

Colorado 4-H Dress Code

The following dress has been developed to prevent participants from becoming offended or uncomfortable during any 4-H events or activities. If you choose to dress inappropriately, you will be asked to change. Planning ahead and packing appropriately, will save yourself the inconvenience of changing your attire during the 4-H event or activity and ensure that you contribute to a pleasant 4-H atmosphere.

Please be advised that the following dress code will be enforced for all individuals attending 4-H events and activities, including chaperones.

1. Clothing: All clothing shall be neat, clean, acceptable in repair and appearance, and shall be worn within the bounds of decency and good taste as appropriate for 4-H events and activities.
2. Articles of clothing which display profanity, products, or slogans which promote tobacco, alcohol, drugs, sex or are in any other way distracting, are prohibited.
3. Excessively baggy or tight clothing which advertises gang symbols or affiliation is prohibited.
4. Items of clothing which expose bare midriffs, bare chests, undergarments, or that are transparent (see-through) are prohibited. **Tank tops with straps wider than one inch are permitted. Please be advised that spaghetti straps, shirts which expose a bare back, halter tops, and tube tops are prohibited.**
5. Shorts must be mid-thigh length. No cut-off shorts or shorts-shorts allowed.
6. Swimming (For all water recreation): Swimsuits for men: swim trunks only (no shorts, cut-off pants or Speedos). Swimsuits for women: One-piece suits recommended, however, two-piece suits are allowed as long as they are modestly cut. No string, thong or crochet suits will be allowed. Swimsuits may only be worn while in the swimming pool area.
7. Hats need to be removed for meetings, workshops, meals, and other times when asked to remove them.
8. Shoes must be worn at all times deemed appropriate.

Note: The dress code will be relaxed slightly for female delegates opting to wear formal dresses. Dresses must still be within the bounds of decency appropriate for a 4-H event (covering cleavage, midriffs, no back expose lower than the shoulder blades, and no made of non-opaque

fabric). All chaperones are asked to make sure that their county delegation is meeting the dress code.

Dress Code Violations



Diagram above created by California 4-H Alum, Cindy Sperry

	Casual	Professional Casual	Semi-Formal
Guys	Jeans, khakis, t-shirts, tennis shoes, not include cut-offs or worn jeans with holes or ragged edges.	Slacks (creased jeans and khakis are appropriate), shirt without ties, dress shoes, boots, no athletic/tennis shoes	Slacks with a jacket, shirt, tie, leather shoes or dress boots.
Girls	Same as for guys. Shorts must be mid-thigh length. No cut-off shorts or short-shorts allowed.	Skirts or slacks with an appropriate blouse or shirt. Dress denim (denim skirts and pressed creased jeans) and khakis are appropriate. No athletic /tennis shoes	Dresses**from knee to floor length or pant suits appropriate for a prom or similar dress up activity. This could include a dressy outfit worn to an event at your church, synagogue or mosque

****Special Note –Party and prom dresses may be strapless, but must be appropriate. However, backless, low-cut (front or back) outfits, outfits that expose midriff or navel, or dresses/skirts short in length (above the knees) are not appropriate.**

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