

Installation of Officers

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Supplies needed: enough candles for all outgoing and incoming officers

Leader: Leadership is as important today as it was in the past. There are many famous leaders who have left their mark on the world – George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, Abraham Lincoln, Susan B. Anthony, and Martin Luther King, Jr. to name a few. These leaders helped to define and preserve our freedoms that we often take for granted. 4-H club officers are leaders as well. They take on the duties and responsibilities to help the 4-H Club accomplish their goals and operate smoothly.

On my right are the officers who served our club this last year. Each one is holding the symbol of leadership (lighted candle) representing the duties they fulfilled. Now I will ask those who have been newly elected to lead our 4-H club as officers this year to come and stand on my left as your name is called.

(Name), as President of our club this year do you pledge to work with the other officers to develop the goals and annual plan of the club, plan the meetings, preside over the business meetings fairly and objectively, appoint committees and delegate responsibility so that all may participate during the year; leading the club in paths of service to the community, paths of knowledge to learn new skills and paths of fun to make our time together enjoyable? If so, answer, “I do.”

As the newly elected officer says, "I do" the outgoing officer comes forward and uses his lighted candle to light the candle of the new officer. Then the outgoing officer extinguishes his candle and sits down with the rest of the club members.

(Name), as Vice-President of our club this year, do you pledge to work with the other officers to develop the goals and annual plan of the club, preside over the business meetings if the president is unable to attend; plan programs for the meetings and perform your duties faithfully? If so, answer, "I do."

Repeat candle-lighting procedure.

(Name), as Secretary of our 4-H club do you pledge to work with the other officers to develop the goals and annual plan of the club, record and read the minutes of our meetings and take care of correspondence of the club performing all duties of your office? If so, say, "I do."

Repeat candle-lighting procedure.

(Name), as Treasurer of our club do you pledge to work with the other officers to develop the goals and annual plan of the club, record the receipts and expenditures of the club faithfully and accurately and performing all duties of your office? If so, say, "I do".

Repeat candle-lighting procedure.

(Name), as Reporter of our club do you pledge to work with the other officers to develop the goals and annual plan of the club, reporting the events and gaining publicity for the club by writing news articles to be published in the newspaper or newsletter fulfilling all the duties of your office? If so, say, "I do."

Historian – maintain club scrapbook containing photographs of club events, service-learning activities and social activities.

Song Leader - include songs at every meeting.

Recreation Leader –include recreation at every meeting.

Sergeant at Arms –assists President in making sure that the meeting goes smoothly.

Each of you 4-H club officers pledged to do your best to carry out your duties. Each of you have separate duties that are part of the light of the club. You all must work together to make the light shine bright.

As members of the (Name) club we agree to help you carry out your responsibilities and live up to the 4-H Pledge.

Will everyone please stand and join me in the 4-H pledge.

I Pledge

My Head to clearer thinking

My Heart to greater loyalty

My Hands to larger service

And my Health to better living

For my Club, my Community,

My Country and my World.

(All may be seated)