

# UTAH 4-H Event Dress Code



## General Guidelines

During your stay at 4-H State Events, we want you to have the best experience possible. The State 4-H Office has developed the following dress code to assure that everyone will have a comfortable and enjoyable time at State Events.

If you choose to dress inappropriately, you will be asked to change, or be required to wear a camp-issued shirt. Please plan and pack appropriately to avoid any inconvenience and to help contribute to a pleasant camp atmosphere. The following dress code will be enforced for all individuals attending events, including participants staff, volunteers and chaperones.

1. **Clothing:** All clothing shall be neat, clean, and acceptable in repair and appearance and shall be worn within the bounds of decency and good taste as appropriate for 4-H events. Skirts and dresses must be knee length or longer. If you have any doubts, please opt for dress pants. Shorts must be fingertip length. Pajamas, sleepwear, or slippers are not appropriate dress for any 4-H Event outside of sleeping rooms. Bare feet are not appropriate for any 4-H activity. Conventional shoes are required. Hats should not be worn at formal events, during interviews or presentations, etc.
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, and 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. **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.
6. **Costumes:** Costumes must be appropriate. All costumes must be 4-H appropriate for each specific contest or activity. 4-H is a youth development organization, and therefore all costumes must be non-offensive. Offensive costumes are those that are immodest, include religious or political statements, or promote sex, drugs, alcohol, tobacco, or swearing. If a costume is deemed inappropriate the participant may be asked to alter or add to it especially if costume is to be worn in a formal setting such as the State Contests Banquet. Any offensive costumes worn during contests will be penalized on the contestant's score, and subject to disqualification. No real or fake weapons are permitted as part of a costume. Weapons used for decoration are not permitted. This includes simulated weapons, disabled weapons, dangerous chemicals, any explosive device, nun chucks, swords, brass knuckles, butterfly knives, paintball guns, toy guns, pellet guns or any other material that can be used to threaten or endanger others.

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## When Should you Wear What Clothing?

|              | Casual  | Business Casual  | Business/Formal   |
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|              | <i>Camps, evening activities, travel days, hands-on workshops, dances</i>   | <i>Presentations, Meetings</i>   | <i>Interviews, Banquets, etc.</i>   |
| <b>Guys</b>  | <p><b>Appropriate:</b> Jeans, shorts, khakis, t-shirts, tennis shoes</p> <p><b>Not Appropriate:</b> Cutoff jeans/pants or worn/with holes. Shoes with holes</p> | <p><b>Appropriate:</b> Slacks, button down shirt or polo without ties, dress shoes, boots.</p> <p><b>Not Appropriate:</b> tennis shoes or flip flops</p> | <p><b>Appropriate:</b> Dress slacks with a button down shirt and tie, jacket or sweater, dress shoes or boots.</p> <p><b>Not Appropriate:</b> Denim, tennis shoes or flip flops</p> |
| <b>Girls</b> | <p><b>Appropriate:</b> Jeans, shorts, khakis, t-shirts, tennis shoes</p> <p><b>Not Appropriate:</b> Cutoff jeans/pants or worn/with holes. Shoes with holes</p> | <p><b>Appropriate:</b> Skirts, slacks, khakis, blouse or dress shirt, dress shoes, boots.</p> <p><b>Not Appropriate:</b> tennis shoes or flip flops</p>  | <p><b>Appropriate:</b> Dresses, skirts or slacks with jacket, blouse, polo, button down shirt, dress shoes</p> <p><b>Not Appropriate:</b> Denim, tennis shoes or flip flops</p>     |

*All clothing items must adhere to general guidelines found on page 1*

