

# LARIMER COUNTY 4-H MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT

## Purpose of 4-H

Larimer County 4-H is the informal youth education program of Extension through Colorado State University. Through 4-H projects and programs, youth learn life skills, citizenship, communication and decision making techniques, leadership, interpersonal relations, community and global awareness. 4-H helps youth form attitudes that will enable them to become self-directing, productive, and contributing members of society.

## MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

### Larimer County 4-H Members Should:

- Conduct themselves in a courteous, respectful manner, use appropriate language, exhibit honesty, good sportsmanship and act as a positive role model.
- Learn and live by the principles of the 4-H Pledge, 4-H Motto and 4-H Slogan.
- Abstain from the use of illegal drugs, alcoholic substances or tobacco products. These are NOT allowed at any 4-H sponsored program, event and/or activity. This applies to local club meetings, county, district, state, and national events.
- Respect the rights and authority of leaders, parents and Extension Agents.
- Respect the rights, property, and privacy of 4-H members.
- Adhere to individual program rules, policies and guidelines.
- Fully participate in scheduled activities.
- Refrain from physical or verbal abuse.
- Apply rules of safety to individuals, groups and property.
- Accept personal responsibility for behavior.

Conduct not in keeping with high 4-H standards will not be tolerated. Violation of items listed above will result in consequences to the participant. Consequences may include removal, at the individual's expense and without refund, from participation in an event; restitution or repayment of damages; sanctions on participation in future 4-H events; forfeiture of financial support for an event; removal from offices held; etc.

Colorado State University Extension, Larimer County, believes in the right of every child to a safe and nurturing environment.