

**4-H ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY**



Youth's name: \_\_\_\_\_ (printed)

**Agreement to Follow Behavior Guidelines and Safety Policies:** I agree that my child and I will fully discuss, and my child will adhere to, the Youth Behavior Guidelines, Code of Conduct for 4-H Events and any other safety policies provided to me by 4-H. I understand and agree that 4-H staff have the authority to remove my child from an activity if the staff determines that my child's behavior or actions pose a threat to other participants.

**Acknowledgement and Assumption of Risks:** I understand that 4-H provides for children a wide array of high-risk, medium-risk and low-risk activities, including, but not limited to: horse- and pony-riding practices and competitions, shooting sports practices and competitions, 4-H fairs and competitions, day and overnight camps, field trips (some of which include overnight stays), project workshops and 4-H club meetings. I understand and acknowledge that participation in 4-H activities carry certain inherent risks and hazards, including, but not limited to, accidents from shooting sports and equine activities, transportation accidents, the unavailability of immediate or adequate emergency care, weather-related other environmental hazards, slips and falls, pinches, scrapes, sun burns, twists and jolts. I understand that these inherent risks and hazards might result in the physical injury (such as scratches, bruises, sprains, lacerations, fractures, concussions), disability (such as paralysis or other severely debilitating injuries) or death of my child and the loss of or damage to my child's personal property. I acknowledge many of these risks cannot fully be eliminated regardless of the care taken to avoid them. I acknowledge that the University of Illinois neither guarantees the personal health or safety of my child nor of his/her personal property.

**I hereby assert I fully and knowingly assume such risks, hazards and dangers, known or unknown, of my child's participation in the 4-H Program and accept all responsibility for losses, costs, injuries and damage my child, my property, or my child's property incurs as a result of such participation.**

**Consent to Treatment:** In the event that my child requires medical care while participating in a 4-H activity and no designated emergency contact (including myself) can be reached, I grant to 4-H the authority to consent to all medical and/or dental care deemed necessary and to provide to medical personnel the UI Extension 4-H Program Youth Emergency Medical Information form with all pertinent medical and health information about my child. This consent expires when my designated emergency contact can be reached. I understand I, and not the University of Illinois, will be solely responsible for paying any bills, co-payments and deductibles associated with such care and treatment.

**Waiver, Indemnification and Hold Harmless:** In consideration of my child's participation in this 4-H activity, I do hereby release, waive, discharge, and covenant not to sue the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois and its respective officers, employees, and agents for any and all claims including those which result in personal injury, accidents or illnesses (including death), and property loss arising from, but not limited to, participation in the 4-H activities on behalf of myself and my child, heirs, personal representatives or assigns. I agree to INDEMNIFY AND HOLD the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois HARMLESS from any and all claims, actions, suits, procedures, costs, expenses, damages and liabilities, including attorney's fees, brought as a result of my child's involvement in the 4-H activity and to reimburse it for any such expenses incurred.

**Acknowledgment of Understanding:** I have read this entire document, fully understand its terms, and understand that, by signing it, I am giving up substantial rights, including my right to sue. I acknowledge that I am signing the agreement freely and voluntarily, and intend by my signature to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law.

**HORSE ACTIVITY:** Each participant engaging in equine activities expressly assumes the risk of engaging in and legal responsibility for injury, loss or damage to person or property resulting from engaging in equine activities.

**SHOOTING SPORTS:** Individuals removed from any 4-H activity for behavior outlined in Category 1 or 2 of the *University of Illinois Extension, Code of Conduct for 4-H Events and Activities* may not be allowed to participate in future shooting activities.

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Signature of Parent of Minor (under 18)

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Date

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Signature of Participant

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Date

