**ACE Program Participant Agreement**

The Agricultural Career Exploration (ACE) Program, offered through the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, provides youth with immersive, hands-on experiences in agricultural technology and sustainable farming practices. To ensure a safe, positive, and successful experience for all participants, the following expectations must be met.

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge that I understand and agree to the following responsibilities:

**Participant Expectations**

1. 4-H Membership
	* I will apply through ZSuite and be an active, enrolled 4-H member upon acceptance into ACE if I am not already.
	* I will meet with my county agent to discuss club expectations and opportunities if I have not already.
	* I will maintain good standing in my county 4-H club through consistent attendance, active participation, and adherence to all county and state guidelines.
2. Active Participation in ACE
	* I will attend all scheduled ACE sessions, activities, webinars, and workshops.
	* I will complete required independent STEM projects and presentations, including my presentation at State 4-H O’Rama.
	* I will participate fully in program events, including the international study tour and debrief sessions, if selected.
3. Conduct & Representation
	* I will conduct myself in a respectful, responsible, and cooperative manner always.
	* I will follow the directions of ACE leaders, chaperones, and educators.
	* I will represent my county 4-H program and the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture in a positive manner.
4. Commitment to Learning
	* I will engage with mentors, guest speakers, and hands-on opportunities to the best of my ability.
	* I will contribute positively to group activities, discussions, and team projects.
5. Eligibility & Continuation
	* I understand that failure to maintain 4-H membership requirements, participate actively, or uphold behavior expectations may result in removal from the ACE program and ineligibility for advanced opportunities (including international travel).

**Parent/Guardian Expectations**

As the parent/guardian of an ACE participant, I agree to:

* Support my child’s active participation in their county 4-H club and the ACE program.
* Ensure that my child has transportation to and from meetings, events, and activities.
* Encourage my child to uphold the responsibilities of this agreement.
* Communicate with county agents or ACE leaders if questions or challenges arise.
* Support my child’s preparation and participation in the State 4-H O’Rama and other program requirements.

**Important Dates (Tentative)**

* **Applications Open:** September 1, 2025
* **Applications Close:** October 30, 2025
* **Selection Process:** November 2025
* **Notifications Sent:** December 2025

**ACE Program Dates (Tentative):**

* **Session 1 (Orientation):** January 16–17, 2026
* **Session 2:** February 13–14, 2026
* **Session 3:** March 6–7, 2026
* **Session 4:** April 24–25, 2026
* **International Prep via Zoom:** May 28, 2026
* **International Trip:** June 17–24, 2026
* **International Debrief:** July 9, 2026
* **State O’Rama:** Mid/Late July 2026

**Acknowledgement & Agreement**

By signing below, we confirm that we have read and understand the expectations of the ACE Program. We agree to uphold these standards throughout the program year and understand that continued participation depends on meeting these requirements.

Participant Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Participant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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