

Gillespie JMG Code of Conduct Agreement

Thank you for your interest in the Junior Master Gardener Program. Our goal is that youth participants learn about plants and how they grow, work as a team, and have fun growing their own vegetables.

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

In addition to the Code of Conduct that each participant agrees to abide by during enrollment (these can be found by visiting texas4-h.tamu.edu) the Junior Master Gardener 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 listen and cooperate with all reasonable instructions issued by my program leaders, whom may include volunteer adult leaders, Master Gardeners and county agents.
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 or group if I am on a field trip at any time without permission of my program leaders.
5. I will show respect for others and the garden. I will avoid unnecessary roughness and not participate in activities that might damage materials or plants, unless instructed to by one of the program leaders.
6. I will not indulge in horseplay when holding gardening tools or when gardening tools are out and in use. I will use gardening tools in the manner in which they were intended, and not injure others while using them.
7. 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 program leaders will inform the parents of the violations that have occurred and the program leaders may ask the youth participant to be removed from an activity during practice.
- 2) If the violations continue to occur, the 4-H Agent, program leaders, and parents/guardians will then come up with a reasonable plan to attempt to manage the participant's behavior, which might involve the guardian being asked to physically remain with their youth participant throughout the duration of the program and on field trips.
- 3) If repeated attempts are made to manage code of conduct violations and violations continue, then that participant will be asked to leave the program.

Participant name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____