

2009 4-H FAIR HERDSMAN INFORMATION
(Application on reverse side)
Due July 10, 2009, LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

WHAT IS A HERDSMAN?

Somerset County 4-H members representing ALL 4-H project areas who sleep overnight in Fair tents to make sure animals, exhibits and equipment are safe and secure overnight. They also help to make everything clean and neat for the next day.

HERDSMAN REQUIREMENTS:

- 4-H'ers who have completed at least 8th grade
- People of good character who pledge to uphold the six pillars of character:
Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship.
- 4-H'ers who have attended at least 70% of their club meetings and done a club, county, or state presentation.

If you think you have what it takes to be a herdsman, ask your club leader and your parents to approve your application. Only a limited number of herdsman can be accepted. The Herdsman Supervisor and County 4-H Agent make final decisions.

THE 4-H HERDSMAN CONTRIBUTE A VALUABLE SERVICE TO THE 4-H FAIR

Herdsman Rules

1. Herdsmen must be in 8th grade (in the spring) or older.
2. Herdsmen must have approval **signatures from their parent/guardian (REGARDLESS OF THEIR AGE) and club leader before submitting the Application and Behavior Agreement.** The herdsman supervisor and the 4-H Agent signatures will be obtained at the herdsman orientation
3. Attendance at one of two pre-Fair Herdsman Orientation meetings is **required** (July 27 or August 4 at 7:00 p.m. at the 4-H Center). Herdsmen receive official ID's at these two meetings **NOTE: IF YOU HAVE BEEN A HERDSMAN FOR THE LAST 2 OR MORE CONSECUTIVE YEARS, YOUR PARENT OR GUARDIAN DOES NOT NEED TO ATTEND THE ORIENTATION.**
4. Herdsman will be assigned to oversee specific tents, but not necessarily their own exhibits. Individuals with special needs must speak to the herdsman supervisor at the herdsman's meeting.
5. If you stay Tuesday, Wednesday and /or Thursday you **MUST** also stay Friday night. If you have committed to spending the night and find during the day you are unable to stay overnight **YOU or YOUR PARENT MUST** notify the herdsman supervisors before 10:00 pm. *If you fail to do either of these, you will not be permitted to be a herdsman the following year.*
6. **ALL** herdsmen will attend a herdsman meeting each night they stay at the fairgrounds. This half-hour meeting usually begins at 10:30 p.m. After the meeting, herdsmen will complete assignments and sleep in assigned tents (not outside or in vehicle). If you are unable to complete tasks, you cannot stay. Permission from an adult supervisor is required for anyone to leave a tent for a reason other than to use the restroom. All herdsmen will help raise tent flaps in the morning before the Fair begins.

NOTE – YOU WILL NEED TO SUPPLY ALL YOUR OWN SLEEPING GEAR (EG: SLEEPING BAG, COT, ETC.)

7. All herdsmen will help breakdown the food tent Friday night before other exhibits are dismantled.
8. Herdsmen must remain on the fairgrounds between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. Absolutely no visitors are allowed. Breakfast will be served between 7:00 and 7:30 a.m.
9. Herdsmen are not permitted to handle any exhibits, enter any concession in the Food Tent (except for emergencies). Herdsmen are **NOT** permitted to use Fair vehicles.
10. Alcohol or other drugs are **NOT** permitted on the fairgrounds. There is **NO** smoking on the fairgrounds (regardless of age).
11. Parents will be notified at any hour of health or disciplinary problems. **Any herdsman sent home during the fair for disciplinary problems will not be allowed to be a herdsman for the rest of the fair and the next year's fair.**

Both sides of this form must be completed and signed by all adults participating in 4-H overnight activities, field trips, and events requiring group transportation where youth are present, or any other events sponsored through the 4-H Youth Development Program as determined by the event coordinator. The form should be submitted prior to the event and kept by the event coordinator for at least 90 days after the event.

