

Florida 4-H Adult Behavioral Guidelines

Families and other youth-serving programs place trust in the University of Florida to provide quality leadership and care for participating youth. The opportunity to work with youth is a privileged position of trust that should be held only by those who are willing to demonstrate behaviors that merit this trust. For these reasons the following behavior guidelines are provided for volunteers working in the University of Florida Extension 4-H Youth Program.

1. Treat others in a courteous, respectful manner demonstrating behaviors appropriate to a positive role model for youth.
2. Obey the laws of the locality, state, and nation.
3. Make all reasonable effort to assure that 4-H youth programs are accessible to youth without regard to race, color, national origin, gender, religion, or disability.
4. Recognize that verbal and/or physical abuse and/or neglect of youth is unacceptable in 4-H youth programs and report suspected abuse to the authorities.
5. Do not participate in or condone, neglect or abuse which happens to 4-H youth participants outside the program and report suspected abuse to authorities.
6. Treat animals humanely and teach 4-H youth to provide appropriate animal care.
7. Operate motor vehicles (including machines or equipment) in a safe and reliable manner when working with 4-H youth, and only with a valid license and the legally required insurance coverage.
8. Do not consume alcohol or illegal substances while responsible for youth in 4-H activities nor allow 4-H youth participants under your supervision to do so.

Failure to comply with any of these guidelines may be reason for termination as a volunteer.

I understand that my service to the University of Florida and Sumter County Extension is entirely on a volunteer basis. I understand that I have the right to terminate my service at any time with or without cause and that the University of Florida and Sumter County Extension has the same right.

Volunteer Signature

Date