

# Burnett County Expectation Statement

## For Participants Attending 4-H Youth Development Trips/Activities

Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club/Org/School Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Trip/Activity: \_\_\_\_\_ Date(s) of Trip/Activity: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Parent and Participant:

Trips/Activities are conducted to provide exciting Youth Leadership learning experiences for participants. To insure a successful event, the health, welfare and participation of the participants must receive utmost consideration.

Participants from a variety of backgrounds and family customs come together on Trips/Activities. Because of this diversity, we want to be sure that we have common expectations. Parent (or guardian) and delegate are to read, discuss and reach agreement upon the following expectations:

1) Participants are expected to:

- Attend all planned activities.
- Behave in ways acceptable to other participants and chaperones.
- Respect public and personal property.
- Be financially liable for any damage caused to public or personal property beyond reasonable wear and tear.
- Abide by all quiet hours and curfew times established in writing and by chaperone's spoken word.
- Use good judgment in selecting clothing appropriate for weather and occasion.
- Be responsible for own property.

2) Participants shall refrain from:

- Consumption or possession of any alcoholic beverages.
- Illegal or unsafe use or possession of non-prescription drugs.
- Use of prescription medication other than as prescribed by physician. Chaperone(s) must be informed of the need to take any such medication.
- Possession or use of any tobacco products.
- Use of language found to be objectionable by other participants and chaperones.
- Visiting dorm or motel rooms of participants of the opposite sex at any time.
- Physically leaving the program site without express permission of chaperone and Cooperative Extension staff.

3) Participants and their families understand the chaperones' roles to be:

- To maintain regular contact with participants to monitor health, attitude, problem situations, behavior, etc.
- To make appropriate decisions in emergency situations to enhance the health and well-being of the participants.
- To not dispense medication but to be aware of all prescription medication in use.
- To have responsibility to determine the occurrence of inappropriate behavior and take appropriate actions, which may include:
  - a. Counseling with involved participant(s) to reach an understanding and cessation of the inappropriate behavior.
  - b. Taking disciplinary actions at the time of occurrence, not to include physical punishment.
  - c. Informing parents and local Extension personnel of misbehavior, at the time of occurrence if chaperone feels severity of situation warrants such immediate notification.
  - d. Deciding to remove a participant from the program and send him/her home early at the expense of the participant's family. (The participant's family will be notified prior to the participant's removal from the program; the family will be responsible for the participant returning home.) Participants removed from the program in such manner may be required to relinquish all funds donated to help meet that participant's financial obligations for the event. I understand that if I am sent home due to unacceptable behavior, I will be ineligible for out of county activities for a period of 13 months from the date of the activity. I understand that if I wish to appeal this decision, I need to file a written request within 10 days of the activity that the county's review committee meet and hear both sides of the issue. I understand that the review committee's decision is final.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

I, as parent or guardian, understand the above expectations and penalties, accept them and agree to be bound by the same.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Address and phone where parents or guardian can be reached:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Day Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Night Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_