



4-H VOLUNTEER AGREEMENT

Name of Volunteer

Mailing Address

As a volunteer for the UNH Cooperative Extension 4-H Youth Development program, I agree to fulfill the following responsibilities while serving in this role:

1. Serve as a positive role model for youth and set a good example for their actions and behavior.
2. Maintain the standards of 4-H Youth Development by conducting yourself in a responsible manner.
3. Conduct all 4-H activities in compliance with UNH Cooperative Extension guidelines and in a safe and healthy environment.
4. Participate in required volunteer orientation and other ongoing volunteer training as appropriate. Within the next 3 months, it is required that you complete the on-line 4-H Volunteer Training at the following web address: <http://extension.unh.edu/4H/4HVolunt.htm>. On that page, go to "4-H On-line Volunteer Training: eLearning" and read the instructions to learn how to access the Training Modules. If you do not have internet access, please contact me about other alternatives.
5. Keep UNH Cooperative Extension staff fully informed of club or project activities, including field trips, fund-raising events, and other special activities.
6. Maintain up-to-date enrollment and complete required reports with the county UNH Cooperative Extension office for yourself, your members, and other volunteers you direct.
7. Welcome all youth, their families, and other volunteers to participate in the program regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, veteran's status, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, marital status, or disability. I have read and understand the UNHCE Transportation Policy which is posted on page two. I will abide by this policy.

I understand the risks, hazards, and dangers inherent in carrying out the duties and responsibilities of my volunteer activities. I agree for myself and my heirs, to release and hold harmless, defend and indemnify the University of New Hampshire, its trustees, officers, agents, employees, and volunteers, from and against all claims, demands, actions, and causes of action as a result of personal injury, death, or property damage sustained by me or by others due to my volunteer activity, including my operation of a motor vehicle.

I have read and understand the attached Volunteer Service Description for the role I am about to assume.

Volunteer

Date

You are hereby recognized as a UNH Cooperative Extension volunteer. As a recognized volunteer, you are protected by NH RSA 508:17 which provides legal protection for volunteers by limiting the liability of an enrolled volunteer who is working within the scope of his or her official duties and responsibilities as outlined by this document and following the guidelines and policies of the program.

Staff Member

Date

UNHCE TRANSPORTATION POLICY

(NOTE: Transportation is exempted from coverage under RSA 508:17.)

UNH Cooperative Extension staff and volunteers are encouraged not to arrange transportation for others. In most situations, transportation is the responsibility of the participant or, in the case of minors, the participant's family; including transportation to and from Extension program/activity sites.

In rare cases where transportation in personal vehicles is arranged by Extension staff or volunteers as a part of their responsibilities with UNH Cooperative Extension, the driver must be an enrolled volunteer who has signed a Volunteer Agreement Form or an adult who has signed a trip specific Activity Driver Form prior to transporting others. Do not permit anyone to drive whose driving you know to be dangerous.

Volunteers must rely on their own automobile insurance when using personal vehicles while performing their volunteer duties. Volunteers who use their personal vehicles while performing their assigned duties shall be in compliance with all federal and state laws pertaining to use of such vehicles, including but not limited to, possession of a valid operator's license, vehicle registration and inspection, and availability and use of safety devices. They must also have personal automobile liability coverage. The recommended level of liability coverage is at least \$300,000. Do not hesitate to ask to see proof of insurance coverage.

All drivers for Extension functions will be at least 21 years of age if transporting others or be either a certified school bus driver or a commercially licensed driver and employed in that capacity. The use of full-size 15 passenger style vans is prohibited. Seat belts must be worn by all passengers. The number of passengers will not exceed the number of properly functioning seatbelts in the vehicle. Do not allow passengers to ride in the back of pickup trucks. Youth who are known to cause trouble for drivers should be driven by their own parent or left at home.