UVM EXTENSION 4-H LYRIC CHECKLIST

Sometimes a great sounding song is not ok for 4-H use because of what the words (lyrics) say or imply. Read your lyrics carefully before you start to practice for a 4-H presentation and use the lyrics checklist (questions below) to see if you should pick another song. If the answer to any question below is “yes” should pick another song. Suggestion: have at least two adults review the lyrics too using the checklist to make sure you haven’t missed anything.

When in doubt... check with your 4-H Educator OR PICK ANOTHER SONG

Songs deemed inappropriate may make a performance ineligible for State Day or ESE.

From the DRESS CODE & PROGRAM CONTENT/EXPECTATIONS FOR UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT 4-H EVENTS:

Program Content/presentation – Lyrics, costumes, signs, dialogue and other program content should support the positive ideals of the 4-H program. 4-H prides itself on helping young people develop skills for success in life; for example…..conflict resolution, solving problems by peaceful methods, modeling respect for all groups of people, and appreciating differences. With this in mind, all activities at University of Vermont 4-H events…….

1. will discourage the use/display of any items or activities which promote violence. Firearms, archery supplies and other related equipment are permissible when used in an educational context by trained Shooting Sports enthusiasts in a forum which promotes safety.

2. will not promote one religion over another; please see the 4-H policy book on religion and 4-H for additional information.

3. will not include sexually explicit material or foul language;

4. and will not be degrading to any population.

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