

# Gillespie 4-H Range Judging Code of Conduct Agreement

Thank you for your interest in the Gillespie 4-H Range Judging Project. Our goal is that youth members learn to identify native plants, NAME. This project may require studying and good hiking shoes.

Participating in the 4-H Range Judging program requires that members and coaches enroll in 4-H each September through the online 4-H Connect system ([texas.4honline.com](http://texas.4honline.com)) and submit a membership enrollment fee of \$20.00/member. This fee increases to \$25.00/member after October 31st.

All coaches are adult volunteers, Master Gardeners or Master Naturalists who are doing this on a volunteer basis and coaches will be screened through the 4-H Youth Protections Standards Procedures.

**In addition to the Code of Conduct that each 4-H member agrees to abide by during enrollment (these can be found by visiting [texas4-h.tamu.edu](http://texas4-h.tamu.edu)) the range judging project Code of Conduct expectations and Disciplinary Actions are listed below:**

## **Code of Conduct**

1. I will be courteous and possess good manners.
2. I will cooperate with all reasonable instructions issued by my coaches and contest workers.
3. I will use language that is kind and courteous and refrain from making profane, insulting, threatening, or inflammatory remarks and physical actions.
4. I will not leave the practice location, group if I am on a field trip, or contest location at any time without permission of my coaches.
5. If a snake or dangerous animal is spotted, I will follow the directions of my program leaders and not deliberately antagonize it.
6. I will not damage contest materials and will not copy from others or my fellow team mates.
7. I will show respect for others. I will avoid unnecessary roughness and theft of equipment.
8. I will assume responsibility for the consequences of my actions if disciplinary action is taken.

## **Disciplinary Action**

In the event of a violation of the code of conduct:

- 1) The coaches will inform the parents of the violations that have occurred and the coaches may ask the youth participant to be removed from an activity during practice.
- 2) If the violations continue to occur, then the coaches will contact a County Extension Agent at the Extension Office. The 4-H Agent, coaches, and parents/guardians will then come up with a reasonable plan to attempt to manage the 4-H member's behavior, which might involve the guardian being asked to physically remain with their youth member throughout the duration of practices, field trips, and tournaments.
- 3) If repeated attempts are made to manage code of conduct violations and violations continue, then that 4-H member will be asked to leave the program.

4-H member name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_