others
- F. Theft, misuse or abuse of public or personal property
- G. Conduct that jeopardizes the safety of self or others
- H. Conduct that disrupts or interferes with 4-H programming
- I. Leaving a program or facility without permission of parents or 4-H staff (including authorized volunteers)
- J. Inappropriate dress, including but not limited to clothing that is sexually suggestive, indecent, or otherwise disruptive to the operations or goals of 4-H. Examples include clothing with negative or hateful language or symbols; see-through blouses, skirts or pants; sagging pants; exposed undergarments; bare midriff shirts; and excessively short or tight garments. Clothing should meet the standards expected in public schools. Specific clothing requirements may be required where appropriate for a particular event
- K. Unruly behavior in hotels and public areas, particularly during overnight events. There should be no running in the halls, prank calls, unnecessary noise, excessively late hours, or visiting in rooms of the opposite sex

III. Additional Basis for Disciplinary Action

County or State Extension personnel may impose discipline pursuant to Part IV below in cases of misconduct by current, former, or prospective 4-H participants if, in the judgment of 4-H personnel or their supervisors, the misconduct poses a potential risk to the 4-H program. This includes risks to the safety or well-being of others and risks to the effective functioning or integrity of 4-H. This applies regardless of whether the misconduct occurred during a 4-H activity or in a setting unrelated to 4-H activity.



IV. Disciplinary Procedures:

- A. Discipline may be imposed by any 4-H staff or Cooperative Extension Service employee who has oversight responsibility for 4-H activities.
- B. Unless immediate action is required, the following procedures must take place before there can be any finding or conclusion of guilt:
 - 1) the accused participant shall be told the charge (which of the prohibited behaviors listed above he or she is accused of violating), and
 - 2) the accused participant is told what factual evidence supports the charge, and
 - 3) the accused participant has been given a chance to tell his/her side of the story.
- C. The 4-H staff person must be satisfied that the participant more likely than not engaged in the prohibited behavior before imposing a sanction.
- D. Sanctions may include some or all of the following:
 - 1) Verbal warning
 - 2) Notification to parents
 - 3) Immediate removal from the activity
 - 4) Being placed on a behavior contract
 - 5) Referral to local law enforcement and/or juvenile court
 - 6) Program suspension and/or
 - 7) Expulsion from program
 - 8) Other sanctions appropriate to the circumstances, as determined by 4-H.
- E. Appeals
 - 1) Disciplinary action for local or county-level events may be appealed to the County Director and or 4-H Agent. All appeals must in writing and must be received by the County Director and or 4-H Agent within 30 days of the disciplinary action. The County Director and or 4-H Agent or designee shall review the appeal statement, any written response from the decision maker, and may review other relevant information. The County Director and or 4-H Agent shall send a written decision to the appellant, the 4-H staff member who made the initial decision, and Head of the Department of 4-H Youth Development. The County Director and or 4-H Agent's appeal decision shall constitute the final agency action unless the Department Head chooses to exercise further review.
 - 2) Disciplinary action for regional or state-level events may be appealed to the Head of the Department of 4-H Youth Development, Cooperative Extension Service, Box 7606, NC State University, Raleigh NC 27695-7606; telephone (919) 515-3242. All appeals must in writing and must be received by the Department within 30 days of the disciplinary action. The Department Head or designee shall review the appeal statement, any written response from the decision maker, and may review other relevant information. The Department Head shall send a written decision to the appellant and the 4-H staff member who made the initial decision, and the Department Head's appeal decision shall constitute the final agency action.
- F. Immediate action situations:

4-H or Extension staff may take immediate action to remove a participant from an activity and other action as needed, where there is an emergency situation or significant risk of continuing misconduct. In those cases, the immediate action is temporary discipline and the 4-H or Extension staff must arrange for the procedures in parts B, C, D, and E above as soon as possible but in no event longer than seven days from the temporary discipline.



North Carolina 4-H and _____ County 4-H
 Photographic, Video, and Audio
 Optional Publicity Release

I do _____ or do NOT _____ give permission to North Carolina State University, through its Cooperative Extension program for North Carolina 4-H, and _____ County Extension staff, to take photographs and/or record video and/or audio or otherwise record images and likenesses of me and/or my property and to use these for 4-H Youth Development nonprofit educational, promotional, and/or marketing materials. I further consent that my name and identity may be revealed therein or by descriptive text or commentary.

I expressly release North Carolina State University, its agents, employees, licensees and assigns from and any and all claims which I may have for invasion of privacy, right of publicity, defamation, copyright infringement, or any other causes of action arising out of the use, adaptation, reproduction, distribution, broadcast or exhibition of such recordings of my image, voice, or likeness.

I understand this permission is entirely optional, and that participants who do not give permission will remain eligible for 4-H services, benefits, and privileges the same as those who do give permission.

Participant Name (please print): _____

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

If individual is under the age of 18, consent of the legal parent or guardian is needed.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____

Parent/Guardian name (please print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



4-H MEDICAL INFORMATION AND INFORMED CONSENT FOR TREATMENT FOR NC 4-H SPONSORED EVENTS

4-H'er's Name _____

PLEASE READ AND COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING FORM. THIS FORM MUST BE PRESENTED AT THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FOR THE 4-H SPONSORED EVENT BEING ATTENDED.

