



Etiquette at Tennessee 4-H Congress

Et'i-quette (et'i-ket') *n.* the conventional requirements of good behavior; proprieties of conduct; good manners.

Public Etiquette

- The way you act in the hotel is a direct representation of you, your county, and Tennessee 4-H.
- When you are in the hotel, remember you are inside, so use your “inside voices.”
- Remember to be polite to the hotel staff. Say please, thank you, and excuse me.

Elevator Etiquette

- Only press the button to the floor you need to go to.
- When you are waiting to get on the elevator, let those getting off do so first.
- If someone is getting on, give them room to get in.
- If you are waiting to get on, and when the door opens, you notice that it already looks full, be polite enough to say you will wait until the next elevator arrives. – Do Not Overcrowd
- When the elevator opens, you might want to ask if it is going up or down. If you are going down to the lobby, but those already on the elevator are going up to their room, you need to wait until an elevator comes that is already going down.



Assembly and Street Etiquette

- Make sure you are early to everything.
- Give yourself enough time to get where you are going so you don't have to hurry. Don't wait until the last minute to catch the elevator. It will most likely be full of others like you trying to get there.
- Walk on the sidewalk unless you are crossing a street. Don't walk in the street because there will be a lot of traffic.
- When walking across the street, use the crosswalks, don't walk in the middle of the street.
- If you are walking in a group, stay in a group.



Conversation Etiquette

Some of you will be having breakfast with elected officials Tuesday morning. For some, this is a fun, exciting opportunity. For others, this may be a little intimidating. Here are a few tips:

- Relax, they are people just like you
- Have a few things in mind to talk to them about. Prepare a few questions.
- Do not discuss inappropriate, unappetizing things (illness or surgery). Use your best judgment.
- Use good table manners
- Respect the conversation at the table. Don't interrupt.
- Be sure to thank the legislators for their time
- Bottom line – you are trying to make a positive impression!



Dress Etiquette – Formal Banquet

- Girls, be sure that you are appropriately covered.
- Guys will wear suits, not necessarily tuxes. (Men, don't hit each other with your ties!)



If you weren't allowed to do it in Kindergarten, don't do it at Congress!!