

Interstate Exchange Code of Conduct

The 4-H Center, Montana State University Extension and your county 4-H program wants your Exchange to be filled with exciting experiences, new friendships and fun. To help make this happen, we expect each delegate to be considerate of others, to participate fully in the program and to observe the following rules. These rules are intended to assist in providing for the health, safety and social well-being of everyone in the Exchange program.

If a situation or question arises which is not clearly covered by this list, **ask the chaperone before acting.** It is not possible to anticipate every possible situation. In the absence of a rule regarding a specific activity or situation, common sense prevails.

1. I will be pleasant, cooperative and willing to try new experiences.
2. I will respect supervision at all times and be responsible to all adults connected with this program.
3. I will abide by the Montana 4-H policy that girls and boys are not allowed in each other's sleeping rooms.
4. I am aware that possession or use of fireworks, firearms, illegal drugs, tobacco, and intoxicants of any kind are not permitted during any part of the exchange experience. I am also aware that a zero tolerance policy will be enforced on drug use, including alcohol and tobacco.
5. I will obtain the chaperone's permission and be sure my host family is fully aware of my departure before leaving scheduled work shifts or group activities for any purpose.
6. I will respect all facilities and natural surroundings; I will not deface or destroy them in any way.
7. While hosting, I will make my home a welcoming, clean, and comfortable environment.
8. While traveling, I will respect other's possessions and notify my host family and chaperones immediately if anything is broken or damaged in their home.
9. I will be prompt, participate fully in all activities and observe curfews.
10. I am representing my county, my state, and 4-H. I am aware that what others think of me is many times based upon impressions of my dress and behavior. I will always dress and behave so that I create a favorable impression.
11. I am aware that any violation of these rules is grounds for dismissal and forfeiture of all monies earned. My parents will be promptly notified, along with the Extension Agent. If I am dismissed in such a manner, I must call my parents or guardian to arrange for transportation home at my own expense. Complaints or suspicion of misconduct will be reviewed on an individual basis and investigated. Consequences for misconduct may be serious and have long lasting effects. I may be denied the ability to host a delegate in the future and/or be removed from the Exchange Program and denied participation in other 4-H activities.

I have read the Code of Conduct and agree to the following expectations.

Member's Signature: _____ Date: _____

As the parent or guardian of _____, I have read and support the Code of Conduct. I give my permission for the staff in charge to administer this Code.

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____