

4-H Club

4-H Behavioral Expectations, Code of Conduct, Media Release and 4-H Members Responsibility to meet Due Dates for Berkeley County Youth Fair Participation for 2011-2012

At your October 4-H club meeting, please read this information and request all members and leaders to sign.

Berkeley County 4-H members and adult volunteers participating in or attending club, Tri County 4-H Camps, Youth Fair, county, regional, state, and national 4-H programs, activities, events, shows, and contests sponsored or co-sponsored for youths or adult volunteers by the West Virginia University Extension Service 4-H Youth Development Program are required to conduct themselves according to the West Virginia University Extension Service 4-H Youth Development Program Behavioral Expectations and the rules and regulations of the specific activity. Adults and members attending or participating in 4-H youth activities are expected to conduct themselves according to the West Virginia University Extension Service 4-H Youth Development Program Code of Conduct and to assist and support youths in their efforts to adhere to the code.

The following are not permitted at 4-H sponsored programs, activities, events, shows, or contests:

- Possession, consumption, or distribution of alcohol
- Possession, use, or distribution of illegal drugs
- Possession or use of all tobacco products
- Sexual activity
- Boys in girls' rooms and girls in boys' rooms or lodging areas
- Cheating or misrepresenting project work
- Theft, destruction, or abuse of property
- Violation of an established curfew
- Unauthorized absence from program site
- Physical, verbal, emotional, or mental abuse of others
- Possession or use of a weapon*
- Possession or use of a harmful object with the intent to hurt or intimidate others
- Other conduct deemed inappropriate for the youth development program by an event chair; a designated WVU Extension agent, faculty, or staff member; or a 4-H volunteer leader

If the code is violated, the following steps may be taken:

- The adult chaperone for the youth involved in the violation (Extension agent or 4-H leader) will be made aware of the situation.
- The parent(s) may be called and arrangements made for transportation home at the parent's expense.
- The 4-H'er(s), adult volunteer and/or parents may be barred from participating in 4-H.
- When a violation occurs at a competitive event, 4-H member(s) may be disqualified from the contest and is ineligible for any award(s). Competition in later contests may also be barred. This will be determined by the event chair; a designated WVU Extension agent, faculty, or staff member; or a 4-H volunteer leader.
- If any laws are violated, the case may be referred to the police.
- All chaperones are responsible for all youths at a 4-H event.

4-H Adult Volunteer, Parent and Member Agrees That: I have read the West Virginia University Extension Service 4-H Youth Development Program Behavioral Expectations and the West Virginia University Extension Service 4-H Youth Development Program Code of Conduct.

I am aware that my actions and decisions affect me and others and may result in the loss of privileges during 4-H programs and activities and future programs and activities. We agree that I will conduct myself in accordance with the Behavioral Expectations and the Code of Conduct.

In the event that my behavior violates the Behavioral Expectations and Code of Conduct, we understand that I may be sent home at my parent/guardian's expense, forfeit premiums or awards, and forfeit future trips (e.g. exchange trips, camps, state fair, judging events). If I do not meet due dates for registrations or fail to complete project requirements we understand we will be denied participation for failure to comply with 4-H event requirements. We agree to accept the appropriate and logical consequences of our actions.

Media Recording/Usage Release

I hereby give my consent for the image and likeness of me to be videotaped, audio taped, or photographed for the following uses:

- Educational/Instructional media
- Development media
- Recruitment/Outreach media
- Newsworthy media documentation

This waiver includes usage of this media in any way deemed appropriate, which may include electronic and photographic reproductions thereof for the production educational, instructional, promotional, or institutional advancement materials which support the educational and outreach activities of West Virginia University. I hereby waive any right I may have to inspect or approve any use of this electronic media and/or photographs and I release West Virginia University and its component parts from all liability which could result from its use.

***4-H Members Responsibility to Complete and Meet Due Dates.**

It is the responsibility of a **4-H member** to complete their project requirements on time. This includes their project book requirements which are due to the club leader on or before the **June club meeting**.

It is the responsibility of the **4-H Club Leader** to see the project books are scored and provide copies of those scores on the club summary sheet to the Extension office on or before **July 9, 2012**. Any member not having a project score submitted by July 9, 2012 **will not exhibit at the fair** and will complete their project at the club level by September 30, 2012. If they are enrolled in a 4-H Animal Project it is their responsibility to complete the animal guide, **check in their market livestock and/or register other livestock as scheduled by fair officials to exhibit at the Berkeley County Youth Fair**. If they miss the check in, registration due date, or do not have their project book completed on time they need to understand they will not exhibit at the Berkeley County Youth Fair and will complete their project at the club level by September 30, 2012. Due dates and registration forms will be posted to the Berkeley County Extension and Berkeley County Youth Fair web sites in a timely manner. Access is available through the Berkeley County School web site (click on the clover) or by clicking on **<http://www.berkeleyextension.com>** or **<http://www.berkeleycountyyouthfair.org>**

If you have questions you need to ask your leader or 4-H agent.

To REVIEW one more time:

- **4-H Project Books are due at your June Club meeting.**
- **Review the project information sheet that explains how to complete the project book; what your exhibit requirement is, and other important information such as your project leader/instructor contact information.**
- **Check in your market animals as required by the fair and register on time for other fair exhibits as required by fair officials.**

