

2025-2026 TEXAS 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Program Name

WAIVER, INDEMNIFICATION, AND MEDICAL TREATMENT AUTHORIZATION FORM

1. EXCULPATORY CLAUSE. In consideration for receiving permission to participate in any and all activities of Texas 4-H ("activity"), which is sponsored by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and Texas 4-H Youth Development Program, ("sponsor"), a member of The Texas A&M University System, I hereby release, waive, covenant not to sue, and agree to hold harmless for any and all purposes sponsor, The Texas A&M University System, the Board of Regents for The Texas A&M University System, and their members, officers, agents, volunteers, or employees ("RELEASEES" or "INDEMNITEES") from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, injuries (including death), or damages, including court costs and attorney's fees and expenses, that may be sustained by me while participating in this activity, while traveling to and from the activity, or while on the premises owned, leased, or controlled by RELEASEES, including injuries sustained as a result of the sole, joint, or concurrent negligence, gross negligence, negligence per se, statutory fault, intentional torts, foreseeable criminal acts of third-parties, or strict liability of RELEASEES.

2. INDEMNITY CLAUSE. I am fully aware that there are inherent risks to myself and others involved with this activity, including but not limited to illness, injury (including death), and damage to personal property, and I choose to voluntarily participate in this activity with full knowledge that the activity may be hazardous to me and my property, and to the person and property of others. I acknowledge there may be physically strenuous activities. I know of no medical reason why I should not participate. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless INDEMNITEES from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, injuries (including death), or damages, including court costs and attorney's fees and expenses, which may occur to myself, other participants, and third-persons as a result of my participation and conduct in this activity, including injuries sustained as a result of the sole, joint, or concurrent negligence, gross negligence, negligence per se, statutory fault, intentional torts, foreseeable criminal acts of third-parties, or strict liability of INDEMNITEES.

3. WARNING NOTICE. Under Texas Law (Chapter 87, Civil Practice and Remedies Code), a farm animal professional or farm owner or lessee is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in farm animal activities, including an employee or independent contractor, resulting from the inherent risks of farm animal activities.

4. NO INSURANCE. I understand that RELEASEES do not maintain any insurance policy covering any circumstance arising from my participation in this activity or any event related to that participation. As such, I am aware that I should review my personal insurance coverage. Sponsor does not carry general liability insurance to cover claims arising from this activity so it seeks a waiver of claims as additional consideration for the right to participate so sponsor, a governmental unit of the State of Texas, can (a) provide the activity at the lowest possible cost to participants; and (b) provide access to a greater number of participants by expending limited resources on program materials rather than on liability insurance.

5. BINDS HEIRS. It is my express intent that this agreement shall bind the members of my family and spouse, if I am alive, and my heirs, assigns and personal representatives, if I am deceased, and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas.

6. MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION, INDEMNITY FOR MEDICAL EXPENSES, and WAIVER. I understand RELEASEES cannot be expected to control all of the risks associated with this activity and RELEASEES may need to respond to accidents and potential emergency situations. Therefore, I hereby give my consent for any medical treatment that may be required, as determined by a medical professional at the medical facility, during my participation in this activity with the understanding that the cost of any such treatment will be my responsibility. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless INDEMNITEES for any costs incurred to treat me, even if an INDEMNITEE has signed hospital documentation promising to pay for the treatment due to my inability to sign the documentation. I further agree to release, waive, covenant not to sue, and agree to hold harmless for any and all purposes, RELEASEES from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, injuries (including death), or damages, including court costs and attorney's fees and expenses, that may be sustained by me while receiving medical care or in deciding to seek medical care, including while traveling to and from a medical care facility, including injuries sustained as a result of the sole, joint, or concurrent negligence, negligence per se, gross negligence, statutory fault, intentional torts, foreseeable criminal acts of third-parties, or strict liability of RELEASEES.

7. NO STRICT RULES OF CONSTRUCTION. In the event of a dispute over the meaning or application of this agreement, it shall be construed fairly and reasonably and neither more strongly for nor against either party.

