



# CHAPERONE EXPECTATION STATEMENT

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Capable caring adults play important roles in the lives of youth involved in UW-Extension Programs. This expectation statement acknowledges the need to provide the safest environments possible for youth.

This form applies to all adults, paid staff and volunteers, accompanying youth on an UW-Extension-sponsored trip or event. The adult, by signing this form, agrees to conduct herself/himself in a responsible manner and abide by all expectations as stated below.

### Adult Responsibilities Related to Chaperone Positions:

1. The adult will consider herself/himself the youth's support person, and be available throughout the duration of the program.
2. The adult will personally observe and verify the whereabouts of each youth for whom he/she has assumed supervision responsibility at least twice a day.
3. The adult will enforce all written and signed behavior expectations established for youth participation in the event. This will include room checks, when appropriate.
4. The adult will keep health and insurance information confidential.
5. The adult will not dispense medication, or anything relating to the physical or mental health of the youth, unless specifically directed in writing by the parent or guardian. The adult should be aware of any medications to be taken by youth.
6. In an emergency situation, the adult will act in the best interest of the youth and seek assistance from an event coordinator, professional staff, medical and/or law enforcement personnel as needed.
7. The adult should provide the youth with information on how he/she can be reached and should be accessible to consult with youth participants when needed.
8. In the case of inappropriate youth behavior, the adult will consult with local and/or home county contacts in determining appropriate disciplinary action.
9. The accompanying adult will participate in assigned activities and assist as needed.
10. The adult will address situations involving bullying, hazing or harassment, and intervene if youth are being threatened, humiliated or intimidated by other youth or adults.
11. The use of any form of tobacco should be avoided in the obvious or known presence of youth.
12. Sexual contact of any type with youth is strictly forbidden. Any behaviors considered in violation of the Wisconsin child abuse and sexual assault laws are grounds for suspension of affiliation until investigation is completed.
13. The adult will observe the curfew hour. The adult is expected to remain in the housing facility during curfew hours.

### Volunteer Behavior Expectations for Wisconsin 4-H Youth Development:

4-H Youth Development volunteers are expected to abide by the following behavior standards established by UW-Extension/4-H and to conduct themselves as positive role models for youth. All 4-H Youth Development volunteers are ultimately accountable to UW-Extension for their 4-H-related activities.

### As a 4-H Youth Development Volunteer, I will:

1. Cooperate with and support UW-Extension staff to jointly further the mission of the UW-Extension.
2. Accept supervision and guidance from UW-Extension staff or designated management volunteers.
3. Conduct myself in a manner that is in the best interest of program participants and UW-Extension and will not use the volunteer position or title for purposes of private or personal gain.
4. Use appropriate University research based resources/information.

5. Make all reasonable efforts to ensure that programs are accessible to all individuals regardless of race, color, sex, creed, disability, religion, national origin, ancestry, age, sexual orientation, pregnancy, marital or parental status.
6. Abide by all local, state and federal laws and UW-Extension and U.S.D.A. rules, policies and guidelines.
7. Conduct myself with courteous manners and language, exhibiting good sportsmanship, serving as a positive role model, treating others with respect, and demonstrating reasonable conflict resolution skills.
8. Not consume or be under the influence of alcohol or illegal substances while in the role of a UW-Extension volunteer, nor allow youth participants under my supervision to do so.
9. When transporting youth or adults, operate motor vehicles and other equipment in a safe and reliable manner and only with a valid operator's license and the legally required insurance. I will comply with all motor vehicle-related state regulations and laws.
10. Treat animals in a humane manner and teach program participants to provide appropriate animal care and management.
11. Report suspected verbal, sexual, physical abuse and neglect of youth to local authorities.
12. Not conceal carry firearms and/or weapons while acting in a volunteer role. I understand that if I am a 4-H Youth Development shooting sports volunteer, I am expected to openly carry/transport 4-H shooting sports equipment in designated areas.
13. Immediately notify my county UW-Extension Educator/Agent of any changes with my status (e.g. contact information, criminal arrest, charge or conviction history, driving privileges, etc.)

**Support for Adults Accompanying Youth on UW-Extension-Sponsored Trips/Activities:**

1. Orientation will be provided.
2. Youth taking part in overnight activities will submit a signed Expectation Statement that they understand the rules and the roles of the accompanying adult(s). Youth will be required to submit a health form that includes information on any special needs, medication to be taken and how to contact a parent or guardian.

**Permission for UW-Extension to Take and Use Photographs/Recordings:**

In addition, I understand that participants of this event may be photographed and/or recorded for 4-H promotional or educational materials. I also understand that no personal information about the participant, such as name, age or address, will be used with photos or recordings in promotional program materials. However, photos may be released to county Extension staff for local publication where participants may be identified. I give my permission to UW-Extension to use such images of this participant without any expectation of compensation.

**Adult Leader's Statement of Agreement:**

I have read, understand and agree to abide by these responsibilities and expectations for volunteers. I understand that suspension or termination of my position as a volunteer will result if I do not meet these expectations.	
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Print name	County
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Signature of Adult Leader	Date



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