



# Washington County 4-H Wagon Train Dress Code

This dress code is compiled from the National 4-H dress code in addition to the unique requirements of Washington County 4-H Wagon Train. The purpose of the dress code is to first safely outfit individuals for this experience and second to resemble appropriate school and community expectations while representing 4-H. Any youth and adult leaders attending this event (this includes, Tune Up, Promotional Events, Fairs, Fundraisers, and Meetings) shall adhere to these standards of dress and appearance that are compatible with an effective learning environment. Presenting a bodily appearance or wearing clothing which is disruptive, provocative, revealing, profane, vulgar, offensive or obscene, or which endangers the health and safety of the youth or others is prohibited.

## **Examples of prohibited dress or appearance include but are not limited to:**

- Exposed undergarments
- Intentionally sagging pants or shorts
- Excessively short, tight garments or muscle shirts
- Bare midriff shirts, tube tops, halter tops, one-shoulder tops, strapless tops, spaghetti strap tops, dresses/tops/pants/skirts that expose midriff, navel, back, or cleavage.
- See-through clothing, cut offs, ripped jeans, or other clothing with holes
- Attire with messages or illustrations that are lewd, indecent, or vulgar or that advertise any product or service not permitted by law to minors such as those for alcohol or tobacco products or drugs.
- Head covering of any kind except special circumstances
- Attire that encourages indecent exposure
- Any adornment such as chains or spikes that reasonably could be perceived as or used as a weapon
- Any symbols, styles or attire frequently associated with intimidation

## **Exceptions or modifications to dress code unique to Wagon Train:**

Washington County 4-H Wagon Train is a unique activity within 4-H and therefore has its own requirements or modifications to the dress code due to safety. The activity itself is an equine associated activity whether the participant is directly or indirectly taking part with an equine. Therefore it is critical that all participants whether adult leaders or youth wear closed-toed shoes or boots at all times in camp and on the trail. As an outdoor activity we are subject to changing weather and extremes so it is imperative that participants adhere to the clothing restrictions as well as suggestions when referring to the packing lists.

- Closed-toed shoes are required at all times with the exception of water play where other footwear is necessary.
- Heeled riding boots with smooth soles are required for all riders.
- Shorts are allowed for walkers however it is highly recommended that they carry clothing with them to cover any bare skin. Walkers are encouraged to wear high-top hiking boots.
- Swimming suits are allowed for water play however they must be modest. Water socks, shoes, or close toed sandals are required for water play.
- Long pants required for all riders, swamper and teamsters.
- Hats are encouraged for all participants, and must be worn on the trail to help shield ears and shoulders from the sun.

- All 4-H youth members must wear a properly fitted equestrian helmet which meets the minimum performance standards imposed by the American Society of Testing Material (ASTM) F 1163 and includes certification and permanent labeling required by the Safety Equipment Institute (SEI) while riding in a wagon being pulled by one or more equine, or mounted on an equine.

Such headgear must be secured with the harness/strap and properly fastened.

- No cell phones, radios, portable gaming devices, or electronics allowed except for cameras. Exception is group leaders and the use of GMRS radios for juniors.

