

Sauk County Behavior Guidelines

From Club meetings to State events, 4-H youth represent Sauk County 4-H. What you do, what you say, and how you act give people an impression of Sauk County 4-H. We want people to think of our County program as one that represents County residents, respects the rights of the individual, and makes better citizens. To help you represent Sauk County, please read and practice the following guidelines.

4-H Youth are expected to:

- Behave in ways acceptable to other members, Leaders, families and chaperones.
- Respect each other's ideas, opinions, abilities, individuality, and bodies.
- Be responsible for your property, and respect public and private property.
- Assume financial liability for any damages to public or personal property beyond reasonable use.
- Abide by Leader or chaperone's spoken or written rule(s).
- Obey all applicable Federal, State, and Municipal laws.

4-H Youth will NOT:

- Possess or consume alcoholic beverages.
- Possess, consume, and/or be in the presence of any illegal or unsafe chemical substances (drugs and/or tobacco products).
- Physically leave a program without permission from a chaperone, leader, host or parent.
- Participate in activities/behavior which could harm any person mentally, physically, or emotionally.

Consequences: Youth who do not follow the guidelines while participating in a 4-H event may be required to appear before a Disciplinary Review Committee. If the accused member is found to be in violation of these guidelines, he or she may be suspended from participation in County, district, State, or National 4-H activities for a period of up to 12 months, or may be outright dismissed from further 4-H participation.

Appeals: If a 4-H member wishes to appeal a decision of a Disciplinary Review Committee, the member must appeal in writing to their 4-H Youth Development Agent through the Sauk County UW-Extension office within 10 days following notification of disciplinary action.

Statement of Agreement: By joining Sauk County 4-H, youth agree to uphold themselves to these standards, and also realize that these guidelines may not be all inclusive, and the Sauk County Senior Leaders Association reserves the right to make adjustments to these policies. It is understood that failure to follow these guidelines may restrict or make youth ineligible to participate in future 4-H activities, and can lead to an outright termination of membership.