

Texas 4-H **CLUB ED**

Officer Installation

CHARACTER OFFICER INSTALLATION CEREMONY

NOTE: There are no specific installation items or gifts for this ceremony. You may develop your own based on things that you feel represent each character trait. Other ideas include:

- Assign a color to each character trait and give each person a painted “character stick” with their word of character written or painted on it.
- Put a puzzle together and divide it into completed sections that represent each officer (the number of pieces for each officer will depend on how many pieces the puzzle is – a puzzle with 100 pieces or less is recommended). Paint each officer’s section of the puzzle a different color and then use puzzle glue to glue all the pieces together for each officer. Then as each officer is installed, they can assemble the whole puzzle to make the officer team puzzle complete.

SPEAKER 1: A person of character is a good person, someone to look up to and admire; someone who knows the difference between right and wrong and always tries to do what is right; sets a good example; makes the world a better place. Your peers value your example of character and entrusted you by electing you as club officers. It is your duty to continue to model positive character traits as you lead the _____ 4-H Club this year. As your name is called, please come forward for the installation of your office.

SPEAKER 2: _____ (Name), please come forward. As President of the _____ 4-H Club, you represent the character trait of RESPECT. As president, you have accepted a leadership duty within your 4-H club program and will respect the opinions of all members. The members and leaders have placed trust in you to guide and direct them throughout the program year – they respect your leadership ability and rely on you to point them in the right direction. You will also represent your club on the County 4-H Council.

* All vice presidents will be installed together. Call the names of all vice presidents at the same time!!!

SPEAKER 3: _____ (Name), please come forward. As 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Vice Presidents, you represent the character trait of RESPONSIBILITY. It is important that the club by-laws and constitution be followed by the membership. The club’s leaders and members are looking to you to take responsibility for conducting quality programs, providing recreation at club meetings, and recruiting new members to join the club.

* Secretary and treasurer will be installed together. Call the names of both officers at the same time!



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SPEAKER 4: _____ (Name), please come forward. As Secretary and Treasurer, you represent the character trait of TRUSTWORTHINESS. As secretary and treasurer, it is your duty to be honest as you keep records for the club. You are responsible for keeping an accurate history of the club and making sure that funds are managed in an appropriate way. It is also your responsibility to provide reports to the club each month so that everyone can be assured that you have kept true to your character trait of trustworthiness.

SPEAKER 5: _____ (Name), please come forward. As Reporter, you work with the media and the public. The character trait you share with the club is HONESTY. You need to accurately and enthusiastically report the activities of the club. You must protect the club's good name, strive always to further its ideals and purposes and see that the people of the community are aware of the work being done and the services provided. You will be largely responsible for the spirit of the organization, for its progress and faithfulness to the principles and ideals of the 4-H club work.

SPEAKER 6: _____ (Name), please come forward. As Health & Safety Officer, you represent the character trait of CARING. Your duties are to providing an activity at each meeting that focuses on health and safety. Your caring and concern for the health and safety of the membership is important as you address the 4th "H" of Health and make sure that they stay strong and healthy throughout their lives. You want each member to be the best they can be and will also teach them to care about themselves as well as others.

SPEAKER 7: _____ (Name), please come forward. As Parliamentarian, you represent the character trait of FAIRNESS. It is your duty to maintain order and fairness in all club meetings, making sure the rules of parliamentary procedure are followed. You are to be open minded and make sure that everyone's opinion is heard.

SPEAKER 8: _____ (Name), please come forward. As Council Delegate, your character trait is CITIZENSHIP. It is your duty to communicate the decisions of the club at the County Council meetings. Likewise, you are to bring information back to the club from the County level. You will work with the club membership and involve them in county wide events and activities and promote involvement in community service and citizenship activities.

SPEAKER 9: As club officers, you have been chosen to guide and direct the _____ 4-H Club. I know that you will strive to live according to the character traits of your office and model them for your fellow club members as well as encourage them to live by these principles. Through your attitude and actions, you will be responsible for the club's spirit, for its progress and faithfulness to the principles of 4-H club work, and to the success of their project and service involvement. I congratulate the new officers and challenge each club member to support and encourage them. The officers of the _____ 4-H Club are hereby dually installed to serve their term of office for the 2008-09 year.

