



DRESS CODE EXPECTATIONS FOR UVM 4-H EVENTS

Clothing and behaviors, both verbal and non-verbal, can communicate a lot about a person. When participating in a 4-H event, or representing 4-H at a local, regional, state or national opportunity, 4-H'ers are expected to dress and act in a way that is appropriate for the occasion. The 4-H Program's top priority is the safety, both physical and emotional, of all of its members. Volunteers, chaperones and parents should ensure that 4-H members understand appropriate clothing choices and acceptable behaviors relevant to the trip or experience.

UVM 4-H encourages individuality within the guidelines described in this dress code. Participants are asked to use their best judgment, and to wear clothing that is best suited for a given activity. Volunteers, chaperones and staff need to be knowledgeable about the environment to which they take 4-H members, and prepare them accordingly with expectations around appropriate behavior and attire. 4-H'ers should also understand why they are being asked to dress and conduct themselves in a certain manner. This will reinforce the expectation about appropriate attire and further develop life skills in relation to how 4-H'ers are perceived by other members of society and what messages clothing can communicate.

**Allowable Dress: ~~DEP~~
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*Here are suggestions for different occasions, often used in the professional world. An activity may dictate a specific dress type, check with your 4-H Leader or Educator about appropriate dress.

Casual