**Guidelines for Handling Behavior Problems**

If behavior problems occur during the event, the following steps should be taken:

1. If the behavior problem is “minor”, CCA and/or county staff should provide warning and if necessary, provide the discipline they feel is appropriate.
2. If a problem cannot be solved as described above, the advice of the HCAs should be sought. If further counsel is necessary, General Headquarters should be contacted.
3. The State 4-H staff at General Headquarters recommends that participants be sent home for the following reasons:
- Theft or vandalism
- Drugs, alcohol, sex or violence
- Violation of curfew policy
4. **If it is decided that a participant should be dismissed early, the parents or guardian will be called and** expected to arrange for timely pick up and to incur any related expenses. The 4-H member should make the call in the presence of the field staff member and/or CCA. If the 4-H’er is unable to call home, the field staff member should make the call. During the time between when a parent or guardian is notified and he or she arrives on campus with proper identification, the youth will be separated from the program activities and remain under staff supervision. In extreme circumstances, youth may be turned over to local authorities during the wait time before pick up occurs.

See the [4-H Exploration Days Handbook](http://4h.msue.msu.edu/uploads/files/ExpoDays/4-H_Exploration_Days_Handbook.docx) for more information regarding behavior expectations.