

# 2011 CODE OF CONDUCT

## 4H/FFA Beef School

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

### BEHAVIOR STANDARDS

All rules and regulations governing the program activities and events will be discussed with agents, teachers, leaders, and participants. This Code of Conduct is valid for the duration of the event including travel to and from the event. Participants are expected to attend all sessions as part of a planned program exhibiting positive character and behavior including (but not limited to) trustworthiness, responsibility, respectfulness, caring, citizenship and fairness.

- Participants are expected to be responsive to the reasonable requests of the leaders and respectful of the needs for their personal safety and the safety of others.
- Participants should dress appropriately, use appropriate language and respect the rights of others.
- Participants may not use alcohol, drugs, or tobacco, nor be associated with or remain in the presences of others using the substances.
- Participants may not behave recklessly, engage in sexual misconduct, assault, threaten or harm another person nor may they misuse or abuse public or private property.
- Realizing these guidelines are not "all inclusive" the University of Georgia Extension Staff, leaders and Ag. Education Staff reserve the right to make adjustments to these policies

### CONSEQUENCES OF MISBEHAVIOR

Participants and adults who observe a breach in the Code of Conduct should report the misbehavior to the appropriate leader. Participants misbehaving will have the opportunity to explain their actions to leaders in charge of the activity and may request a review board. The person coordinating the event may also convene a review board for the purposes of determining what has occurred and what disciplinary action should be taken. A review board will consist of one faculty or staff member, one Agriculture Education staff member, two volunteers and three participants. The Extension faculty member coordinating the event will serve as chairperson. Disciplinary action should only be discussed with those involved, their parents/guardians and their leaders.

If the participant is found in violation of the actions listed below and receives disciplinary action issued through the review process, his/her parents/guardians will be notified; the participant may be sent home at the parents' expense and may be suspended from participation in events for a period of no more than 6 months:

- Breaking curfew or disturbing the peace,
- Unexcused absences from the activities of an event,
- Unauthorized use of vehicles during the event,
- Reckless behavior,
- Use of foul or offensive language,
- Possession or use of tobacco,
- Remaining in the presence of those using alcohol, illegal drugs or tobacco.

If the accused is found in violation of the items below, his/her parents/guardians will be notified, the participant may be sent home at the parents' expense and suspended from participation of events for a period of no more than 12 months:

- Possession or use of illegal drugs or alcoholic beverages,
- Theft, misuse or abuse of public or personal property,
- Sexual misconduct,
- Possession of weapons or fireworks,
- Unauthorized absence from the premise of the event, or
- Assault or personal harm.

In extraordinary cases, the review board may recommend suspense exceeding those listed above.

If a participant wishes to appeal the decision of the review board, the participant must appeal in writing through the County Extension office or Agriculture Education office. Appeals must be filed within 10 days of notification of the disciplinary action. If the staff can not resolve the matter, an appeal board will meet within 30 days of the Participants request. The appeal board will consist of one faculty/staff member, two volunteers and three participants.

#### Participant's Agreement

I have read the 4-H/FFA Beef School Code of Conduct and agree to participate fully in all aspects of program activities. I understand the standard of behavior and agree to maintain such during 4-H/FFA 2011 Beef School.

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Participant's Signature

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Date