

Hello 4-H community,

The Monterey County Fair turns 80 years this week. So many 4-H families have been active at this fair and share many fond memories.

For the 4-H member, there are many activities, contests and responsibilities during this six day fair. This is also a time when emotions can run from highs to lows, children can become tired, parents and volunteers can lose their patience and even the most experienced Project Leader may need to gain “perspective” over a situation that can arise during the fair.

As an adult volunteer or parent, please be prepared to take personal responsibility for any interpersonal conflicts that may arise, whether with members, parents, guardians, other participating adults and or adult volunteers. Your actions will role model positive conflict resolution skills for the youth members.

4-H adult volunteers and parents are a valued and essential part of the California 4-H Youth Development Program! Adult volunteers can have a positive and profound impact on the life of 4-H members.

Serving as an adult volunteer is a privilege and at the invitation of the University of California. Volunteer participation is supervised by the county 4-H YDP staff and county director. As such, each adult volunteer agrees to a 4-H **Code of Conduct** every year. This can be found online at: <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/16404.pdf>

For parents who are not enrolled volunteers, please review the expectations found at : <http://4h.ucanr.edu/files/172639.pdf>

The Monterey County 4-H Program supports the volunteer opportunities that builds caring, competent, and effective volunteers and provides a satisfying and rewarding experience for the adult volunteer that is beneficial to all 4-H members.

Thank you all for supporting the spirit of the 4-H program by *Making the Best Better* during the fair time and throughout the year.

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