

Texas 4-H **CLUB ED**

Officer Installation

“WALK ON THE WILD SIDE” 4-H OFFICER INSTALLATION CEREMONY

Supplies for Installation: President – Compass
 1st Vice President – Flashlight
 2nd Vice President – Canteen
 3rd Vice President – Lantern
 Secretary – Backpack
 Reporter – Binoculars
 Treasurer – Bag of Coins
 Health & Safety Officer – First Aid Kit
 Parliamentarian – Whistle
 County Council Delegate – Utility

SPEAKER 1: As we embark on a new year in _____ 4-H Club, we must prepare ourselves to meet the challenges of the future. Many issues face the youth of today and the 4-H program must step up to meet these challenges in our ever changing society. We have developed leadership skills, learned valuable technical skills, and enjoyed meeting new people. We have truly “walked on the wild side”.

We have also ensured the success of the _____ 4-H Club program through the election of an outstanding team of individuals that will form a team of Officers to lead our club in this new year!

SPEAKER 2: The _____ (insert year) Officers are setting out on an adventure through the wilds of _____ County. On their journey, they will be faced with hardships, successes, and unmeasurable rewards. Brave people face challenges not in the absence of fear, but in the conquest of it! As long as they remain close as a team, there is no obstacle to big, no challenge to great.

As we install the _____ Club Officers, we must make sure that they are properly equipped to fulfill their responsibilities. As your name is called, please come forward for the installation of your office.

SPEAKER 3: _____ (insert name): As President you will serve as the guide for the _____ Club 4-H program. Through your leadership, the council/club will prosper. Keep an open mind and an open ear to make sure that all voices and opinions are heard. You will give guidance and direction to the 4-H Club and its programs. You will preside over meetings, appoint committees, and represent your club on the County 4-H Council. I give you this compass so that you may point the way. With it and your sound judgement and wisdom, _____ 4-H Club is surely headed in the right direction.

SPEAKER 4: _____ (insert name) 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. This flashlight will assist you in your search for effective programs and in helping the president lead our club on our adventure.



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- SPEAKER 5:** _____ (insert name) please come forward. As 2nd Vice President your responsibilities are great. You will assist the President and 1st Vice President, and assume their duties in their absence. You will also coordinate the recreation and social activities of the Club. This canteen will assist you in fulfilling your duties. As the canteen carries water to refresh, so shall you keep the club energized through recreation.
- SPEAKER 6:** _____ (insert name) please come forward. As 3rd Vice President, you to have a vital role on the executive committee. You will assist the President and other Vice-Presidents with their duties. You will serve as membership chair and provide leadership for promotion of the club's events. The lantern will serve you well in accomplishing this charge. You will shine brightly on the faces of the council members and serve as a beacon of light representing the 4-H club for all to see.
- SPEAKER 7:** _____ (insert name) please come forward. As Secretary, your duties and responsibilities are paramount to the success of the 4-H Club. You must keep an accurate account of all of the club's proceedings. The minutes and roll sheets you keep will serve as a recent history of the club work. Your charge also includes handling all correspondence for the club. This backpack is a symbol of your organizational skills. May it serve you well in preparing for your administrative duties.
- SPEAKER 8:** _____ (insert name) please come forward. As Reporter, your role in the club is of great importance. Your duties include gathering vital information about club activities and reporting this information to local media. You are also charged with the responsibility of ensuring that the county 4-H program is known for its work in youth development and that the public's perception of the program is accurate and positive. These binoculars will serve you well in your ongoing search for information and outlets to tell the 4-H story!
- SPEAKER 9:** _____ (insert name) please come forward. As Treasurer, it is your job to manage the finances of the club and provide accurate financial reports at the club meetings. You will be responsible for paying bills in a timely manner and keep complete records to show where money has been spent. You will work closely with the club managers to manage the club account. This bag of coins is a reminder of your duties as you take care of the club finances.
- SPEAKER 10:** _____ (insert name) 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. This first aid kit is the symbol of your office to remind you to take care of your club and to promote health and safety throughout the year.
- SPEAKER 11:** _____ (insert name) please come forward. Your responsibilities as Parliamentarian in the club are crucial to its effective and efficient operation. By assisting the members with proper parliamentary training and advising the president in points of order, your actions will facilitate productive club meetings and activities. This whistle will help you keep the club "in line" and bring focus to group activities.



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SPEAKER 12: _____ (insert name) please come forward. As County Council Delegate, you will serve on the County 4-H Council. You represent the diversity of our club and serve as the liaison between our club and the County Council. You will update the Council on club happenings and report Council Information back to the club. This utility knife is functional in its ability to represent a variety of useful tools. For every difference that makes us unique, there are common bonds that tie us all together. May you use this to strengthen the club program.

SPEAKER 13: As the _____ Club Officers step out into their new adventure, may the tools we have equipped them with tonight assist in their quest to "Make the Best Better". I do declare these officers dually installed, with all privileges and responsibilities their offices entail.

