MONOPOLY OFFICER INSTALLATION CEREMONY

President – Playing Board  Treasurer – Money
1st Vice President – Community Chest
2nd Vice President – Chance Cards
3rd Vice President – Playing Pieces
Secretary – Property Cards
Treasurer - Money
Reporter - Game Box
Health & Safety Officer - Dice
Parliamentarian - Rules
County Council Delegate - Houses & Hotels

SPEAKER 1: Assembled here are the duly elected officers for 2008-2009 ______________ 4-H Club. For the next year, these officers will have a monopoly on the __________ County 4-H Program. Like the game of Monopoly itself, the operation of a successful club is a series of advances and setbacks, but if there is a sense of direction and purpose, if there is planning ahead...the opportunity to succeed is always present. If these officers play their game well, everyone will be a winner.

SPEAKER 2: In front of these officers, there is a game of Monopoly. Each officer will be presented with a piece of the game that will serve as a reminder of their specific duties. And, most importantly, by each of you having only one piece of the game, you will have to play together to make this year a successful one!

SPEAKER 3: _______________ (insert names), please come forward. As the leader of the club, the President will work to keep the players all moving in the same direction toward a common goal. In Monopoly, this is achieved by virtue of the playing board with a specific path to move the player’s pieces. Just as the game board is the foundation of the game, it is President’s duty to lay the groundwork for the coming year, bringing all the game pieces together and keeping them organized throughout the year.

SPEAKER 4: _______________ (insert names), please come forward. As 1st Vice President you will assist the president and assume all of their duties in his/her absence. Your other duties include providing programs and training opportunities for the club. Programs and training is represented in the Monopoly game by the “Community Chest” cards. Think of these cards as a wealth of information in the community that can help you in planning and staying on track with the mission of programs.

SPEAKER 5: _______________ (insert names) please come forward. As 2nd Vice President your duty is to coordinate recreation for 4-H club events and activities. You will assist the President and 1st Vice President, and assume their duties in their absence. The Chance cards represent your office. Your job is to encourage everyone to take a chance as they participate in recreation and also take a chance that they will have fun! Use your Chance cards to help you discover new and innovative ways to incorporate recreation into the club meetings.
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SPEAKER 6: __________________________ (insert names) please come forward. The game is nothing without players and a club must have players in order to exist. We call them members. As the 3rd Vice President, you are responsible for recruiting members and your symbol is that which represents players in the game...the playing pieces. Without enough people to play, the game will not be as much fun. Without enough members, the club will not be as operative.

SPEAKER 7: __________________________ (insert names) please come forward. A club’s written records are important and it’s the Secretary who keeps these records in order. You duties include keeping track of the club’s property and activity. In Monopoly, the properties are represented by “property cards”...the symbol of this vital office is a reminder that accurate records must be kept and correspondence attended to as needed.

SPEAKER 8: __________________________ (insert names) please come forward. To the person who keeps track of the money, common sense tells us that they will be the banker in the game of Monopoly. As Treasurer, your office is symbolized by the money used in the game. You are responsible for keeping track of money that comes into the club and pay bills in a timely manner from the club’s account. But, of course, you must handle it wisely. This is all the money you’ll have for the entire year. And, with all the activities planned, you must work with members to make a budget that will sustain the club for the whole year.

SPEAKER 9: __________________________ (insert names) please come forward. If all the pieces of the game are present, the game can be played and everyone will have fun. All together, they form a neat little package presented to the general public. A sturdy box keeps the pieces from getting lost along the way. The Reporter is the one who keeps it all together...like the box does in Monopoly...and presents the package that others see! Others will love this club even more when we present them with a neat package of activities, networking and learning opportunities. It is your job to promote the fun game – or the 4-H club – and try to get others to join in the fun through your creative reporting!

SPEAKER 10: __________________________ (insert names) please come forward. As Health & Safety Officer, you will serve the club in providing information and activities that encourage members to be healthy and promote safety. You will work with the 1st Vice President in charge of programs and integrate some programming on health and safety into the club program during the year. Your portion of the Monopoly game is represented by the dice. These dice represent your willingness to keep things “rolling” and keep members active throughout the year.

SPEAKER 11: __________________________ (insert names) please come forward. Your responsibilities as Parliamentarian are crucial to the fairness of the game of Monopoly. Your office is symbolized by the rules of the game. With these rules, you will be equipped to use your skills in parliamentary procedure to advise the President in points of order. You will be responsible for helping to facilitate productive club meetings and activities. Use the rules of the game to keep everyone on a level playing field and engaged in the game.

SPEAKER 12: __________________________ (insert names) please come forward. As County Council Delegate, you will serve on the County 4-H Council. Your office is represented in the Monopoly game by the houses and hotels that members can purchase. Each property is unique in the structures that are built, and you are there to guide them in building houses and hotels on their property to meet their needs. It is your
duty to keep the County Council updated with information from the club level that impact our mission and update the club on county business. In other words, you keep the players updated on the housing market!

**SPEAKER 13:** As this new slate of officers take their place to play an all important game of Monopoly this year and fulfill their duties, we challenge you to keep everything above board and play fair. Involve all of the membership in the game and encourage everyone to make the most of this coming year. I hereby install the 2008-09 __________ 4-H Club Officers and wish them luck as they take leadership in the coming year.