

4-H TRIPlE E Excellent Exchange Experience CODE OF CONDUCT

The primary goal of the 4-H Program is to help youth develop competency in their projects, confidence in themselves and others, connections to their community and sound character. Actions by persons (Parents, and 4-Her's) involved with the 4-H TRIPlE E = Excellent Exchange Experience will be consistent with the six core ethical values comprising good character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, caring, fairness and citizenship.

As a 4-H Participant/Parent/Guardian I will:

- Treat all people and property with respect, courtesy, consideration and compassion. Avoid and prevent put-downs, insults, name calling, swearing and other language or non-verbal conduct likely to offend, hurt or set a bad example.
- Keep informed about Kansas 4-H Program policies and projects to be able to share info teaching 4-H families from other states pertaining to our state and county 4-H Programs.
- Teach and model kindness and compassion for others. Recognize that all people have skills and talents, which can be used to help others and improve the community. Teach and foster teamwork and discourage selfishness.
- Practice fair-mindedness by being open to ideas, suggestions and opinions of others. I will make all reasonable efforts to assure equal access to participation for all youth and adults regardless of race, creed, color, sex, national origin or disability. Decisions will be made fairly and treat all individuals and families with impartiality.
- Obey laws and rules as an obligation of being a good citizen. I accept responsibility for the proper treatment and care for other youth and adults, the program facilities and/or equipment, wherever we travel.
- Demonstrate the responsible treatment of animals and stewardship of the environment.
- Not use alcohol or illegal substances (or be under the influence) while working with or participating in any part of the 4-H TRIPlE E = Excellent Exchange Experience or any other 4-H Programs.
- Provide a safe environment for all parties involved in 4-H. I will protect those involved from sexual harassment, physical force, verbal or mental abuse, neglect, or other harmful behaviors.
- During the 4-H TRIPlE E = Excellent Exchange Experience, I agree to limit cell phone/texting use (except camera function) **during activities** and **while riding in vehicles**, except in emergencies. I understand that inappropriate use of phone, including texting others in the same vehicle rather than talking with all, could result in a request by chaperones to put phone away, which must be respected. One focus of our TRIP is to engage with those around us, communicating & getting to know EVERYONE in our group, chaperones, + host group.

4-H Youth who do not abide by the above Code of Conduct, may receive the following consequences:

- Be asked to explain actions to TRIPlE E chaperones, group members, sponsoring 4-H Council, or others.
- Be dismissed from an event or the TRIP and sent home at own/parents' expense.
- Further disciplinary action determined by Riley County Extension Council or your local County 4-H Program.
- Reimburse the proper entity for any property damage or for liability resulting from inappropriate actions. In the case of vandalism, guilty party may be required to reimburse 4-H and/or the facility.

Signatures: _____ Date _____

Participant _____ Parent _____