Youth Behavioral Expectations

To Promote the Well-Being of Youth for 4-H Teen Leaders Who Work with 4-H Youth Development Programs in Indiana

"Those who believe in and work with youth have confidence in our future."

These Youth Behavioral Expectations give 4-H teen leaders the opportunity to reaffirm their commitment and dedication to the well-being of 4-H members. When all individuals sign a copy of this document, they are making a collective statement that youth in the 4-H Youth Development Program are being treated with respect, dignity, and attention to individual needs.

In my role as a teen leader I will:

- Respect, adhere to, and enforce the rules, policies, and guidelines established by the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service including all laws related to child abuse and substance abuse.

- Conduct myself in a courteous, respectful manner, exhibit good sportsmanship, and demonstrate reasonable conflict management skills.

- Be truthful and forthright when representing the 4-H Youth Development Program.

- Under no circumstances possess, consume, or be under the influence of alcohol, tobacco or tobacco-like products, electronic smoking devices (including, but not limited to, e-cigs, vapes, juuls), illegal drugs, or other dangerous substances at 4-H Youth Development Program events or activities.

- Recognize that verbal or physical abuse, failure to comply with equal opportunity and anti-discrimination laws, or committing criminal acts are not acceptable practices in 4-H Youth Development Programs.

- Accept my responsibility to represent 4-H Youth Development Programs with dignity and pride by being a positive role model for other youth.

- Avoid inappropriate interactions with and displays of affection toward other persons.

- Wear clothing that is appropriate for the event or activity.

- Accept supervision and support from salaried Extension staff or designated management volunteers.

- Will participate in orientation and training, which includes youth protection standards, sponsored by the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service.

- Operate machinery, vehicles, and other equipment in a safe and responsible manner when working with other youth participating in 4-H Youth Development Programs.

- Treat animals in a humane manner and teach program participants appropriate animal care and management.

- Use technology in an appropriate manner that reflects the best practices in youth development.

- Accept my responsibility to promote and support the 4-H Youth Development Program in order to develop an effective county, state, and national program.

I have been given the opportunity to review these expectations and the opportunity to ask questions, and those questions have been answered to my satisfaction. By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to abide by the behavioral expectations in this document. I understand that my failure to comply with these expectations may result in disciplinary action or termination of my youth leadership position in the Indiana 4-H Youth Development Program.

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Print 4-H Member Name   Date

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4-H Member Signature (required if 18 years of age or over)   Date

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Parent/Legal Guardian Signature   Date

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Parent/Legal Guardian Signature   Date

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Educator Signature   Date

A signed copy of the Youth Behavioral Expectations will be on file in the respective administrative office.

These Behavioral Expectations and related policies have been developed by faculty, educators, staff, and volunteers to strengthen the work of those who believe in the 4-H Youth Development Program.