I. Medical Information

Known allergies to foods, drugs, insect stings or bites, etc.: _____

Special medical concerns or conditions that event supervisors should know about, including contagious illnesses, epilepsy, asthma, diabetes, previous injuries to bones/joints, etc.: _____

List special dietary needs: _____

Medications currently being taken (name of medication, dose, and frequency): _____

Family Physician: Name _____ Phone # (____) _____

Address _____

II. Insurance Information

The 4-H program purchases insurance for youth participants for many sponsored events. In some cases, this coverage will not pay for some medical expenses and it may be necessary to bill the family or your insurance company.

Health Insurance Company _____ Health Insurance Policy # _____ Company Address _____ Number (____) _____ Phone Company Telephone _____

III.

If you are a person with a disability and desire any assistive devices, services or other accommodations to participate in this activity, please contact _____ [name, office] at _____ [phone number/TTY] during business hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. to discuss accommodations at least _____ [hours/days] prior to the activity.

Signatures Acknowledging Parts I, II, and III

Parent's/Guardian's signature _____ Date: _____

Participant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian telephone #: Home _____ Work _____

IV. Informed Consent

In the event that a participant needs minor medical care from 4-H or more significant medical care from a qualified health care provider, including in rare cases possible hospitalization and/or surgery, the parent/guardian is asked to sign the informed consent form below. In case of serious medical condition, 4-H will make every effort to notify the parents, but the first priority may be providing care to the participant.

Authorization to Consent to Health Care for Minor

I, _____, of _____ County, am the custodial parent having legal custody of _____, a minor child, age _____, born _____, I authorize any adult(s) acting as agents (including official volunteers) or employees of the _____ 4-H program and in whose care the minor child has been entrusted, to do any acts which may be necessary or proper to provide for the health care of the minor child, including, but not limited to, the power (i) to provide for such health care at any hospital or other institution, or the employing of any physician, dentist, nurse, or other person for such health care, and (ii) to consent to and authorize any health care, including administration of anesthesia, X-ray examination, performance of operations, and other procedures by physicians, dentists, and other medical personnel except the withholding or withdrawal of life sustaining procedures.

This consent shall be effective for one year from the date of the execution.

Custodial Parent Signature _____ Date _____

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF _____

On this _____ day of _____, 20____, personally appeared before me the said named, _____, to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and he (or she) acknowledged that he (or she) executed the same and being duly sworn by me, made oath that the statements in the foregoing instrument are true.

My commission expires _____, 20____.

Notary Public

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

Overnight Sleeping Rooms Rule for 4-H Youth Development Department
PRR Classification #
PRR General Subject Matter

Authority: Department of 4-H Youth Development

History: First Enacted: June 9, 2006; Last Revised: N/A

Related Policies: None

Additional References: None

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1. Introduction: This rule was developed by the Department of 4-H Youth Development to ensure best practice guidelines when arranging overnight sleeping accommodations for adults and youth at 4-H programs. The rationale for this rule is to avoid situations that place adults and youth in compromising circumstances. This rule intends to promote a safe environment for both adults and youth at 4-H overnight functions.

2. Overnight Sleeping Rooms Rule for Adults and Youth at 4-H Programs

2.1 In assigning 4-H program participants to housing for overnight activities or events, unrelated adults should not share private sleeping rooms with youth. Youth should be assigned private sleeping space with other youth within a three-year age range. Adults should be assigned sleeping space with other adults. An unrelated adult should never share a bed with a young person. No individual youth under the age of 18 should be assigned to a private individual room.

2.2 If a circumstance exists such that rule 2.1 is not feasible, then local 4-H office may in its discretion allow a parent/guardian to choose one of the following options:

Option 1: The parent/guardian may sign a consent form for a youth under the age of 18 years of age to stay in a room alone. This form must be signed by the County 4-H Agent, County Director, and witness unrelated to the youth, parent or guardian.

Option 2: The parent/guardian may sign a consent form for a youth to be assigned an overnight sleeping room with an unrelated adult of the same gender. This form must be signed by the County 4-H Agent, County Director, and witness unrelated to the youth, parent or guardian.

Option 3: The parent/guardian may sign a consent form for youth to room with another youth that is more than three years older or younger. This form must be signed by the County 4-H Agent, County Director, and witness unrelated to the youth, parent or guardian.

3. Overnight Sleeping Rooms Rule for Dorm and Cabin Lodging at 4-H Programs
 - 3.1 In assigning overnight accommodations in dormitory or cabin style sleeping situations, appropriate supervision must be arranged. Adults who are assigned to the cabins/dormitories should be counseled in appropriate supervision of the youth participating in the program. To the extent possible, youth participants should be grouped by age.
4. Compliance Guideline
 - 4.1 Failure of Extension staff to comply with appropriate best practice guidelines regarding housing for overnight activities or events may result in disciplinary action.