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CCE Columbia-Greene 4-H Dress Code

The following dress code has been developed to prevent participants from becoming offended or uncomfortable during any 4-H events or activities. If you choose to dress inappropriately, you will be told to change. Planning ahead and packing appropriately will save you the inconvenience of changing your attire during the 4-H event or activity and ensure that you contribute to a pleasant 4-H atmosphere. **Our chaperones will make sure that our trip delegates are meeting this dress code.**

Please be advised that the following dress code will be enforced for all CCE Columbia-Greene individuals, including adults, attending 4-H events and activities and/or representing 4-H at community events.

1. All clothing shall be neat, clean, acceptable in repair and appearance, and shall be worn within the bounds of decency and good taste as appropriate for 4-H events and activities.
2. Articles of clothing which display profanity, products, or slogans which promote tobacco, alcohol, drugs, sex or are in any other way distracting, are prohibited.
3. Excessively baggy or tight clothing which advertises gang symbols or affiliation is prohibited. Items of clothing which expose bare midriffs, bare chests, undergarments, or that are transparent (see-through) are prohibited. **Tank tops with straps wider than one inch are permitted. Please be advised that spaghetti straps, shirts which expose a bare back, halter tops, and tube tops are prohibited.**
5. Shorts must be mid-thigh length. No cut-off shorts or short-shorts allowed.
6. Swimming (For all water recreation): Swimsuits for men: swim trunks only (no shorts, cut-off pants or Speedos). Swimsuits for women: One-piece suits recommended, however, two-piece suits are allowed as long as they are modestly cut. No string, thong or crochet suits will be allowed. Swimsuits may only be worn while in the swimming pool area.
7. Hats need to be removed for meetings, workshops, meals, and other times when asked to remove them.
8. Shoes must be worn at all times unless told not to by staff/volunteers in charge.
9. Formal/fancy dresses. The dress code will be relaxed slightly for female delegates opting to wear formal dresses in appropriate situations. Dresses must still be within the bounds of decency appropriate for a 4-H event (covering cleavage and midriffs, no back expose lower than the shoulder blades, and not made of non-opaque fabric).

If you think it may not be appropriate or that someone might ask you about it – you should not bring it or wear it. ASK before you leave for the trip!!

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Dress Code Violations



Diagram above created by California 4-H Alum, Cindy Sperry

Appropriate Dress for Any 4-H Occasion

	Casual	Business Casual	Semi-Formal
Guys	Jeans, khakis, t-shirts, sneakers. NO cut-off shorts or worn jeans with holes or ragged edges.	Slacks (creased jeans and khakis are appropriate), shirt without tie, dress shoes, boots, NO sneakers.	Slacks with a jacket, shirt, tie, leather shoes or dress boots.
Gals	Jeans, khakis, t-shirts, sneakers. Shorts must be mid-thigh length. NO cut-off shorts or short-shorts.	Skirts or slacks with an appropriate blouse or shirt. Dress denim (denim skirts and pressed creased jeans) and khakis are appropriate. NO sneakers.	Dresses from mid-thigh to floor length or pant suits. May be strapless but must be appropriate. NO backless, low-cut (front or back), exposure of midriff or navel, shorter than mid-thigh length.