Information about the Adult Participant and Activity

Name of adult participant: _____

Address: _____

Telephone number: (____) _____ 4-H county: _____

Name of activity/event: _____

Name of 4-H group sponsoring or participating in this event: _____

Location of event: _____

Date and time of participation of individual named above: _____

Release of Liability

Although Rutgers Cooperative Extension will use the utmost precaution in guarding the health of all participants and preventing accidents, I release them from any liability in case of injury as a result of this activity. Furthermore, I release the owner and driver of the car transporting me to and from this event, from any liability in the case of illness or injury.

Signature of adult participant

Medical Emergency Authorization and Health Information

In case of sudden illness or an accident to myself requiring immediate treatment or surgery while I am a participant in this activity, I authorize the 4-H event coordinator or other adults present to take such action as seems appropriate to protect my health and physical well-being. This authority extends to any physician(s) and/or surgeon(s) selected to perform medical and/or surgical procedures including examinations and tests necessary to preserve my life and well-being. All efforts will be made to contact the individual named as my emergency contact above in case of emergency.

Name of emergency contact	Phone number	Name of additional emergency contact	Phone number
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The following information is provided as an aid to the event coordinator in dealing with my well-being. I have the following conditions (include allergies, handicaps, diabetes, pregnancy, asthma, medications needed, etc.):

Health Conditions: _____

Medications: _____

Health Insurance: Company _____

Group# _____

ID# _____

Signature of adult participant

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New Jersey 4-H Volunteer Standards of Behavior

The primary purpose of these Standards of Behavior is to insure the safety and well-being of all 4-H participants (i.e., members, their parents, and families, staff and volunteers). These standards shall guide adult volunteer behavior during involvement in New Jersey 4-H. Just as it is a privilege for Rutgers Cooperative Extension to work with individuals who volunteer their time and energies to 4-H, a volunteer's involvement in 4-H is a privilege and a responsibility, not a right. *All non-staff adults participating in overnight 4-H events and activities are considered to be volunteers during the course of the event, and must agree to abide by the 4-H Standards of Behavior.*

4-H Volunteers will:

- Uphold volunteerism as an effective way to meet the needs of youth and adults.
- Uphold an individual's right to dignity, self-development, and self-direction; will not abuse any 4-H participant by physical or verbal means; and will report such abuse, if observed.
- Accept supervision and support from county 4-H staff while involved in the program.
- Accept the responsibility to represent their individual county 4-H program and the New Jersey 4-H Program with dignity and pride by being positive role models for the youth with whom they work.
- Not commit a criminal act.
- Inform county 4-H staff of any arrests or charges of criminal activity. (This may result in temporary suspension pending resolution of the case.)
- Comply with equal opportunity and anti-discrimination laws.
- Keep county 4-H staff informed of any incidents which may violate 4-H policies or personal rights.
- Handle animals and operate machinery, vehicles and other equipment in a responsible manner.
- Not require 4-H participants to purchase materials, equipment, animals or services from any specific places of business.

I understand that the coordinator of the event is responsible for informing me of my responsibilities as an adult volunteer participant in this event, and will provide any specific training needed to carry out these duties. I have read, understand and agree to the New Jersey 4-H Volunteer Standards of Behavior. I also agree to perform my duties as explained, and to abide by the 4-H Code of Conduct and any other rules specific to this event. I understand that any action on my part that contradicts any portion of this agreement is grounds for immediate dismissal from this event at my own expense.

Signature of adult volunteer participant

Date

New Jersey 4-H Media Policy and Release:

The 4-H program routinely promotes activities through various media. This includes, but is not limited to newsletters, newspapers, brochures, and displays. In doing so, the names and photos of members may be included to help tell the 4-H story. However, New Jersey 4-H policy is that on web sites, youth in photos will not be identified by name(s).

- No, do not use my individual picture for any purpose.** I will make an effort to avoid opportunities to be in group photos.
- No, do not use my name for any purpose.**

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