



**BARNSTABLE COUNTY 4-H PROGRAM**  
**CODE OF CONDUCT FORM**



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**4-H Member (ages 8 and older) and Parent (including parents of 5-7 year olds) must read & sign**

I understand that when participating in any/all UMass Extension 4-H programs, activities, and events, I am representing the good name and reputation of 4-H in partnership with the University of Massachusetts Amherst in cooperation with the United States Department of Agriculture and will willingly obey all established policies and guidelines.

I will show respect for my fellow 4-H'ers, Extension staff, volunteers and others involved with activities and programs.

I understand that I must have a parent/guardian's permission to participate in 4-H. When attending 4-H programs/events I will inform the program leader of any medical conditions that need attention and/or if I am taking prescription medication. I will report any incidents, injuries, or accidents immediately to the appropriate leader.

**The following conduct is not allowed while participating in any 4-H Event/Activity:**

1. Possession, use, or distribution of alcohol or drugs, including tobacco products.
2. Theft, destruction, or disregard for public and private property.
3. Involvement in sexual misconduct or harassment or physical or verbal abuse of any kind.
4. Possession or use of weapons or other dangerous materials.
5. Fighting or other acts of violence that endanger participants.
6. Unauthorized use of vehicles or property.
7. Leaving the site of an event unsupervised.
8. Use of profane or abusive language.
9. Public displays of affection or inappropriate actions.
10. Intentionally interfering with or disrupting the event.

**The following Dress Code must be followed at all 4-H Events/Activities:**

1. Ripped or torn clothing is not appropriate.
2. Clothing with offensive slogans or messages cannot be worn.
3. If 4-H shirts, jackets, etc. are provided, they should be worn while you are participating at the event/activity.
4. You should change into your own clothes when you are not participating at the event or are "off duty."
5. Extremely short skirts or extremely short shorts should not be worn.
6. Tops or shirts that allow your midriff area to be exposed or strapless tops should not be worn.
7. Please do not share your 4-H items with non-4-Hers who may not understand the Code of Conduct and Dress Code.

I understand that if I fail to follow this Code of Conduct, I may be dismissed or suspended from participating in 4-H activities. I understand that my parent/guardian and local 4-H staff may be notified of any behavior problems.

I understand that after careful evaluation, the UMass Extension staff has the right to dismiss me from 4-H if my behavior constitutes a health, safety, or liability risk to myself or others, and that my parent/guardian will be responsible for my immediate transportation home.

I understand that if I am dismissed from 4-H for disciplinary reasons, I should not expect to return to the program. I understand that I may request, with no guarantee of reinstatement, a review of my case and a personal interview with my guardian and local UMass Extension 4-H staff.

*Remember you are an extension of the 4-H Program. Negative or inappropriate behavior is a reflection on you, your club, the event, your county, region or state. Appropriate clothing and grooming are important.*

**I have read and understand my conduct responsibilities in 4-H.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ 4-H Club \_\_\_\_\_

Member Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(all members ages 8 and older must sign)

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(parent signature required for all members)



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Name of child (4-H member): \_\_\_\_\_

1. I, the undersigned parent(s) or legal guardian of child/children listed above, a minor, give permission for the above named 4-H member to participate in all 4-H programs and activities, including club meetings, conferences, after-school programs, and other sponsored 4-H programs, conducted by and through the University of Massachusetts Extension/Massachusetts 4-H, (here on in these entities will be referred to as "University") for the 4-H year 2011-2012.
2. I give permission for the University to take photographs, videotapes and interviews of the Member(s) 4H Programs and for content from the Member's 4-H record to be used. I understand that any such photography, videotapes or interviews are the property of the University. I further give permission and consent that any such photographs, videotapes or content from interviews with the Member or from the Member's 4-H record may be used by the University in newsletters, videos, printed matter, social media and on the University's website. Use of these is an important way to promote 4-H to the general public. *No youth names will be used in social media or website without prior notification and consent.*

Circle no and initial if you do not give your permission: NO \_\_\_\_\_

3. I fully recognize that there are dangers and risks to which the Member may be exposed by participating in the 4-H Program, including but not limited to personal injury and/or death and property damage. I also understand that it is the responsibility of me and the Member to ensure that the Member engage only in those activities and programs for which the Member have the prerequisite skills, qualifications, preparation, and training. I/Member have made myself aware of the physical requirements necessary for participation in the 4-H Programs, and I certify that I/Member possess all of the necessary physical abilities, experience, training, and knowledge. I understand that the University does not require the Member to participate in the 4-H Programs, but the Member wants to do so, despite the possible dangers and risks and despite this RELEASE. I am aware that the University does not provide health or liability insurance of any kind for the Member, and that I am solely responsible for any medical costs arising out of the Member participation in the 4-H Programs.
4. I fully recognize and understand that I will be solely responsible for any loss, injury or damage to any other member participant or animal occasioned by the Members' actions, and for loss, injury or damage done by or arising from any animal exhibited by the Member. Examples of possible specific, significant, non-obvious dangers and risks associated with the animal activities include but are not limited to an animal or participant contracting an illness at an event, causing or suffering an injury during an event or during transport to and from the event, or as incurred by one animal to another at events.
5. In consideration of the benefits received, I hereby voluntarily and knowingly ASSUME all risks of damages and injury, including death, which the Member may sustain while participating in or as a result of, or in any way arising out of the 4-H Programs, or in travel to and from the 4-H Programs. I hereby RELEASE and HOLD HARMLESS the University, its Trustees, officers, employees, and authorized volunteers (the "Releasees") from any and all liability, claims and actions that may arise from injury or death to the Member or damage to my/the Member's property, including any animal owned or exhibited by the Member, in connection with the Member's participation in the 4-H Programs whether caused in whole or in part by Releasees. I agree that, except in the event of willful neglect or willful injury inflicted by the Releasees, I covenant not to sue, or otherwise bring any claim, demand or litigation against the Releasees for any economic or non-economic loss due to bodily injury, death or property damage sustained or caused by the Member, or any animal owned or exhibited by the Member, arising from or in relation to the 4-H Programs. I also understand that this RELEASE binds me, the Member, and the Member's heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns.
6. **I HAVE READ THIS ENTIRE RELEASE, I FULLY UNDERSTAND IT AND AGREE TO BE LEGALLY BOUND BY IT.**

The above statements require one parental/guardian signature below (both if parents have joint custody).

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of parent/guardian #1

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of parent/guardian #2

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date