

Ohio CWF Dress Code

During your week in Washington you will meet many people and will be representing the 4-H program, your family, county, Ohio, and youth of America, so plan to dress accordingly. Your appearance must reflect your position as an ambassador of 4-H and Ohio and represent us well! (You cannot dress as if you were “on vacation”.) If in doubt about an item of clothing, err on the side of conservative! We suggest borrowing items rather than purchasing clothing you would seldom wear. Please be aware that Ohio’s Dress Code is enforced by your chaperones and you will be asked to change if your clothing is inappropriate. (The Dress Code applies to both youth and adult participants.) A dress code classification system has been developed which describes the type of dress expected for each CWF activity. The following categories have been established to correspond to activities outlined in the Tentative Program schedule found in the CWF program section on the national web site: Very Casual, Casual, Business Casual, Dressy.

Washington, D.C. will be very hot and humid with daytime temperatures ranging from the high 80’s to high 90’s! Lightweight, light-colored cotton clothing is recommended. Limited laundry facilities are available but note that free time is also limited.

OFFICIAL GUIDELINES

Travel Wear (To & From Washington) T-shirts or polos and sweatshirts or sweaters with sweatpants are ideal. Comfortable layers are recommended because of variation in temperatures onboard the bus. Caps are ok for travel.

Very Casual (For the CWF Derby Only) Clothes you may get wet and dirty that are CWF appropriate (like old shorts and a T-shirt that will dry fast).

Casual For all activities except Derby, National Cathedral, Capitol Hill Day, & the Dinner Theatre) Longer shorts, jeans that are in good condition, T-shirts, and appropriate shirts.

Business Casual For Visiting the National Cathedral Only and Capital Hill Day) When visiting the National Cathedral, shoulders must be covered and clothing must have sleeves.

Ladies: Skirts, slacks, nice shirts, dresses. Suggested clothing: khakis, cotton-blend lightweight, cool slacks, fingertip length shorts or loose skirts, or dresses. (Jeans are not recommended.)

Gentlemen: dress pants, slacks, polos or button-down shirts. Suggested clothing: khakis, cotton-blend slacks and short-sleeved shirts. (Jeans are uncomfortably warm and not recommended!)

Dressy (Dinner Theatre Only) Ladies: Skirts, slacks, dresses or suits. No shorts with nylons for dress. Long formals are not recommended due to warm temperatures. Nylons are optional. Suggested clothing: dressy slacks, cotton-blend dresses or skirts, or very lightweight cotton-blend suits. **Gentlemen:** Dress pants, slacks, button shirts, and a tie. Jackets and ties are optional, but appropriate. Short sleeves are OK. No new jeans (of any color) for dress. Suggested clothing: cotton-blend slacks and shirts or polos.

WHAT’S NOT ALLOWED:

No shorts, skorts or skirts shorter than fingertip length.

No ripped or cut-off shorts; no denim overalls, short shorts or swim trunks.

No t-shirts or tops with offensive slogans, beer or tobacco ads or other messages in bad taste.

No tube tops or bare midriff tops, muscle shirts and similar items.

No spaghetti strap clothing.

No underwear may show (bras under extra narrow straps or briefs above waistbands).

No hats/caps may be worn inside the 4-H Center, government buildings or museums anytime. (OK outdoors.)

Shoes or sandals and shirts must be worn at all times. Be sure they are comfortable!



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