8. VOLUNTARY SIGNATURE. In signing this agreement I acknowledge and represent that I have read it, understand it, and sign it voluntarily as my own free act and deed; sponsor has not made and I have not relied on any oral representations, statements, or inducements apart from the terms contained in this agreement. I execute this document for full, adequate and complete consideration fully intending to be bound by the same, now and in the future. **For students engaging in extracurricular activities:** I understand I can choose not to sign this document and free myself from its terms and the associated risks of the activity by simply not participating in the activity and choosing some other activity available to me that has a lower level of risk to me. I further understand this is a voluntary, extracurricular activity; therefore it is not required for me to obtain college credits and not participating in this activity will in no way hinder my ability to obtain a degree from the university. **For students going on fieldtrips or other class-related activities:** I understand participation in this class/fieldtrip/activity is not mandatory and I will not be penalized for failing to participate in this activity because an alternative activity exists for which I can receive like credit. While I understand alternative activities are available to me that do not have the risks associated with this activity I still desire to voluntarily engage in this activity.

**SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT INVOLVES THE WAIVER OF VALUABLE LEGAL RIGHTS.
CONSULT YOUR ATTORNEY BEFORE SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT.**

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION		
Emergency Contact Name: _____		
Emergency Contact Number: _____		
PARTICIPANT INFORMATION - ADULT OR YOUTH		
SIGNED this _____ day of _____, 20____		
Date	Month	Year
Participant Signature: _____		
Participant Printed Name: _____		
Participant Date of Birth: _____		
PARENT OR GUARDIAN INFORMATION		
If the participant above is under age 18, there should be consent by a parent or guardian, as follows:		
Parent or Legal Guardian Signature: (If Participant is under 18 years old) _____		
Parent or Legal Guardian Printed Name: (If Participant is under 18 years old) _____		

INSTRUCTIONS: (1) The document should be printed in a font size no smaller than 10-point type. This is 10-point type. This is 12-point type. (2) The formatting/font style (**bolded, underlined, and italicized**) in paragraph nos. 1, 2, & 5 should not be altered by a system member.

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HSS - HEALTH AND SAFETY STATEMENT
2025-2026



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Check One: ☐ Youth ☐ Adult

County: _____ District: _____

Event: _____ Event Dates: _____

Section I. Participant Information

First Name: _____ Gender: ☐ Female ☐ Male
Last Name: _____ Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Age: ____
Address: _____ Name of Physician: _____
City, State, Zip: _____ Physician's Number: _____
Phone Number: () - _____ Date of last physical exam: _____

Section II. Emergency Contact Information

Contact Name #1: _____ Relationship: _____ Contact Name #1: _____ Relationship: _____
Phone Numbers: () - () - Phone Numbers: () - () -
Address: _____ Address: _____

Section III. Health History (Check the appropriate answer; if YES, use space to the right to provide additional information)

Have you had any operations or injuries that impede participation?	☐ No	☐ Yes	_____
Are there any activities to be limited/discouraged by a physician's advice?	☐ No	☐ Yes	_____
Have you had or do you currently have any heart problems?	☐ No	☐ Yes	_____
Do you require any accommodation to participate in scheduled activities?	☐ No	☐ Yes	_____
Do you have any chronic recurring illness or communicable diseases?	☐ No	☐ Yes	_____
Are you allergic to any medications, food or food ingredients, insects, or pollens?	☐ No	☐ Yes	_____
Do you require an inhaler, epinephrine injector, or other item that you keep at all times?	☐ No	☐ Yes	_____
Do you have a medically prescribed meal plan or dietary restrictions?	☐ No	☐ Yes	_____
Do you have Epilepsy?	☐ No	☐ Yes	_____
Do you have Diabetes?	☐ No	☐ Yes	_____
List any other health related information:	☐ No	☐ Yes	_____

Section IV: Medications (ALL medications must be in ORIGINAL container with ORIGINAL LABEL.)

Are there prescribed or over-the-counter medications currently being taken? ☐ No ☐ Yes

If yes, please describe: _____

Section V. Insurance Information – Please provide a copy of your insurance card.

Do you carry family medical/hospital insurance? ☐ No ☐ Yes

Carrier: _____ Policy: _____

Section VI. Release of Participant (If minor) at conclusion of activity/camp/event/program

I/We do hereby authorize release of said minor child to the following person/people: (please list all persons, including parents)

Further, I/We require that said minor child NOT be released to the following person/people:

Section VII. Health and Safety Statement Certification

By signing below, I certify that my answers and statements are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand this information is confidential and is to be used only by AgriLife Extension Staff or designated Volunteers for health and safety reasons. I hereby consent to the use of this information for such purposes.

Participant Certification
Printed Name: _____
Signature: _____
Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Certification (only if participant is under the age of 18)
Printed Name: _____
Signature: _____
Date: _____

Programs with multiple dates/sessions. I certify this information is correct.

Date: _____ Initial: _____ Date: _____ Initial: _____