



New Jersey 4-H Code of Conduct

The primary purpose of the New Jersey 4-H Code of Conduct is to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants at 4-H sponsored events and activities. It applies to all participants, with participants defined as 4-H members, their parents/guardians, and volunteers.

As a participant in the 4-H program, I will:

- **Conduct myself in a courteous manner and treat members, parents, 4-H volunteers, Extension staff, judges and others with respect. Appropriate language and behavior are expected at all times.**
- **Respect and adhere to the rules and guidelines of the 4-H program including all those specific to a 4-H event or activity.**
- **Uphold an individual's right to dignity by supporting an environment of inclusion which welcomes involvement of participants from all backgrounds.**
- **Accept supervision and support from county and state 4-H staff while participating in the 4-H program. This includes acceptance of supervision and support from appointed 4-H volunteers coordinating 4-H events and activities.**
- **Obey local, state and federal laws.**

All aspects of the 4-H Code of Conduct and Discipline Policy apply to your social media presence involving 4-H.

Participants who fail to adhere to the New Jersey 4-H Code of Conduct are subject to a range of disciplinary actions. Such actions will be taken in compliance with the New Jersey 4-H Discipline Policy and Procedure. When appropriate, immediate corrective action will be taken at the 4-H event to ensure the safety and welfare of all participants.

I understand if I fail to adhere to the above Code of Conduct, I will be subject to disciplinary action and potentially prohibited from attending and participating in the New Jersey 4-H Youth Development program.

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