

AG-EXPLORATIONS PROGRAM CODE OF CONDUCT

As a participant in the AgExplorations program, I have the responsibility of representing the county 4-H and FFA Programs to the public. Therefore, I am expected to conduct myself in a manner that will bring honor to me, my family, my community, and 4-H & FFA. To do that, I must abide by the following rules:

1. Obey local, state, and federal laws. Follow county, district, state and/or national 4-H & FFA policies. Abide by any special rules for a 4-H/FFA event or activity.
2. Speak and act in a responsible, courteous, and respectful way. Harassment, threats or bullying of any type is prohibited.
3. Act responsibly to maintain a safe environment for all participants. Acting in a manner that could endanger the health, safety or welfare of yourself or others is prohibited. Report threats to the well-being of any participant immediately to the adult in charge.
4. Possession or use of tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs is prohibited. Possession or use of approved medications by youth during a 4-H or FFA function must be reported to the adult in charge and must not be accessible to other participants.
5. Possession or use of weapons or other dangerous objects is prohibited, except when required as part of an approved educational program. Weapons are defined to include, but are not limited to, guns, knives and incendiary or explosive devices of any kind.
6. Respect all property, facilities, equipment, and vehicles. I will be responsible for any damage or other consequences resulting from my behavior.
7. Participate fully in 4-H/FFA functions. Be in the assigned program areas (example—dorms, cabins, programs, etc.) on time. If I am unable to attend or participate, I will tell the adult in charge. Help others have a pleasant experience by making every attempt to include all participants in activities.
8. Dress appropriately for each 4-H/FFA function. Dress for the AgExplorations program should include professional casual attire. A club t-shirt or polo shirt would be preferred in addition to jeans without rips or holes and close toed shoes.
9. Use of any mobile electronic device during a scheduled 4-H/FFA activity is prohibited unless activity-specific rules otherwise allow. When permitted, they should be used only in a manner that is consistent with the approved activity and not discourteous or disruptive.
Cell phones should only be utilized while traveling, and MUST be left in the van during business visits.
10. The belongings of youth participants, including but not limited to bags, purses, computers, other electronic devices, lockers and vehicles, are subject to search and

seizure by 4-H/FFA faculty/staff, and in some instances a volunteer designee, upon reasonable suspicion that a prohibited and/or illegally possessed substance or object is contained within that area. (If an adult is suspected, this will be handled by law enforcement.)

11. Attendance at all AgExplorations functions is mandatory. These functions will include activities taking place June 22nd through June 25th, a follow-up meeting on August 13th, a visit to the Board of County Commissioners as well as the School Board, and teaching responsibilities at a local elementary during the 2015-2016 school year.

Failure to abide by this Code of Conduct in its entirety could result in a loss of privileges during a 4-H or FFA event and in the future; including but not limited to suspension or termination of 4-H and/or FFA membership or volunteer service.

Signature of Youth Participant

Date

Signature of Authorized Adult

Date