



## Code of Conduct for 4-H Interstate Exchange Events



4-H Award Trips and special travel opportunities provide members with unique educational, cultural, and social experiences. To insure the continuation for Rensselaer County 4-H members, it is imperative that 4-H delegates maintain responsible actions and attitudes. It is expected that the following Code of Conduct will govern the behavior of all 4-H delegates (youth and adults). The entire week of hosting or being hosted is a 4-H Interstate Exchange Event.

**As a 4-H delegate I understand that it is my responsibility to:**

1. Be courteous and helpful, to honor the chaperones' authority and guidance, and to show respect for chaperones, activity coordinators, and fellow delegates.
2. Attend and participate in all functions, in accordance with the event schedule.
3. Notify a chaperone/agent immediately in the event of illness or injury; emotional or physical discomfort; to receive medical attention as needed and to complete any necessary forms or alter environment as appropriate.
4. Abide by stated county and/or specific trip dress code requirements.
5. Refrain from:
  - smoking and the use of any and all illegal drugs, alcohol and/or inhalants.
  - the use of profane, offensive, or disrespectful language.
  - inordinate "rough housing."
  - vandalism in any form. (In the event of vandalism, the perpetrator/s will be responsible for any and all expenses.)
6. No one shall use firearms without being under the supervision of someone 21 and older (NYS law).
7. First responsibility is your guest and upholding the quality of host week.
8. No one shall ride with people under the age of 18 unless the driver is a member of the host family involved with the 4-H Interstate Exchange.
9. Know and obey the local laws as well as the laws of the state and federal government.
10. Use respect and care for all property used. Charges will be assessed for any misuse.

***It is understood that a failure to comply with the above stipulations for any reason will demonstrate your desire to be excluded from further participation in the event, and you will be asked to leave. Our parent/guardian will be contacted immediately, and you and your parent/guardian will be responsible for your own transportation home.***

***Inappropriate conduct will jeopardize your participation in future 4-H events. In the event that punitive action is required, your future eligibility will be reviewed by members of A.C.E (the board of officers from Teen Ambassadors, Teen Council, and Teen Exchange), 4-H Staff, the 4-H Program Development Committee, and other adults as appropriate.***

I have read and do understand the Code Conduct. I agree to abide by the requirements and to accept the consequences in the event of my failure to do so.

Signature of Member/Delegate \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_