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2004-2005 Texas 4-H Volunteer Registration Form and Background Information

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County _____

Unit/Club Name _____

Unit/Club Number _____

Check (✓) preference: Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr.

Name: _____ (Last) _____ (First) _____ (Middle Initial)

Mailing Address: _____ Residence Address: _____

City/Town/Zip: _____ City/Town/Zip: _____

Phone: H (____) _____ W (____) _____ Driver's License #: _____

Social Security Number: _____ / _____ / _____ Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / 19 _____ Male Female

E-mail Address: _____ Current Marital Status: Married Single Divorced

Place of Employment: _____ How Long? _____

Employment Address: _____

Do you work directly with youth? Yes No Years as a Volunteer? _____ (Including this year)

Residence

(Check (✓) only one)

- Farm
- Town under 10,000 and rural non-farm
- Town/City 10,000-50,000 and their suburbs
- Suburb of city over 50,000
- Central city over 50,000

Type of 4-H Unit

(Check (✓) only one)

- | | |
|--|---|
| <u>Clubs</u> | <u>Groups</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community | <input type="checkbox"/> Clover Kids |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Comm. Partnership | <input type="checkbox"/> Curr. Enrichment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Project | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Interest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School | <input type="checkbox"/> Camping |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> ENP-Y |

Major Leadership Responsibility

- Club Manager
- Project Leader
- Activity Leader
- Master Volunteer
- Other _____

4-H Alumni: Yes No

Date _____ Signature _____

State _____ County _____

This information is requested to gather statistics for compliance with non-discrimination requirements.

Are you of Hispanic Ethnicity? (Check [✓] only one) Yes No

What is your Racial Group(s)? (Check [✓] all that apply)

- White
- Black
- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

Adult Youth

List the projects that you are involved with and/or serve as a leader. (Refer to the 4-H 1-3.055 - Annual Texas 4-H Enrollment List)

Code _____ Project Name _____

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

The following information is **REQUIRED** in support of the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program's commitment to continually guarantee the safety of the members during 4-H participation. I verify that I have been previously screened including a criminal background check. Yes No
 If NO, complete all of the questions on this page. If YES, where, when, how and for what were you screened? _____

Volunteer Interest

Have you previously served as a 4-H volunteer? Yes No
 If yes, where? _____ County _____ State _____ How many years? _____
 Address at the time: _____

Personal Information (To be completed by volunteers 18 years or older)

Do you have a current/valid driver's license? Yes No
 Do you have automobile liability insurance? Yes No
 Other names you have used, including maiden name. _____

Have you ever been convicted of or received deferred adjudication for a violation of any local, state or federal law, other than (1) a minor traffic violation for which the fine was \$200 or less, or (2) any offense which was finally settled in a Juvenile Court or under a Welfare Youth Offender Law? (This includes a plea of guilty or no contest.) Yes No If YES, list all convictions below, from the oldest to the most recent.

Date of Conviction (MM/YR)	Misdemeanor (✓ If Approp.)	Felony (✓ If Approp.)	Offense (Do not use abbreviations.)

References

- Name _____ Address _____ City/Zip _____ Phone _____ / _____
- Name _____ Address _____ City/Zip _____ Phone _____ / _____
- Name _____ Address _____ City/Zip _____ Phone _____ / _____

I hereby affirm that my answers to the foregoing questions are true and correct and that I have not knowingly withheld any fact or circumstance that would, if disclosed, affect my application unfavorably. I understand that any false information submitted in this application may result in my discharge. I hereby give my permission for Texas Cooperative Extension and the Volunteer Center of Dallas County to obtain information relating to my criminal history record. I understand that this information will be used to determine my eligibility as a volunteer with the 4-H and Youth Development Program. I also understand that as long as I remain a volunteer here, they may repeat the criminal history records check at any time. I understand that I will have an opportunity to review the criminal history and a procedure is available for clarification, if I dispute the record as received. I authorize the 4-H Program or any of its components to make reference checks relating to my volunteer service.

