

2025-2026 TEXAS 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

District 2 Junior Leader Lab

WAIVER, INDEMNIFICATION, AND MEDICAL TREATMENT AUTHORIZATION FORM

1. EXCULPATORY CLAUSE. *In consideration for receiving permission to participate in any and all activities of Texas 4-H ("activity"), which is sponsored by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and Texas 4-H Youth Development Program, ("sponsor"), a member of The Texas A&M University System, I hereby release, waive, covenant not to sue, and agree to hold harmless for any and all purposes sponsor, The Texas A&M University System, the Board of Regents for The Texas A&M University System, and their members, officers, agents, volunteers, or employees ("RELEASEES" or "INDEMNITEES") from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, injuries (including death), or damages, including court costs and attorney's fees and expenses, that may be sustained by me while participating in this activity, while traveling to and from the activity, or while on the premises owned, leased, or controlled by RELEASEES, including injuries sustained as a result of the sole, joint, or concurrent negligence, gross negligence, negligence per se, statutory fault, intentional torts, foreseeable criminal acts of third-parties, or strict liability of RELEASEES.*

2. INDEMNITY CLAUSE. I am fully aware that there are inherent risks to myself and others involved with this activity, including but not limited to illness, injury (including death), and damage to personal property, and I choose to voluntarily participate in this activity with full knowledge that the activity may be hazardous to me and my property, and to the person and property of others. I acknowledge there may be physically strenuous activities. I know of no medical reason why I should not participate. *I agree to indemnify and hold harmless INDEMNITEES* from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, injuries (including death), or damages, including court costs and attorney's fees and expenses, which may occur to myself, other participants, and third-persons as a result of my participation and conduct in this activity, *including injuries sustained as a result of the sole, joint, or concurrent negligence, gross negligence, negligence per se, statutory fault, intentional torts, foreseeable criminal acts of third-parties, or strict liability of INDEMNITEES.*

3. WARNING NOTICE. Under Texas Law (Chapter 87, Civil Practice and Remedies Code), a farm animal professional or farm owner or lessee is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in farm animal activities, including an employee or independent contractor, resulting from the inherent risks of farm animal activities.

4. NO INSURANCE. I understand that RELEASEES do not maintain any insurance policy covering any circumstance arising from my participation in this activity or any event related to that participation. As such, I am aware that I should review my personal insurance coverage. Sponsor does not carry general liability insurance to cover claims arising from this activity so it seeks a waiver of claims as additional consideration for the right to participate so sponsor, a governmental unit of the State of Texas, can (a) provide the activity at the lowest possible cost to participants; and (b) provide access to a greater number of participants by expending limited resources on program materials rather than on liability insurance.

5. BINDS HEIRS. It is my express intent that this agreement shall bind the members of my family and spouse, if I am alive, and my heirs, assigns and personal representatives, if I am deceased, and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas.

6. MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION, INDEMNITY FOR MEDICAL EXPENSES, and WAIVER. I understand RELEASEES cannot be expected to control all of the risks associated with this activity and RELEASEES may need to respond to accidents and potential emergency situations. Therefore, I hereby give my consent for any medical treatment that may be required, as determined by a medical professional at the medical facility, during my participation in this activity with the understanding that the cost of any such treatment will be my responsibility. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless INDEMNITEES for any costs incurred to treat me, even if an INDEMNITEE has signed hospital documentation promising to pay for the treatment due to my inability to sign the documentation. I further agree to release, waive, covenant not to sue, and agree to hold harmless for any and all purposes, RELEASEES from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, injuries (including death), or damages, including court costs and attorney's fees and expenses, that may be sustained by me while receiving medical care or in deciding to seek medical care, including while traveling to and from a medical care facility, *including injuries sustained as a result of the sole, joint, or concurrent negligence, negligence per se, gross negligence, statutory fault, intentional torts, foreseeable criminal acts of third-parties, or strict liability of RELEASEES.*

7. NO STRICT RULES OF CONSTRUCTION. In the event of a dispute over the meaning or application of this agreement, it shall be construed fairly and reasonably and neither more strongly for nor against either party.

