Skagit County 4-H Code of Conduct

As you participate in 4-H events, you have the responsibility of representing **ALL** 4-H members to the public. Therefore, you are expected to conduct yourself in a manner that respects individual rights, safety and property of others and reflects favorably on your state, county, and club as well as yourself. While attending 4-H events you are expected to observe the following guidelines:

1. The possession and/or use of alcoholic beverages or drugs, other than prescribed medication, are **prohibited**.
2. Smoking by youth member or in the presence of youth members is prohibited at any event and at any location.
3. Setting off fire alarms or tampering with fire extinguishing/emergency equipment is **prohibited**.
4. Obscene and discriminatory language, roughhousing and insubordination will **not** be tolerated.
5. Members, leaders ***and*** parents must demonstrate respect to others.
6. Display of overly affectionate attention between boys and girls is discouraged.
7. Damage to, or destruction of, property belonging to others is strictly **prohibited**.
8. Animal abuse of any kind is **prohibited**.
9. Display of unsportsmanlike conduct is **prohibited** and may result in immediate dismissal or pulling of premiums.
10. Dress should be **appropriate** for the function, in a manner that reflects positively on the 4-H program.

Anyone, including 4-H members, parents, leaders, and fair staff upon observing an infraction of the Code of Conduct must report promptly to the adult in charge. Parents and the 4-H Program Coordinator MUST be notified when penalties are necessary. If the infraction occurs on the fairgrounds during fair, the fair management **must** be notified as well.

Penalties for Infraction may include any or all of the following:

1. Immediate dismissal from an event. Sent home.
2. Barring a member from future 4-H events.
3. Assessing a member the cost of damages and/or repairs in the event of property destruction.
4. Barring the member from receiving premiums, ribbons and/or awards.
5. Probationary periods may be invoked: allowing a member to participate ***only*** in Skagit County events, but not receiving rosettes, high-points.
6. Termination of 4-H membership (youth or adult).

I have read the *Skagit County 4-H Code of Conduct*. I understand the behavior expectations and will adhere to those requirements. I also understand the penalties for inappropriate behavior as a 4-H member.

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Member's Name (printed) **Member Signature** **Date**

Parent Signature _____ **Date** _____

Leader Signature _____ **Date** _____