





## ***PART 5: CODE OF CONDUCT***

### ***YOUTH CODE OF CONDUCT***

4-H members participating in or attending club, county, regional, district, state and national programs, activities, events, shows, and contests sponsored for youth by the 4-H Youth Development Program of Cornell Cooperative Extension Orange County are required to conduct themselves according to the following Code of Conduct.

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

- ❖ Clothing printed with:
  - ♦ Advertisements for tobacco or alcohol
  - ♦ Inappropriate, lewd, or suggestive messages
- ❖ Revealing clothing such as (but not limited to):
  - ♦ Inappropriately short skirts or shorts;
- ❖ Revealing (including midriff-baring) tops;
  - ♦ Pants worn to show underwear
- ❖ 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' dormitory or lodging areas and girls in boys' dormitory 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 another person.
- ❖ Possession or use of a weapon (except as part of an authorized shooting sports event or other staff-authorized use).
- ❖ 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 Cornell Cooperative Extension Orange County staff, or a 4-H volunteer leader.

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

- ❖ The adult chaperone for the youth involved in the violation (extension staff 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 may be barred from participating in 4-H.
- ❖ When a violation occurs at a competitive event, 4-H members may be disqualified from the contest and may be ineligible for any awards. Competition in later contests may also be barred.
- ❖ If any laws are violated, the case may be referred to the police.

### ***ADULT CODE OF CONDUCT***

Cornell Cooperative Extension Orange County (CCEOC) Parents/Guardians (of youth involved with CCEOC programs) are expected to accept and adhere to the following standards of behavior when their child(ren) is/are engaged in CCEOC Youth Development Program activities as stated here.

As a CCEOC Parent or Guardian I will:

- ❖ Respect and adhere to CCEOC rules, policies and guidelines that relate to specific CCEOC Youth Programs. Conduct myself in an ethical manner.
- ❖ Model kindness and compassion for others. Recognize that all young people have skills and talents that can be used to help others and improve the community.
- ❖ Teach and model fair-mindedness by being open to ideas, suggestions and opinions of others. This includes the final opinions of judges/evaluators for all Youth Programs.
- ❖ Fulfill my parental/guardian duties, including completion of required records or reports, in a timely manner.
- ❖ Work cooperatively with CCEOC Extension staff and volunteers.
- ❖ Avoid and prevent put-downs, insults, name-calling, yelling and other verbal and non-verbal conduct as well as written items (including social networking, Internet, etc.) likely to offend, hurt or set a bad example.
- ❖ Be responsible for my behavior, exhibit good sportsmanship, use appropriate language and uphold exemplary standards of conduct at all CCEOC youth activities
- ❖ Respect and uphold the rights and dignity of all staff, other volunteers, and all individuals who participate in CCEOC programs recognizing that people's values, beliefs, customs, and strengths differ.
- ❖ Respect individuals of diverse backgrounds, cultures, and perspectives.
- ❖ Not possess, sell, offer, consume or use alcohol and/or controlled substances at CCEOC youth events/activities, or attend CCEOC youth activities under the influence of alcohol and/or controlled substances.
- ❖ Model the importance of obeying the laws and rules as an obligation of citizenship and commit no illegal or abusive act.
- ❖ Provide a safe environment, not carelessly or intentionally harming youth or adults in any way: verbally, mentally, or physically.

**PART 6: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK**

**This form must be completed to participate in 4-H clubs and related activities...**

I hereby apply for my child to participate in the 4-H club/activity indicated below to be conducted by the designated Cornell Cooperative Extension Association and acknowledge as follows:

I fully understand and acknowledge that there are inherent risks and dangers in my child's participation in the 4-H club and activities and my child's participation in said 4-H club and all its activities and use of any equipment related to such activities may result in injury, illness or death and damage to personal property.

I understand other participants, accidents, forces of nature or other causes may cause these risks and dangers and I hereby accept these risks and dangers.

My child is in good health and is at or above the minimum age of 5 for Cloverbud members and 8 for regular members required to participate in this activity and is able to participate in any strenuous physical activity associated therewith.

**CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION ORANGE COUNTY**

**4-H Program Year: October 1, 20\_\_ thru September 30, 20\_\_**

**4-H Club Activity** (please select anticipated program participation):

- All 4-H activities and events for program year
- Physical Fitness Program
- Working with dogs
- Shooting Sports

**Cloverbud Members**

- Cloverbud Activities
- Cloverbud working with equine or other animal programs

**4-H Equine (Horse) Activities**

- Participating in an equine club
- Working with equines beyond club level including clinics, camps, shows

Working with equines in mounted "over fences" activities. I (the parent/legal guardian) am aware that my child will be participating in 4-H Horse Program mounted "over fences" activities at Cornell University Cooperative Extension Orange County, multiple county, regional, or state sponsored events. I give my child permission to participate. Mounted "over fences" classes in the NYS 4-H Horse Program could include ground rail, cross rail, and/or other over fences classes and obstacles (this does include trail class). The obstacles will be no higher than 3 foot in any of the 4-H activities.

**I have read the above and by signing it I agree it is my intention to have my child participate in the indicated activity and I understand and accept the risks involved.** This shall be binding on my heirs, successors, assigns, administrators and executors. Any claims or disputes arising out of my child's participation in the activity shall be venued in the Supreme Court of the State of New York of the county where the County Extension office is located. I am at least twenty-one (21) years of age and I am the legal parent/guardian authorized to sign this document on behalf of the child named herein.

**PART 7: SIGNATURES**

With my signature, which I voluntarily affix to this document, I acknowledge that the information is accurate to the best of my knowledge, and I have read and understand the terms of all releases, acknowledgements and agreements herein, specifically including parts: #3 Custodial Release, #4 Photo Release, #5 Code of Conducts, #6 Acknowledgement of Risk, #7 Signatures.

Youth Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print name)

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_