8. VOLUNTARY SIGNATURE. In signing this agreement I acknowledge and represent that I have read it, understand it, and sign it voluntarily as my own free act and deed; sponsor has not made and I have not relied on any oral representations, statements, or inducements apart from the terms contained in this agreement. I execute this document for full, adequate and complete consideration fully intending to be bound by the same, now and in the future. **For students engaging in extracurricular activities:** I understand I can choose not to sign this document and free myself from its terms and the associated risks of the activity by simply not participating in the activity and choosing some other activity available to me that has a lower level of risk to me. I further understand this is a voluntary, extracurricular activity; therefore it is not required for me to obtain college credits and not participating in this activity will in no way hinder my ability to obtain a degree from the university. **For students going on fieldtrips or other class-related activities:** I understand participation in this class/fieldtrip/activity is not mandatory and I will not be penalized for failing to participate in this activity because an alternative activity exists for which I can receive like credit. While I understand alternative activities are available to me that do not have the risks associated with this activity I still desire to voluntarily engage in this activity.

**SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT INVOLVES THE WAIVER OF VALUABLE LEGAL RIGHTS.
CONSULT YOUR ATTORNEY BEFORE SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT.**

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Emergency Contact Number: _____

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION - ADULT OR YOUTH

SIGNED this _____ day of _____, 20 _____.
Date _____ Month _____ Year _____

Participant Signature: _____

Participant Printed Name: _____

Participant Date of Birth: _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN INFORMATION

If the participant above is under age 18, there should be consent by a parent or guardian, as follows:

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature:
(If Participant is under 18 years old) _____

Parent or Legal Guardian Printed Name:
(If Participant is under 18 years old) _____

INSTRUCTIONS: (1) The document should be printed in a font size no smaller than 10-point type. This is 10-point type. This is 12-point type. (2) The formatting/font style (**bolded, underlined, and italicized**) in paragraph nos. 1, 2, & 5 should not be altered by a system member.

**TEXAS 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FORM
HSS - HEALTH AND SAFETY STATEMENT
2025-2026**



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Check One: Youth Adult

County:

District: 2

Event: 2026 District 2 JLL

Event Dates: May 27-29, 2026

Section I. Participant Information

First Name: _____

Gender: Female Male

Last Name: _____

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Name of Physician: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Physician's Number: _____

Phone Number: (____) - _____

Date of last physical exam: _____

Section II. Emergency Contact Information

Contact Name #1: _____ Relationship: _____

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Phone Numbers: (____) - (____) - _____

Phone Numbers: (____) - (____) - _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

Section III. Health History (Check the appropriate answer; if YES, use space to the right to provide additional information)

Have you had any operations or injuries that impede participation?

No Yes _____

Are there any activities to be limited/discouraged by a physician's advice?

No Yes _____

Have you had or do you currently have any heart problems?

No Yes _____

Do you require any accommodation to participate in scheduled activities?

No Yes _____

Do you have any chronic recurring illness or communicable diseases?

No Yes _____

Are you allergic to any medications, food or food ingredients, insects, or pollens?

No Yes _____

Do you require an inhaler, epinephrine injector, or other item that you keep at all times?

No Yes _____

Do you have a medically prescribed meal plan or dietary restrictions?

No Yes _____

Do you have Epilepsy?

No Yes _____

Do you have Diabetes?

No Yes _____

List any other health related information: _____

No Yes _____

Section IV: Medications (ALL medications must be in ORIGINAL container with ORIGINAL LABEL.)

Are there prescribed or over-the-counter medications currently being taken?

No Yes _____

If yes, please describe: _____

Section V. Insurance Information – Please provide a copy of your insurance card.

Do you carry family medical/hospital insurance?

