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(please print name)

Club _____

**UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-EXTENSION
TREMPEALEAU COUNTY 4-H
YOUTH EXPECTATION STATEMENT
2011-2012**

Dear Participants and Parents,

4-H is a program that provides positive learning experiences. To ensure successful events and the health and welfare of all those participating, we must provide consideration and attention to the behavior of the participants.

In order to ensure common expectations, parent (or guardian) and participants are to read, discuss, and reach agreement upon the following expectations:

1. *Participants are expected to:*

- Attend all planned activities.
- Participate in supplemental activities planned.
- Behave in ways acceptable to other participants and chaperones.
- Be responsible for own property.
- Respect public and personal property.
- Be financially liable for any damage caused to public or person property beyond reasonable wear and tear.
- Abide by all quiet hours and curfew times established in writing and by chaperone's spoken word.
- Respect the privacy of others. Visiting sleeping areas/rooms of any member of the opposite sex is forbidden.
- Use good judgment in selecting clothing appropriate for weather and occasion, abiding by any established dress code. Clothing that is revealing or with obscene language/pictures or with drug, tobacco or alcohol advertising is never allowed.

2. *Participants shall refrain from:*

- Possession, consumption, and/or being in the presence of any alcoholic beverages.
- Possession, consumption, and/or being in the presence of illegal or unsafely used chemical substances.
- Use of prescription medication other than as prescribed by physician. Chaperone(s) must be informed of the need to take any such medication.
- Possession and/or use of any tobacco products.
- Use of language found to be objectionable by other participants and the chaperones.
- Participation in any initiation ceremonies, hazing, harassment, and other behaviors that involve humiliation or embarrassing another person. Such activities will not be tolerated.
- Physically leaving the program site without prior permission of parents/guardian and express permission of chaperone.
- Driving any vehicle during the event without expressed permission of the chaperones.

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3. Participants and their families understand the adult chaperone's role is:

- To maintain regular contact with participants to monitor health, attitude, problem situations, behavior, etc.
- Not to dispense medication but to be aware of all prescription medication in use.
- To make appropriate decisions in emergency situations to enhance the health and wellbeing of the participants.
- 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. This will not include physical punishment, but might consist of restriction or privileges, restriction to an assigned area, apology to the group, additional duties, etc.
 - 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 family. Delegates removed from the program in such a manner may be required to relinquish all funds donated to help meet that participant's financial obligations for the event.
 - e) Dismissing participants from the program who break public laws and subjecting those participants to legal action by law enforcement authorities.

If I break this agreement or my conduct is not satisfactory to the chaperones, I understand that I may be sent home and will be responsible for paying all costs incurred by the early departure. I understand that I may be asked to forfeit all funds expended upon my behalf during the event. I understand that my eligibility to participate in future 4-H activities may be restricted if I participate in unacceptable behavior.

(4-H Member'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 signature)

(Date)

Please print name:

Name(s): _____

Phone where parent or guardian can be reached:

Day Phone: _____

Evening Phone: _____