

Michigan 4-H Youth Authorization and Acknowledgment Form



Participant Name: _____

County of 4-H Participation: _____ **Program Year:** 20____ - 20____

Instructions: This two-page form is required for participation in Michigan State University Extension 4-H youth programs. Each section requires a separate authorization.

SECTION 1 - Required

Michigan 4-H Code of Conduct

Participation in Michigan 4-H programs is subject to the observance of the program rules. Any participant who knowingly violates this Code of Conduct is subject to discipline, up to and including removal from the activity he or she is participating in (at his or her own expense) or the entire county 4-H program.

Determination of disciplinary action shall be done with input from the volunteers and staff overseeing the program or activity. Final decisions about discipline will be made by the MSU Extension staff.

Michigan 4-H members will:

- Show respect for, and cooperate with, fellow members, volunteers and staff.
- Follow 4-H policies and procedures when participating in any 4-H sponsored event.
- Under no circumstances, commit or threaten violence toward any individual, group or the program.
- Under no circumstances, possess, sell or consume alcohol or possess, sell or use controlled substances at an MSU Extension 4-H youth activity or event.
- Under no circumstances, attend or participate in an MSU Extension 4-H youth activity or event under the influence of alcohol and/or controlled substances including tobacco, electronic cigarettes, etc.
- Under no circumstances, bring dangerous or unauthorized materials (such as explosives, weapons or similar items) to an MSU Extension 4-H youth activity or event.
- Abstain from harassment or bullying of another participant, volunteer or staff member (either in face to face interactions, through social media or other communication venues), particularly when the behavior is disrespectful as regards a person's gender, race, age, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, disability or appearance.
- Not cheat or falsely represent efforts related to 4-H project activities.

I have read and I understand the Michigan 4-H Youth Code of Conduct. I agree to abide by the rules stated above. I understand I may be removed as a participant from the activity or program, if I fail to follow these rules.

Participant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Guardian must sign if participant is under 18.

SECTION 2 - Required

Evaluation Acknowledgement

As a participant in the Michigan State University Extension/ 4-H program, your child may be asked to help with the evaluation of the program. Your child may be asked to complete a short survey about what he/she learned or did as a result of the program. Surveys could be given before the program begins and/or after the program has ended. Surveys typically take no more than 10 minutes to complete. All surveys are confidential. Youth are not required to participate in a survey. If you or your child does not wish to participate, it will not affect involvement in any programs of Michigan State University. If you do not want your child to participate in program evaluations or have questions about the evaluation, contact your local 4-H coordinator at the MSU Extension Office. By signing below I acknowledge that my child may be asked to participate in a short program evaluation. I understand that program evaluations are completely voluntary.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Participant must sign if over 18.

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SECTION 3

Media Release

I authorize Michigan State University Extension/4-H to record my image and/or voice for use by Michigan State University Extension or its assignees in research, education, and promotional programs. I understand and agree that these audio, video, film, and/or print images may be edited, duplicated, distributed, reproduced, broadcasted, and/or reformatted in any form and manner without payment of fees in perpetuity.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Participant must sign if over 18.

SECTION 4

Medical Information

Participant's full legal name: _____

Birth date: _____ Phone: _____

Parent phone home: (_____) _____ Parent phone work: (_____) _____

Parent phone cell: (_____) _____

Mailing address: _____

Primary care physician's name: _____ Physician's phone: (_____) _____

Physician's address: _____

INFORMATION NEEDED ABOUT PARTICIPANT (Required):

Yes No If yes, please list/explain below. Attach additional sheets if needed.

- Does the participant have any chronic health problem or illness?

- Does he or she have any acute illness now?

- Has the participant been treated recently for some medical problem?

- Is the participant taking any medications for treatment of a medical problem?

- Does the participant have any allergies to medication or local anesthetics?

- Does he or she have any allergies?

Please disclose any other disabilities or special needs your child has, that could affect their ability to have a positive experience.

Date of child's last tetanus shot: _____

HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION (Strongly Encouraged):

Policy holder's name and relationship to participant: _____

Policy holder's address: _____

Please attach a photocopy of both sides of your insurance card (preferred) OR complete the information requested here:

Insurance company phone number: (_____) _____

All policy numbers (please identify): _____

If you have HMO insurance, please list emergency treatment authorization phone number: (_____) _____

Employer's name and address: _____

SECTION 5- Required

Official Medical Treatment Authorization

I recognize that while attending this program, medical treatment on an emergency basis may be necessary for my child, and I further recognize that volunteers or staff overseeing the program may be unable to contact me for my consent for emergency medical care. I do hereby consent in advance to such emergency care, including hospital care, as may be deemed necessary under the circumstances and to assume the expenses of such care. I also authorize the medical facility to release any and all information required to complete insurance claims and also authorize insurance payment directly to the medical facility.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

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SECTION 6 - Required

MSU Extension, 4-H Youth Development Consent, Acknowledgement of Risk, Waiver & Release Form

I grant permission for my child to participate in all 4-H clubs, groups, education, social activities, and projects and (“Experiences”) they are enrolled for in 4-HOnline and for which I otherwise seek participation.

I understand that 4-H Experiences may entail field trips and visits to various locations. I also understand that participation in 4-H Experiences carries with it certain inherent risks that cannot be eliminated regardless of the care taken to avoid injuries. The specific risks vary from one Experience to another, but the risks range from (1) minor injuries such as scratches, bruises, and sprains, to (2) major injuries such as eye injury or loss of sight, joint or back injuries, heart attacks, and concussions, to (3) catastrophic injuries including paralysis and death.

I further understand that offered 4-H Experiences include those which may pose greater risks. These Experiences include, but are not limited to: shooting sports, equestrian activities, other activities which involve large animals, ATV/UTV activities, outdoor adventure challenges, snowmobiling, boating, motor vehicles and activities involving tractors and other farm implements.

Shooting Sports: I understand that some Experiences include the use of firearms, live ammunition, and/or archery equipment. I understand that shooting sports are potentially hazardous activities and entail the risk of serious injury; including, but not limited to, gun shot or archery wounds that could result in blindness, paralysis, loss of limb or life.

Equestrian/Large Animals: I understand that some Experiences involve the riding and/or husbandry of large animals. I understand that all animals, even trained animals, can exhibit unpredictable and potentially dangerous behavior. I recognize the riding and or care of large animals entails the risk of serious injury; including, but not limited to, fall, crush and blunt force wounds that could result in paralysis, loss of limb or life.

I have reviewed or will review all of the Experiences that my youth has selected or will select. I understand that by selecting Experiences I am accepting any risks associated with those Experiences.

I understand that my child has a role to play as regards to his or her safety and security. I will speak with my child about the need to listen to instructions, honor safety rules, and to behave responsibly.

If I am a participant who is 18 years of age or older: I have read the risks above, and, in consideration for being permitted to participate in chosen 4-H experiences, I release, waive, discharge, and covenant not to sue 4-H volunteers/leaders, County 4-H Extension Councils/Committees, Michigan State University (collectively, “Releasees”), and all officers, directors, employees, agents, volunteers, and contractors of Releasees, from any claim, demand, loss, liability, damages, and attorney fees and costs whatsoever arising from, related to, or resulting from the above risks, including those caused by the negligent acts or omissions of any or all of the Releasees.

I have read and understand this Consent, Acknowledgement of Risk, Release and Waiver.

Parent/Guardian/Participants 18 years of age or older Signature

Date