No Yes _____

Carrier: _____

Policy: _____

Section VI. Release of Participant (If minor) at conclusion of activity/camp/event/program

I/We do hereby authorize release of said minor child to the following person/people: (please list all persons, including parents)

Further, I/We require that said minor child NOT be released to the following person/people:

Section VII. Health and Safety Statement Certification

By signing below, I certify that my answers and statements are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand this information is confidential and is to be used only by AgriLife Extension Staff or designated Volunteers for health and safety reasons. I hereby consent to the use of this information for such purposes.

Participant Certification

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Certification (only if participant is under the age of 18)

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Guardian Authorization, Waiver, & Consent for Over-the-Counter Medication

Over-the-Counter (OTC) Medication may at times need to be administered, if approval is indicated by the youth's parent or guardian. Please complete the following section to save time if your child needs any of these OTC medications during her/his stay. Note: Unless we have parental authorization, we cannot administer ANY medications.

Participant name _____ Date of birth _____ Age _____
 County _____ District _____ Name of Event Attending _____ 2026 D2 JLL

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ointments for minor wound care, first aid (Antiseptic, anti-itch, anti-sting, antibiotic, sunburn) as directed. | <input type="checkbox"/> Milk of Magnesia, Pepto Bismol, or Mylanta for upset stomach or nausea as directed. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tylenol/Acetaminophen as directed | <input type="checkbox"/> Calamine lotion for bug bites and poison ivy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ibuprofen as directed | <input type="checkbox"/> Micatin or anti-fungus treatment as directed for athlete's foot |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kapectate or Imodium for diarrhea as directed | <input type="checkbox"/> Visine or other eye drops for minor eye irritation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rolaids or Tums for acid reflux, heartburn, or indigestion as directed | <input type="checkbox"/> Actifed or Sudafed as directed for nasal congestion or allergy relief as directed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benadryl for swelling, hives, allergic reaction, as directed | <input type="checkbox"/> Throat lozenges and/or spray as directed for sore throat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medicated powder for skin irritation as directed | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimmer's ear drops as directed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrocortisone ointment as directed for mild skin irritations, poison ivy, and insect bites | <input type="checkbox"/> Medicated lip ointment for dry, chapped lips, lip blisters, or canker sores as directed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Robitussin or other cough syrup as directed | <input type="checkbox"/> Bug repellent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen | |

Other (list any other approved OTC drugs): _____

Program staff reserve the right to use generic equivalents when available for the name brand over-the-counter medications listed above. I understand that such administration will not be done under the supervision of medical personnel. I also agree that any first aid treatment may be given as needed. I understand that these over-the-counter medications are not necessarily kept on hand and available to be administered immediately.

Any condition which is associated with fever, significant inflammation, and/or does not respond to the above outlined treatment will be followed-up by a consultation with the student's parents. Parent/guardian will be contacted if any conditions develop requiring treatment with any of the above over-the-counter medications that are not checked.

I authorize the administration of over-the-counter medications to my child as indicated above. I shall indemnify and hold harmless for any all purposes program staff, The Texas A&M University System, the Board of Regents for the Texas A&M University System, Texas A&M University, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension, the Texas 4-H Youth Development Program and their members, officers, servants, agents, volunteers, or employees (RELEASEES) against any claims that may arise relating to my child being administered the above indicated over-the-counter medications including injuries sustained as a result of the sole, joint, or concurrent negligence, negligence per se, statutory fault, intentional torts, or strict liability of RELEASEES.

I/We have legal authority to consent to medical treatment for the participant named above, including the administration of medication at the program hosted by/at Texas A&M AgriLife Extension.

Participant Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Participant:

Food Allergy (if applicable):

Medication (Listed Below)

All medication to be administered must comply with the following guidelines:

- All medication, including over-the-counter, must be in the original container.** All prescription medication must be in the participant's name. Sharing of prescription medication is not allowed. Inhalers must be accompanied by the prescription label.
- All medication must be accompanied by this dated medication authorization form signed by the parent / legal guardian.
- Please include instructions for over the counter medications.
- All medication, including over-the-counter, will be given ONLY as directed on the label.**
- If there has been a change in the dosage, please send a note from the participant's doctor reflecting the change.

