



Constitution and Bylaws For Kenosha County 4-H Clubs

Constitution

Article I – Name

The name of this club shall be Trail Blazers 4-H Club.

Article II – Purpose

The purpose of this club is to: engage all members of the Trail Blazers in the Kenosha County 4-H program.

Article III – Membership

Section 1. A club member must be in Kindergarten and may continue in the 4-H Club through the next 4-H year following their graduation from high school. Kindergarteners, first and second graders are enrolled as Cloverbuds.

Section 2. Open to any youth within grade parameter – regardless of that person’s race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, disability, ancestry, sexual orientation, and pregnancy, marital or parental status.

Section 3. The following requirements must be met to be officially recognized as a 4-H club in Kenosha County, Wisconsin:

- Club name
- Five or more youth
- Adult leadership that has been approved through the Youth Protection Program
- Educational plan which meets the purposes of the 4-H program
- Youth involvement in leadership and decision-making
- Meet on a continuing basis
- Submit financial record and audit report to Kenosha County UW-Extension Office once each year

Section 4. In order to represent the Trail Blazers 4-H club at the Kenosha County Fair you must attend 50% meetings or earn points by _____ date.

Article IV – Officers

The officers of this club shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and Historian and Sargent of Arms

(Add additional officers grade requirements, if any; term of office; etc.)

Article V – Amendments

This constitution may be amended by a (super or 2/3) majority vote of the total youth membership at any regular meeting (optional – provided notice of such amendments shall have been given at a previous meeting.) **Adult votes are advisory only.**

Article VI – Club Leadership

The club shall be under the direction and guidance of Club General leader(s). Open to all adults regardless of that person's race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, disability, ancestry, age, sexual orientation, pregnancy, marital or parental status. All adult volunteers are required to participate in the Wisconsin 4-H Youth Protection Program. There shall be such assistant leaders, project leaders and youth leaders as are needed to properly advise and assist in carrying on the various projects and in conducting the club program.

Article VI – Dissolution Clause

Upon dissolution of the club, any assets remaining shall be conveyed to the Kenosha County 4-H Council in writing.

By-Laws

Article I – Election of Officers

Section 1. Officers for the club are nominated by (describe nomination process) _____
Ballot Vote

Section 2. The officers shall be elected by ballot at a regular meeting designated for that purpose. **(Add month, if known)** _____
November

Section 3. All members are eligible to vote.

Section 4. Ties for election of office are to be broken by a second vote or by
A vote by the General Leaders

Section 5. Removal of officers for any reason is by 2/3 vote of membership



Section 6. Any open office position will be appointed by the Club President and confirmed by a (50%+1) simple majority vote of membership

Article II – Duties of Officers

The president shall preside at all club meetings. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall preside. The Secretary shall keep a record of all proceedings of the club. The Treasurer shall receive and take care of all money belonging to the club and shall pay it out upon order of the president and shall keep an accurate record of all money received and paid. **(Add duties for appointed officers or other elected officers)**

Historian will keep record of year's events.

Sargent of Arms will keep order amongst members

Article III – Regular Meetings

The regular meetings of this club will be held at 7:00 PM on the First Friday of each month, except the summer months of July and August

Article IV – Quorum

A quorum must be present when important business is transacted. 10 members shall constitute a quorum.

Article V – The Club Year

The 4-H year is continuous and extends from October 1st to September 30th.

Article VI – Rules of Order

Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the meetings of the club.

Article VII – Club Reporting

Annually, all Kenosha County 4-H Clubs will submit the Financial Audit Report and 4-H Club Calendar to the UW-Extension Office.

Article VIII – Additional Club Policies

(Include any additional continuing club rules, guidelines, expectations or policies not listed above: dues, committees, achievement requirements, record books, project exhibition, fund raising, club trip, etc.)



Annual club dues per family will be collected at the time of enrollment. Each family will chair or co-chair at least one club committee per club year. Any member unable to attend a general leader meetings is responsible for calling any officer before the meeting to be excused absence. The Trial Blazers 4-H Club Board consists of elected officers, general leders, and project leaders.

Signatures:

S/ Emily V.
Club President

Date: November 7, 2007

s/ Linda Coopland
Club General Leader

Date: November 7, 2007

s/Bethany Kitzrow
UW-Extension 4-H Youth Development Staff

Date: December 10, 2007

August 1, 2007

