



Kenosha County 4-H Member Code of Conduct



The Kenosha County 4-H Council, Inc., has established by the following **Code of Conduct** for Kenosha County 4-H members. Questions concerning these standards should be directed to the Kenosha County 4-H Council, Inc. The Board reserves the option to revise this **Code of Conduct** to better meet the needs of the Kenosha County 4-H Program. Additional member standards may apply to a particular 4-H project. Consult with a 4-H team member in the particular project or the 4-H program staff for details.

The Code of Conduct States:

1. Members will conduct themselves with courteous manner and language, exhibiting good sportsmanship, serving as a positive role model, treating others with respect, and demonstrating reasonable conflict resolution skills.
2. Members will abide by all local, state and federal laws and UW-Extension and U.S.D.A. rules, policies and guidelines. Specifically, 4-H members in possession of or under the influence of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, abuse of prescription or non-prescription drugs, or tobacco products while at a 4-H function, or while representing 4-H, will be suspended from 4-H for one year from the time of infraction.
3. Members will conduct themselves at 4-H events in a manner reflecting the positive ideals and goals reflected by the 4-H program.
4. Members will complete a 4-H record book representative of the member's 4-H work during the 4-H year and will turn the completed record book over to the club's leaders when requested at the end of the year.
5. Members will attend general club meetings and activities as often as possible and will inform the leaders prior to the meeting if attendance is not possible. Individual 4-H clubs may establish their own attendance requirements in the club's bylaws.
6. Members should only sign up for activities, projects and other obligations the member is capable of fulfilling. Allocation of the member's time and other resources should be made by the member in consultation with parents and 4-H leaders.
7. Members should attend all project meeting scheduled by project leaders in order to gain the maximum benefit from the 4-H project and inform project leaders when attendance is not possible. Individual 4-H clubs may establish their own attendance and project completion requirements in the club's bylaws.
8. Competition is a part of almost every aspect of life. 4-H members are encouraged to keep competition in its proper perspective in relation to 4-H ideals and to compete with themselves to always make their personal best better.
9. Members agree to follow all rules and guidelines established by the local club, 4-H Council and project and activity teams where applicable.
10. Members are encouraged to make a public showing of their work in every project. This can be at the fair, mall expo, club meeting, demonstration contest or other event where people outside of your family or project group can view the results of your learning experience.

Suspension and Reinstatement of Membership:

Violation of the **Code of Conduct** may result in the suspension or termination of membership in the Kenosha County 4-H program. Suspended members may apply for reinstatement after one year.

Prior to re-instatement of membership, a member must:

- a. Present a signed statement of apology to the Kenosha County 4-H Council, Inc.
- b. Where applicable, attend an educational program concerning alcohol and/or drug abuse and present certification of completion of such to the 4-H Board of Directors. The program may include, but is not limited to: a) a certified drug addictions counselor, b) a peer mentor or c) an alcohol/drugs awareness class
- c. Reimburse the Kenosha County 4-H Council, Inc., the 4-H project and/or 4-H club for monies received towards award trips or other 4-H activities, if the infraction occurs before or during the event.

A second infraction of this **Code of Conduct** will result in permanent dismissal from the Kenosha County 4-H program.