List all medications your child will be taking. **Prescriptions will be given as directed on the label.**

By signing below, I certify that the information is true and complete. I understand this information is confidential and is to be used only by AgriLife Extension Staff or designated Volunteers for health and safety reasons. I hereby consent to the use of this information for such purposes.

Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ **Date** _____

Date

TEXAS 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FORM
YOUTH CODE OF CONDUCT
2025-2026



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1. I am expected to attend all sessions that are part of the planned program for all activities. I will inform staff if I am not able to attend.
2. I will exercise good judgment by dressing appropriately for the occasion and adhere to any attire requirements stipulated for the event/activity I am attending. All clothing shall be neat and clean. Articles of clothing that display profanity, products or slogans that promote tobacco, alcohol, drugs, and/or are revealing are prohibited.
3. Language must be controlled, appropriate, and not socially offensive.
4. Except for planned tours and outings, I will not leave an activity any time without permission of the chaperone and/or staff responsible for the event/activity.
5. I will not smoke, use tobacco products and/or e-cigarettes or be in possession of such products.
6. I will not be in possession of, use alcohol or drugs, or be associated with or remain in the presence of others when they are being used. Drugs prescribed by a doctor must be accompanied by the appropriate ADM, OTC, or SAP waivers.
7. I will not be in possession of, use, or threaten another person with a weapon, bodily force, or language.
8. I will respect the rights of privacy of those attending an activity. I will also be courteous and exhibit good manners.
9. I will observe hours established by the staff and be in my room. No boys in girls' rooms, no girls in boys' rooms.
10. I will avoid unnecessary roughness to room furnishings, furniture, equipment, etc. Towels or other items in the room are not to be taken. Occupants of a room or conveyance are financially responsible for any damage or results of misconduct.
11. I will use my social media and other technology platforms in a positive manner to reflect the values of the Texas 4-H Program. Posts or language that is negative or derogatory in manner are prohibited.
12. As a leader, I understand that there are more responsibilities and greater expectations as I serve as a positive role model to others within the program.
13. Any participant at an official 4-H activity who observes a breach of the code of conduct has the responsibility and obligation to report the misbehavior to appropriate chaperones.

YOUTH SECTION

I have read and understand the Code of Conduct and agree to adhere to it.

Youth Printed Name

County

District

Youth Signature

Date

PARENT/GUARDIAN SECTION

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

TEXAS 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FORM

YOUTH CONSEQUENCES OF MISBEHAVIOR

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Participants will have the opportunity to explain his/her actions to the professional Extension employee in charge of program.

Behavior that is disruptive of the Texas 4-H Program and/or unbecoming of a youth's role as a member/leader within the program will be documented and a letter describing such will be sent to the District 4-H Leadership Team (District 4-H Specialist and District Extension Administrator), County Extension Agent(s) and parents/guardians of those involved.

OFFENSES

Examples of offenses are listed below but are not limited to the list. Offense categories for these examples could shift depending on the severity and/or frequency of the offense.

Minor Offenses

1. Habitually late to program activities.
2. Not in room at designated time.
3. Not respecting the rights and privacy of those rooming with or attending an activity.
4. Lying or untruthfulness to chaperones, leaders, event organizers or others in attendance.
5. Not being respectful to 4-H staff, volunteers, or not following their instructions and/or rules.
6. Not adhering to the dress code.
7. Not displaying good manners.
8. Using threatening or obscene language toward others.

Intermediate Offenses

1. Inappropriate visitation.
2. Leaving a 4-H activity without the permission of staff member(s) in charge.
3. Misuse of or publishing misleading information on a social media account.
4. Intentional damage to meeting site, sleeping quarters, person, or other person's property.

Major Offenses

1. Smoking or using tobacco products
2. The use of alcohol or drugs.
3. Carrying an unauthorized weapon.
4. Threatening another person with a weapon or causing bodily harm.
5. Cheating
6. Sexual activities or harassment.
7. Theft of any kind.
8. Violation of the law.
9. Violation of livestock ethics policy.
10. Bullying or cyber-bullying.
11. Acting in a manner considered by 4-H leadership to be harmful or potentially harmful to the health or well-being of themselves or others, whether such act occurred within, or outside of the 4-H program.

