

Somerset County 4-H Internet Acceptable Use Agreement

(Please read this document carefully before signing.)

Internet access is now available to members and volunteers in the Somerset County 4-H.

We are very pleased to bring this access to Somerset County 4-H and believe the Internet offers vast, diverse, and unique resources to both members and volunteers. Our goal in providing this service to volunteers and members is to promote educational excellence in clubs by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, and communication.

The Internet is an electronic highway connecting thousands of computers all over the world and millions of individual subscribers. Users will have access to:

- 1) Electronic mail communication and video conferencing with people all over the world.
- 2) Information and news from government agencies and professional organizations as well as the opportunity to correspond with the experts in many different fields.
- 3) Public domain software and graphics of all types for club use.
- 4) Discussion groups on a plethora of topics ranging from Chinese culture to agriculture to robotics to the arts.

With access to computers and people all over the world also comes the availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the club setting. Somerset County 4-H volunteers and parents should take precautions to restrict access to controversial materials. However, on a global network it is impossible to control all materials and an industrious user may discover controversial information. We (the Somerset County 4-H Association) firmly believe that the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network far outweighs the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with the educational goals of 4-H.

Internet access is coordinated through a complex association of government agencies, and regional and state networks. In addition, the smooth operation of the network relies upon the proper conduct of the end users who must adhere to strict guidelines. These guidelines are provided here so that you are aware of the responsibilities you are about to acquire. In general this requires efficient, ethical and legal utilization of the network resources. If a user violates any of these provisions future access at the 4-H Center could possibly be prohibited.

The signature(s) at the end of this document is (are) legally binding and indicates the party (parties) who signed has (have) read the terms and conditions carefully and understand(s) their significance.

Internet--Terms and Conditions of Use

1) **Acceptable Use** - The purpose of the backbone networks making up the Internet is to support research and education in and among academic institutions by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. The use of this access must be in support of education and research and consistent with the educational objectives of 4-H. Transmission of any material in violation of any national or state regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret.

Unacceptable use of the internet by member and volunteers, and leaders includes, but is not limited to:

- Access to sites that contain obscene, hateful, pornographic, unlawful, violent or otherwise illegal material
- Sending or posting discriminatory, harassing, or threatening messages or images on the Internet
- Using computers to perpetrate any form of fraud, and/or software, film or music piracy
- Downloading, copying or pirating software and electronic files that are copyrighted or without authorization
- Hacking into unauthorized websites
- Sending or posting information that is defamatory to 4-H, its members, volunteers, or staff
- Sending or posting chain letters, solicitations, or advertisements not related to 4-H activities

- Passing off personal views as representing those of the organization

2) **Privileges** - The use of the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in a cancellation of those privileges. The county 4-H agent will deem what is inappropriate use and their decision is final. The county 4-H agent may revoke permission to access the internet at the 4-H Center.

3) Somerset County 4-H Association makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. Somerset County 4-H Association will not be responsible for any damages you suffer. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, mis-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by its own negligence or your errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the Internet is at your own risk. Somerset County 4-H Association specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.

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I understand and will abide by the above Internet Use Agreement. I further understand that any violation of the regulations above is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, club disciplinary action may be taken, and/or appropriate legal action.

User's Full Name: _____

User Signature: _____

Date: _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN

As the parent or guardian of this member, I have read the Internet Use Agreement. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. I recognize it is impossible for Somerset County 4-H to restrict access to all controversial materials and I will not hold them responsible for materials acquired from use of this service. Further, I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use is not in a club setting. I hereby give permission to allow my child to access the internet at the 4-H Center and certify that the information contained on this form is correct.

Parent or Guardian's Name (please print): _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature: _____

SPONSORING LEADER

(Must be signed if the applicant is a member)

I have read the Internet Use Agreement and agree to promote THIS agreement with the member. Because the member may use this access for individual work or for another club, I cannot be held responsible for the member's use of the access service. As the sponsoring leader I do agree to instruct the member on acceptable use of the access service and to monitor their activities when using it for club-related activities at the 4-H Center.

Leader's Name (please print): _____

Leader's Signature: _____