I, the undersigned, do, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, hereby remise, release and forever discharge and agree to indemnify the Volunteer Center of Dallas County and each of their officers, directors, employees and agents and hold them harmless from and against any and all causes of actions, suits, liabilities, costs, debts and sums of money, claims and demands whatsoever (including claims of negligence of the Volunteer Center of Dallas County) and any and all related attorneys' fees, court costs and other expenses resulting from the investigation of my background in connection with my application to become a volunteer/staff member.

_____ Date _____ Volunteer Signature _____

Texas 4-H and Youth Development
Commitment to Excellence

I will exhibit traits of a person with character including trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

It is my attitude at the beginning of any project that will affect its successful outcome.

It is impossible to succeed without others, and it is my attitude toward other individuals that will determine their specific attitudes toward me.

Nothing can be gained by thinking negatively; therefore, I will think positively. We become what we think. I will not talk about negative ideas or gossip.

I must develop personal pride in what I am, what I do, what I say, how I act; and I must remember the destructive function of false pride.

Nothing of consequence was ever accomplished without cooperation, optimism, perseverance and enthusiasm: it is contagious when it is real, urgent, honest, human and my own!



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Signature: _____

TEXAS 4-H AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT VOLUNTEER CODE OF CONDUCT

The following guidelines assist volunteers in understanding personal conduct expectations during the course and scope of their duties. 4-H Volunteer Leaders must abide by all applicable Texas Cooperative Extension policies.

To be appointed as a 4-H Volunteer, you must:

1. Be at least 18 years of age. (Overnight chaperones must be at least 21 years of age).
2. Complete a Texas 4-H Volunteer Registration Form and Background Information enrollment form annually.
3. Be subject to a criminal background check and screening process.

A 4-H Volunteer is expected to:

1. Respect the individual rights, safety, and property of others;
2. Participate in routine volunteer training opportunities and activities pertinent to their duties;
3. Be committed to the core values, education goals and standards of the 4-H and Youth Development Program;
4. Support the 4-H and Youth Development Program and its policies or procedures;
5. Recognize and support the responsibilities of the 4-H and Youth Development Program staff in setting program standards, priorities, and direction;
6. Support the non-discrimination practices of the 4-H and Youth Development Program, including: socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability, or national origin;
7. Make reasonable efforts to provide access to 4-H related information and equal opportunities to youth in their community to participate in project activities, awards programs and other events and activities.
8. Adhere to Texas laws on the use of motor vehicles;
9. Not consume alcohol and/or illegal drugs (or to be under the influence thereof) while involved or en route to any 4-H event, meeting or activity;
10. Maintain direct supervision of 4-H members and not leave the delegation under your supervision unless you have received approval from the individual in charge of the overall event or delegation;
11. Not sign a lease agreement, use permit with schools or other public or private facilities, or grant or order contracts on behalf of Texas Cooperative Extension. All such agreements shall be forwarded to the local office of Texas Cooperative Extension for review and approval;
12. Recognize Texas law requiring all adults to report suspected child abuse to the police or county child protective services;
13. Safeguard and hold confidential any information gained through administrative duties involving supervision of personnel or other information identified by the program as being confidential.
14. Not abuse a youth member.
15. Understand that falsifying enrollment information, budgets, documents or records is a breach of the Code of Ethics.
16. Not engage in sexual activity with youth members.

CONSEQUENCES FOR INFRACTIONS

Infractions of the Texas 4-H Volunteer Code of Conduct must be reported by anyone observing them to the 4-H and Youth Development staff and/or Texas Cooperative Extension office. Consequences may include:

1. Discussion of the inappropriate actions with the 4-H leader, clarification of the policy.
2. Releasing the adult to the appropriate law enforcement agency.
3. Termination as a 4-H volunteer.

By my signature on the Texas 4-H Volunteer Registration Form and Background Information form, I acknowledge receipt of this document and acknowledge that I have read and agree to abide by the guidelines in this document. I understand that my appointment as a 4-H volunteer is contingent upon my agreeing to this document and failure to comply with these guidelines may result in termination as a volunteer. This document does not create or expand participation rights volunteers have under the law, if any.

Printed Name of 4-H Volunteer

Signature of 4-H Volunteer

Date

County

District