

**Permission for Youth to Participate**  
For the 4-H Enrollment Year

I hereby give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in organized events and activities offered by the Colorado 4-H Youth Development Program. It is my understanding that my child will learn, understand and follow established guidelines for safety in the activities in which he/she participates. We also agree to follow the County/State 4-H Code of Conduct.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY AND RELEASE**

Participants Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ for the current 4-H enrollment year beginning October 1 and ending September 30.

I understand and acknowledge that there are certain hazards and risks associated with my child's participation in 4-H educational activities. These risks may result in injury, death or damage to property. I understand and accept such risks, and thus waive all claims, demands and causes of action against the State of Colorado, The Board of Governors of the Colorado State University System, Colorado State University, Custer County and their members, officers, employees, agents and volunteers acting on their behalf. I understand that I am solely responsible for any costs arising out of any injury or property damage sustained through my child's participation in 4-H educational programs.

I have had sufficient time to review and seek explanation of the provisions contained above, have carefully read them, understand them fully, and agree to be bound by them. After careful deliberation, I voluntarily give my consent to my child's participation and agree to the terms contained in this Acknowledgement of Responsibility and Release.

READ, UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED TO THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

I, (printed name) \_\_\_\_\_, am the parent or legal guardian of the 4-H participant. I have read and I understand the provisions of this document, I consent to the participant taking part in the activities described above, and I fully enter into and agree to the above Acknowledgement of Responsibility and Release.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**DENIAL OF PERMISSION TO USE CHILD'S PHOTOGRAPH FORM**

Colorado State University Extension would like to share the positive results of youth participation in Extension and 4-H Youth Development events. However, in some cases, parents or guardians may want to deny this publicity. If you DO NOT want your child's picture used for certain promotional efforts, select the appropriate option and sign below. If this form is not filled out, publicity about this child's participation will be used. I do hereby DENY permission for Colorado State University Extension and/or 4-H to use publicity information.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

**COLORADO 4-H CODE OF CONDUCT**

Colorado 4-H members, leaders, parents and other adults participating in 4-H programs will:

1. Adhere to program rules, curfews, dress codes, policies, and rules of the facility being used.
2. Conduct themselves in a courteous, respectful manner, use appropriate language, exhibit good sportsmanship, and act as positive role model.
3. Abstain from illegal behaviors, use of alcohol, marijuana, illegal or illicit drugs, tobacco, e-cig, and vaping during 4-H events and activities.
4. Fully participate in scheduled activities.
5. Respect other's property and privacy rights.
6. Respect the rights and authority of parents, leaders and Extension Agents.
7. Abstain from child abuse (physical and/or verbal) and harassment
8. Accept personal responsibility for behavior including any financial damage.
9. Be responsible for any financial damage caused by inappropriate behavior.
10. Adhere to principles and rules of safety.
11. 4-H members are NOT allowed to drive to out-of-county 4-H events or activities. It is expected that 4-Hers will be driven by parents, officially enrolled leaders or extension agents. In case of extenuating circumstances, parents may designate another adult (at least 21 years of age) to drive provided a "Travel Authorization Form" is completed and turned in to the extension office 24 hours PRIOR to the event or activity.

Consequences for violating any of this code of conduct may include, but are not limited to: removal from participation in the event in which the code of conduct has been violated (at the individual's expense); sanctions on participating in future 4-H events; forfeiture of financial support for the event; removal from offices held, etc.

Behavior outside of 4-H activities can affect "member in good standing" or "volunteer in good standing" status.

It is the responsibility of all program participants to reinforce the code of conduct and intervene when necessary to enforce the rules. You will achieve greater success in resolving problems and conflicts by focusing on the issue or behavior and not on the person.