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Code of Conduct

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While attending 4-H meetings, projects, programs, and events as a 4-H member, I will:

- Obey all rules established by the 4-H Fridays program and all local, state, and federal laws.
- Be honest and accept responsibility for personal choices.
- Conduct myself in a courteous manner and be respectful of the authority of adult volunteers, youth leaders and 4- H staff, and others in leadership roles.
- Not use, accept, or carry alcohol, drugs, or tobacco, nor associate with or remain in the presence of others using the substances.
- Not carry a weapon or threaten another person with a weapon, bodily force or language.
- Not be overly affectionate or have sexual contact with another.
- Not gamble for real money.
- Not use computers or cell phones maliciously or access inappropriate websites.
- Not participate in hazing of any kind, this includes verbal, physical or cyberbullying.
- Acknowledge that searches of personal property may take place when there is reasonable suspicion of violations of law or policies.
- Be courteous and respect others as well as leaving sites and public places neat and clean.
- Not damage, tamper, misuse, or steal the property of others.
- Use appropriate language and wear acceptable clothing.
- Show kindness to others and give assistance when needed.
- Honor my commitments including fully participating in any program or event.
- Respect the individual rights, safety and property of others.

If I do not live up to the Code of Conduct, I know that consequences may include any or all of the following:

- Notification of my parents and appropriate staff members
- Dismissed from the 4-H event at my own expense and without any refund
- Not allowed to participate in future 4-H events
- Pay for the financial cost of damages and repairs for damage or destruction of property
- Released to the nearest law enforcement agency and/or proper authorities
- Terminate my 4-H participation in 4-H Fridays

I understand that any infractions of this Code of Conduct should be reported promptly by anyone observing them to the adult in charge of the delegation and to the person in charge of the event. I have read the Code of Conduct and agree to abide by it. I understand that any infraction by me will result in any or all of the actions listed above.

General Authorization

As the parent/legal guardian I understand:

- The medical information provided is correct and the youth identified has my permission to engage in all program activities.
- I am financially responsible for any and all charges for any medical attention provided to the indicated.
- The release of any medical records necessary for treatment, referral, billing, or insurance purposes youth.
- The University of Wyoming, its officers, trustees, representatives, agents, employees, volunteer leaders and youth of any 4-H program shall not be liable for any claims, demands, injuries, damage, actions or causes of action, whatsoever, to me, my family, or my property arising out of or connected with participation in 4-H programs/events or the premises where the programs/events occur. I do hereby release, discharge, and hold harmless the University of Wyoming, its officers, trustees, representatives, agents, employees, volunteer leaders, and youth of the 4-H program from all such claims, demands, injuries, damage to person or property, actions or causes of action, including but not limited to all acts of active or passive negligence on the part of the University of Wyoming, any 4-H program, their servants, agents, or employees.

As the parent/legal guardian, I authorize:

- Permission for medical staff/physician to employ such diagnostic procedures deemed necessary if an injury or other medical condition occurs or arises.
- I agree that all activities and use of all facilities relating to participation in 4-H activities shall be undertaken at the sole risk of the youth/family.

Statement of Assumed Risk

I, the parent/guardian of a 4-H participant, acknowledge that I understand the risks of my child's participation in 4-H and it's activities may include, but are not limited to, sprained muscles, broken bones, injury or other body parts of functions, and death or serious bodily injury. I understand that the dangers and risks of participation in 4-H, 4-H travel, and 4-H activities may result in serious injury, as well as serious impairment of my child's future abilities to earn a living, engage in other business, participate in other social and recreational activities, and/or generally enjoy life.

Publicity and Communication Release

The University of Wyoming Extension 4-H program normally takes photographs, video, and/or recordings of our programs. During activities, a photograph, video, or audio recording may be taken of you or your child. By participating in UW 4-H events or activities you are providing permission for UW to photograph, film, audio/video record, and/or televise your, and/or your child's, image and/or voice for use in any publication or promotional material in any medium now known or developed in the future without any restrictions.

I understand that my child may have direct electronic contact, including social media, with adult volunteers and 4-H staff regarding programming and activities associated with Wyoming 4-H. I understand that 4-H members may have the home or cell phone number of certified 4-H leaders and Extension.

Transportation Release

I understand that if personally-owned vehicles are used as transportation to and from any University of Wyoming (UW) 4-H event or activity that the owner of the vehicle is responsible for any liability that might occur during the transportation. UW does not provide coverage for any property damage, personal injury, or liability that may occur while using personal vehicles. Vehicle owners are required to carry automobile liability insurance as required by the State of Wyoming.

I am giving my permission for my child to be transported during an authorized 4-H activity or event by any authorized 4- H adult volunteer or UW employee. Any other transportation to and from UW 4-H events or activities is my personal responsibility as this child's parent or legal guardian. The operation of motor vehicles by 4-H members is prohibited while attending and participating in 4-H program events. Permission for a 4-H member to drive to and from 4-H programming events must be authorized by the parent/legal guardian.

Authorization for Care

As the parent/guardian of the Participant I understand the University of Wyoming is not equipped to make mental or medical health diagnosis/determinations or provide mental or medical health care (other than any pre-arranged accommodations) while involved in 4-H programming activities and any care needs that arise during such may require my child to discontinue attendance at the activity to seek appropriate care. In cases where emergency medical attention is necessary, parents/guardian/emergency contact will be contacted for approval when possible. However, I hereby grant permission for the University to give or authorize emergency medical treatment to my child during his/her participation in 4-H activities if, in the sole discretion of UW employees or volunteers, such care is necessary. I understand and agree that UW assumes no responsibility for any injury or damage, which might arise out of or in connection with such authorized emergency treatment. I will assume the financial responsibility for any cost of care for my child that may occur by participating.

Except to the extent I have requested in writing a formal accommodation by the University, which requires a separate interactive process, I understand that by revealing or disclosing my child's medical information I am providing critical information but it will not be used by the University to determine my child's ability to participate safely in 4-H activities. I understand that, if my child chooses to participate in activities, he/she do so voluntarily and of his/her own accord and the final decision regarding participation is solely the responsibility of my child, myself, and any medical or other advisor my child engages in assisting with that decision.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Youth Signature: _____ Date: _____