



Community Computer Lab

Internet and Electronic Mail Permission Form

We are pleased to offer 4-H clubs and county youth access to our Computer Lab network for access to the Internet. To gain access to the Internet, all youth under the age of 18 must obtain parental permission and return this form. Youth 18 and over do not require parent signature. Access to the Internet will enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases, and bulletin boards while exchanging messages with Internet users throughout the world. Families should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet might contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people. While our intent is to make Internet access available to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other materials as well. We believe that the benefits to students from access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, exceed any disadvantages. But ultimately, parents and guardians of minors are responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow when using media and information sources. To that end, the 4-H Community Computer Lab partners support and respect each family's right to decide whether or not to apply for access.

4-H Community Computer Lab Internet Rules

Users are responsible for good behavior on computer networks. Communications on the network are often public in nature. The network is provided for users to conduct research and communicate with others. Access to network services is given to users who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Parent permission is required. **Access is a privilege – not a right.** Access entails responsibility. Individual users of the computer networks are responsible for their behavior and communications over those networks. It is presumed that users will comply with 4-H standards and will honor the agreements they have signed. Beyond the clarification of such standards, _____ and its sponsors are not responsible for restricting, monitoring, or controlling the communications of individuals utilizing the network.

Network storage areas may be treated like school lockers. Network administrators may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and insure that users are using the system responsibly. Users should not expect that files stored on network servers will always be private.

The following are not permitted:

- Sending or displaying offensive messages or pictures
- Using obscene language
- Harassing, insulting, or attacking others
- Damaging computers, computer systems or computer networks
- Violating copyright laws
- Using another's password
- Trespassing in another's folders, work or files
- Intentionally wasting limited resources
- Employing the network for commercial purposes

Violations may result in a loss of access

Use Agreement and Parent Permission Form

As a user of the Community Computer Lab network, I hereby agree to comply with the above stated rules – communicating over the network in a reliable fashion while honoring all relevant laws and restrictions.

Youth Signature _____

As a parent or legal guardian of the minor signing above, I grant permission for my son, daughter, or ward to access networked computer services such as electronic mail and the Internet. I understand that individuals and families may be held liable for violations. I understand that some materials on the Internet may be objectionable, but I accept responsibility for guidance of Internet use – setting and conveying standards for my son, daughter, or ward to follow when selecting, sharing, or exploring information and media.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Name of Youth _____ DOB: _____

Street Address _____ Home Telephone _____