

Spokane County 4-H Behavior Expectations of Youth and Adult Members

Spokane County 4-H youth members who are attending any 4-H event, locally, statewide, nationally, or internationally, are required to sign The Behavior Expectations, as is the parent/guardian of the 4-H member AND any adult attendee(s).

At all 4-H events youth and adult participants enrolled in or representing Spokane County 4-H shall refrain from:

- Consumption or possession of any alcoholic products;
- Illegal or unsafe use or possession of non-prescription drugs;
- Use of prescription medication other than as prescribed by a physician;
- Use or possession of all tobacco products, if a youth.
- Adults are expected to restrict use of all tobacco products;
- Participation by his/her willful presence at secretive events where people are using tobacco, alcohol, or unauthorized drugs;
- Use of language found to be objectionable by others;
- Physically leaving the program site without expressed permission of chaperone or hosting organization;
- Sexual misconduct; and
- Unauthorized use of vehicles during the activity.

And are expected to

- Attend planned activities,
- Behave in ways acceptable to other participants, chaperones, and hosting organization,
- Use good judgment in selecting attire appropriate for occasion and weather,
- Be responsible for own property,
- Respect all people at the event as well as public and personal property,
- Be financially liable for any damage caused to public/personal property beyond reasonable wear and tear,
- Abide by all quiet hours/curfew times established in writing and/or spoken by chaperones, host families, and others in charge at the event,
- Behave in accordance with applicable federal, state, and municipal laws, and
- Treat all animals humanely.

Spokane County 4-H has specific consequences for violations of 4-H Policy and Washington State law regarding use of alcohol and illegal substances at Spokane County 4-H events.

- Youth that are found to be consuming alcohol or other illegal substances at a 4-H sponsored event will forfeit their right to compete in any further 4-H competitions or participate in any county event, or represent Spokane County 4-H in any state or national 4-H sponsored events or contests, for the remainder of the current 4-H year.
- Adults that provide alcohol or illegal substances to youth at a 4-H event will be prosecuted to the full extent of state law.
- Adults that consume alcohol at 4-H events will be asked to leave immediately and adults who are enrolled in Spokane County 4-H will be asked to resign from the 4-H program.
- Any adult who is present at a 4-H event and who observes violations must contact 4-H staff and the volunteer coordinator of the event immediately. The adult 4-H volunteer that is coordinating the particular event, other adults who are present, and/or the 4-H staff have the discretion to call law enforcement to report any infractions of Washington State Law.

Youth & Parent/Guardian: please read the above expectations and sign on the front side.

YOUTH/ADULT 4-H PARTICIPANTS: I have read and agree to observe the above expectations.

Name Printed: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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