CONSEQUENCES

- For most minor offenses, a 4-H member will receive a verbal reprimand unless the behavior is a chronic issue, which may require additional documentation and response.
- For every intermediate and major offense, the 4-H member will receive a verbal and written reprimand and the violator shall write letters of apology to the appropriate people.

Minor Offenses

- Consistent discipline problems requiring more than two reprimands is grounds for sending a 4-H member home at the parent's/guardian's expense.
- Habitual discipline problems requiring more than four reprimands during one calendar year is grounds for the 4-H member to not be allowed in any county, district or state activities for the remainder of the 4-H year.
- 4-H member may be asked to resign from all 4-H offices and/or leadership roles held as well as be required to give up monetary awards or scholarships from the Texas 4-H program.

Intermediate Offenses

- One or two violations is grounds for removal from the event/activity and/or sending a participant home at the parent's/guardian's expense.
- Three violations during one calendar year is grounds for the 4-H member to not be allowed in any county, district or state activities for the remainder of the 4-H year.
- 4-H member may be asked to resign from all 4-H offices and/or leadership roles held as well as be required to give up monetary awards or scholarships from the Texas 4-H program.

Major Offenses

- Removal from event/activity and/or sending a participant home at the parent's/guardian's expense.
- One major offense during any 4-H year may lead to suspension of membership in all Texas 4-H Youth Development programs for the remainder of the 4-H year, along with the possibilities of facing criminal charges.
- 4-H member may be asked to resign from all 4-H offices and/or leadership roles held as well as be required to give up monetary awards or scholarships from the Texas 4-H program.
- May lead to termination of 4-H membership.
- May result in notification of incident to legal authorities.
- May result in disqualification of all state validated animal projects.

COURSE OF ACTION

Extension employee(s) responsible for the 4-H program and event/activity are encouraged to communicate a standard of acceptable behavior to 4-H participants and adult chaperones prior to the 4-H event/activity/leadership role. Standards of behavior and consequences should be reviewed with participants as part of the initial orientation. When an incident occurs, the following steps should be taken.

1. Extension employee obtains all the relevant facts.
2. Brief the on-site adult responsible for the youth delegate (Extension employee or 4-H volunteer).
3. If not on-site, but available via phone, brief the county Extension employee, District Extension Administrator, and 4-H Specialist responsible.
4. Review Consequences of Misbehavior. The following steps should be taken when sending a 4-H member home:
 - Extension personnel/event manager contacts parents.
 - Advise parents that child is being sent home by safest, most direct means, and that parents are responsible for associated costs.
 - Extension personnel/event manager decides if parents should be given the option of picking up the child.
 - County Extension Agent collects money from parent/guardian to pay transportation charges.
 - Follow-up correspondence from Extension employee/event manager to appropriate County Agent, District 4-H Leadership Team (District 4-H Specialist and District Extension Administrator), child and parent for documentation.
5. For all intermediate and major offense reprimands and depending on the severity and/or frequency of minor offenses, a Summary Letter and Accident/Incident Report Form will be completed and mailed to the 4-H member, parent, County Extension Agent(s), District Extension Administrator, County Extension Director (if applicable), 4-H Specialist, and Texas 4-H Program Director.

YOUTH SECTION

I have read the Texas 4-H Consequences of Misbehavior and understand the expectations. I agree with the Code of Conduct and intend to abide by it throughout my 4-H activities.

Youth Printed Name

County

District

Youth Signature

Date

PARENT/GUARDIAN SECTION

As the parent/guardian of _____, I have read the above information and understand that every offense has a consequence. I give permission to the professional Extension faculty in charge to carry out the Consequences of Misbehavior as described, including inspection of rooms, vehicles and personal property as deemed necessary. I understand that 4-H participants have no reasonable expectation of privacy at and during 4-H events.

Parent/Guardian Printed Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date