

INDIAN RIVER COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK PROGRAM

ADULT BEHAVIOR GUIDELINES

2008 – 2009

Codes of conduct, rules and printed list of behavioral expectations for youth participants in 4-H have been around a long time. A more recent addition to 4-H is a set of behavioral guidelines for adults.

Whether exactly alike, or only similar, the behavioral guidelines have a common purpose.... to help protect the youth participants from being affected by negative behavior.

1. Treat others in a courteous, respectful manner demonstrating behaviors appropriate to a positive role model for youth.
2. Obey the laws and rules of the fair, locality, state and nation.
3. All adults shall at all times maintain a high standard of behavior and conduct themselves with honesty and good sportsmanship.
4. Remember this is an opportunity for our youth to showcase their projects. We do not want to distract from their opportunity.
5. All youth will have a fair and equitable chance to sell or display their projects. The primary goal is not the money, but the excellence of their project. Be thankful for any price received for a project, the buyers are doing the youth a favor by participating. They don't have to buy!
6. 4-H believes that the family should be involved with the project, but remember that it is the youth's project and the majority of the work should be done by the exhibitor. Parents, guardians or immediate family members are here in a supporting role. Immediate family is defined as mother, father, legal guardian, brothers and sisters.
7. Remember that all the members of 4-H are volunteers and putting in untold hours so that the youth of Indian River County have an avenue to display their projects.
8. Please address all family members and friends that any actions that they take on behalf of the youth exhibitor will reflect back on the exhibitor. We need positive role models.
9. The rules for an exhibitor are listed in their rule pack: you need to be familiar with these rules. Any person or persons violating the rules on behalf of an exhibitor can result in the exhibitor being fined, loss of sale proceeds, being asked to leave the fair grounds or not being allowed to show or participate in further shows.
10. The judges have been hired by 4-H to do the best job to their ability. Any disagreements with their opinion will not be tolerated by the Board. This is a learning experience for the youth of Indian River County to experience other people's opinions.
11. I have read and agree to abide but the rules of 4-H Livestock Program. I understand the principals and the intent of 4-H and I agree to follow the principals and intents and help provide a positive atmosphere for the youths to exhibit their projects.

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