

Adult Volunteer 4-H Agreement

The purpose of the Adult Volunteer 4-H Agreement is to help ensure the safety and well-being of all Oregon State University Extension 4-H program participants. The opportunity to represent the OSU Extension Service and work with 4-H youth is a privileged role to be held by those who are willing to agree to behaviors that fulfill this trust.

As a volunteer in the OSU 4-H Youth Development Program, I agree to . . .

1. Focus on the educational mission of the land grant university, including the equal opportunity and anti-discrimination policies. (*"4-H programs are accessible without regard to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, marital status, disability, and veteran status."*)
2. Obey local, state, federal laws. Follow specific guidelines established for county, state, and national 4-H programs.
3. Accept support and/or supervision from Extension program staff or designees.
4. Treat others courteously. Be a positive role model. Exhibit good sportsmanship.
5. Establish and maintain safe environments for all participants. Act responsibly to protect participants.
6. Provide for physical and emotional needs of participants during programs. Not withhold necessities nor use physical punishment. Communicate that verbal, emotional, or physical mistreatment is unacceptable within the program. Report suspected abuse to protect those who cannot protect themselves.
7. Not consume alcohol or be under its influence while responsible for 4-H programs or youth.
8. Handle funds and fundraising in an ethical manner and in accordance with federal, state and university regulations. (Fundraising activities must be approved by Extension staff. 4-H funds are public assets, need to be expended for educational purposes, and must not be a part of a private individual's bank account.)
9. Handle equipment and machinery in a safe and responsible manner. Operate vehicles only with a valid operator's license and the legally required insurance coverage.
10. Treat animals humanely and provide them appropriate care. Teach youth to do the same.

I have read, understand, and agree to the OSU Extension Service Adult 4-H Volunteer Code of Conduct above. I understand and agree that any action on my part that contradicts any portion of these expectations may be grounds for non-acceptance, suspension or termination of my volunteer role with the OSU Youth Development Program.

Signature of Adult Volunteer

Date

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Media Release

I give permission to use my image, in videotape, audiotape, film, photography, or in any other medium for educational, fundraising, or promotional purposes related to the Oregon 4-H program. I understand that such images may be published in a variety of ways, including, but not limited to, print and electronic formats. In addition, I give permission to release my name and hometown to news media for recognition purposes.

Signature of Adult Volunteer

Date