

COUNTY 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM CHAPERONE GUIDELINES

4-H Youth Development Program (“YDP”) Chaperones are expected to abide by these guidelines while serving as a 4-H Chaperone. 4-H Chaperones are “Agents of the University of California” and must abide by all UC policies and 4-H YDP core values.

1. Chaperones must be 25 years of age and a certified 4-H volunteer.
2. Chaperones shall respect the individual rights, safety, and property of others.
3. Chaperones shall not act in any way detrimental to the 4-H Youth Development Program, or in conflict with its policies or procedures and core values.
4. Chaperones shall not possess or use alcohol and/or illegal drugs (or be under the influence thereof) while serving as a 4-H chaperone.
5. When chaperoning 4-H members, chaperones shall not leave the delegation under their supervision or the grounds of the 4-H event unless they have received approval of the adult in charge of the event or delegation.
6. Chaperones are responsible for ensuring that all members of their delegation attend scheduled sessions, and events.
7. Chaperones shall not use obscene and discriminatory language at the 4-H event.
8. At overnight events, participants will not be allowed in the sleeping areas of participants of the opposite gender. All participants (except those with special planning or program responsibilities) must be in their assigned area at curfew and shall comply with quiet-hour and lights-out regulations.
9. Chaperones shall not participate in gambling or other games where money is used to wager.
10. Chaperones must have the correct number of seat belts for number of 4-H members in their vehicle.
11. Chaperones must have medical treatment forms for each 4-H member in their vehicle, including one for the driver.
12. Drivers must have automobile liability insurance and a valid California driver’s license.
13. Chaperones shall recognize and support the responsibilities of 4-H YDP staff in setting program standards, priorities, and direction.
14. Chaperones shall show a “positive image” to the 4-H members while on duty.
15. Chaperones are considered “on duty” from the time they begin their trip until they return their charges to their parents/guardians.

Penalties for Infractions:

Infractions of these 4-H Chaperone Guidelines may result in one or more of the following penalties:

- Possible disciplinary action by the County Volunteer Management Organization, 4-H YDP staff or County Director.
- Released of chaperone duties immediately.
- Prohibited from being a chaperone for future 4-H events/activities.
- Released to the nearest law enforcement agency and/or the proper authorities.

I, _____, have read the County 4-H YDP Chaperone Guidelines and agree to abide by its rules. I understand that infractions of this guideline will result in any or all of the penalties listed above.

Chaperone Signature

Date

County