

**WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY (WSU) 4-H ACTIVITIES**

**\*\*For All 4-H Members UNDER 18 Years Old\*\***

**October 1, 2009 – September 30, 2010**

**ASSUMPTION OF RISK**

I understand that there are risks in participating in 4-H youth development events and activities associated with Washington State University (WSU).

**In consideration for and as a condition of being allowed to participate in this voluntary activity, I agree to take full responsibility for any and all risks that exist, including the risk of death or injury to my child or loss or damage to my property. I understand that there may be risks that WSU cannot predict or foresee, and I also assume full responsibility for those risks.**

Membership in the 4-H Program may involve participation in a wide variety of activities such as, but not limited to: club meetings (mounted or unmounted), shows, clinics, working with animals, physical education activities, water-sports, food preparation, woodworking, crafts, and travel. Risks in participating include, but are not limited to: temporary or permanent muscle soreness, sprains, strains, cuts, abrasions, bruises, ligament and/or cartilage damage, orthopedic damage, head, neck or spinal injuries, loss or use of arms and/or legs, eye damage, disfigurement, burns, drowning or death. I also recognize that there are both foreseeable and unforeseeable risks of injury or death that may occur as a result of traveling to or from the 4-H Program activities that cannot be specifically listed. Further, I recognize that the actions of other participants in the activity may cause harm or loss to my child or property.

**RELEASE OF LIABILITY**

I release, the state of Washington, the Regents of WSU, WSU, any subdivision or unit of WSU, its officers, employees, and agents, from any and all liability, claims, costs, expenses, injuries and/or losses to person or property, which I may sustain and/or sustain as a result of death or injury of my child, as a result of or connected with participation in the above event. My child's participation includes, but is not limited to, travel to and from the event in a private or public vehicle, any activity connected with the event itself, and use of state equipment or facilities for the event whether on or off WSU property. **I have carefully read this document, understand its contents and am fully informed about this program and circumstances. I am aware that this document is a contract with WSU and the program sponsors. I sign it freely and voluntarily.**

DATED THIS \_\_\_\_ DAY of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

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Parent or Guardian Name (Printed)

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Parent or Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Minor (Printed):

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4-H Club Name

## GRAYS HARBOR COUNTY 4-H CODE OF CONDUCT

The code of conduct shall be signed and dated by each member and parent/guardian and returned with the 4-H enrollment forms. A 4-H member is not eligible to participate in the Grays Harbor County 4-H Program unless his/her signed copy is completed. In addition, the emergency information must be completed for each member.

As a 4-H Member you have the responsibility of representing all 4-H members to the public. Therefore; you are expected to conduct yourself in a manner that respects individual rights, safety and property of others, and reflects favorably on your state, county and club as well as yourself. You are expected to observe the following guidelines.

1. The possession and use of alcoholic beverages and/or drugs other than prescribed medication is prohibited. Use of tobacco products by youth members is prohibited.
2. Obscene and discriminatory language, roughhousing and insubordination will not be tolerated.
3. Members and leaders must demonstrate respect for each other and the public.
4. Display of overly affectionate attention between individuals is prohibited.
5. Damage to, or destruction of property belonging to others is prohibited.
6. Animal abuse of any kind is prohibited.
7. Be an example of how to accept what life has to offer – good and bad – and how to live with the outcome of exhibiting your project.
8. Wear neat, clean and appropriate attire; including shoes or boots at all times.

Report any infractions to the superintendent/club leader/event coordinator.

**Penalties for infraction(s) may include any or all of the following:**

- Placing the member on probation for involvement in further 4-H events and/or termination of 4-H membership.
- Assessing the member the cost of damages and repairs in the event of damage or destruction of property.
- Releasing the member to the nearest law enforcement agency and/or the proper authorities.
- Withholding premiums and/or sending the member home from county fair.

*Parents will be notified if penalties are necessary.*

**I have read the Code of Conduct and agree to abide by its rules. I understand that infractions of this code will result in any or all of the penalties listed above.**

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Member Signature

Date

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Parent or Guardian Signature

Date