

BEAVER COUNTY 4-H
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I – Name:

Beaver County 4-H Clubs

ARTICLE II - Objectives:

To encourage a cooperative spirit in the county.
To encourage participation of all 4-H members in county events and activities.

ARTICLE III - Membership:

Youth may enroll online in Beaver County 4-H on September 1 if they are 8 **AND** in the 3rd grade. If they turn 8 after September 1 and are in 3rd grade, they will not be eligible to enroll in 4-H until the next 4-H year but they may participate as a Cloverbud. 4-H membership ends on August 31 following the completion of the 12th grade or having reached the age of 19 on or before September 1, **whichever comes first**. Members must annually complete the 4-H enrollment process (through the 4HOnline enrollment system), which includes paying the \$20 4-H program fee. 4-H program fee must be paid before enrollment status is considered “active.”

Cloverbud membership will be granted to children 5 years old through the 2nd grade. If a Cloverbud turns 8 after September 1 **AND** is in the 3rd grade, they will be a Cloverbud until the next 4-H year. Enrollment can be done online if the child is 5 on or before September 1. Cloverbud members will not be permitted to participate in events where they or their projects are compared or judged against their peers. Cloverbud members may only participate in noncompetitive activities on a local or county basis as deemed appropriate by the OSU Extension Staff and Parent-Volunteer Association/Council. Cloverbud members must annually complete the 4-H enrollment process (through the 4HOnline enrollment system), which includes paying the \$20 4-H program fee. 4-H program fee must be paid before enrollment status is considered “active.”

Membership shall not be denied upon the basis of race, color, national origin, genetic information, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, disability, marital or veteran status, place of residence, or membership in any other organization.

The 4-H year will be based upon a program year September 1st and ending August 31st. The following groups are identified for the purpose of participation and eligibility in special programs and activities:

Cloverbuds – 5 years -2nd grade (see Cloverbud membership rules above)

Junior – 3rd grade (8 yrs old by Sept 1st), 4th grade & 5th grade

Intermediate – 6th-8th grades

Senior – 9th-12th grades

If only two age divisions:

Junior – 3rd (8 yrs old by Sept 1st) thru 7th grades

Senior – 8th-12th grades

All Beaver County 4-H members must reside or attend school in Beaver County. 4-H membership may only be held in Beaver County.

ARTICLE IV – Officers:

Office:

President; Vice President; Secretary; Reporter; Song Leader and Game Leader.

Qualifications:

Must be 13 years of age at filing time to file for office.

Must have turned in a record book previous year.

Must have been a 4-H member for 3 years.

Must be a member in good standing.

To Run for President:

Must hold county office for 1 year previous to running, unless there is no qualified candidate.

Duties:

President – Will preside over all County Officer meetings and activities. Train presidents of local clubs at Officer Training meeting.

Vice President – Preside over meeting in absence of President, assist president in all meetings and activities. Train vice president of local clubs at Officer Training meeting.

Secretary – Record minutes of all Officer meetings, camp planning meetings, and all committee meetings. Assist officers with activities and events. Train secretary of local clubs at Officer Training meeting.

Reporter – Shall serve as reporter and photographer for all county events and activities and report them to the county newspaper. Work with district and State 4-H officers. Assist officers with activities and events. Train reporter of local clubs at Officer Training meeting.

Song and Game Leader – Attend all possible State, District and County workshops. Assist officers with activities and events. Train song and game leader of local clubs at Officer Training meeting.

Elections:

Officers will be elected by two (2) voting delegates from each club. Club Leaders will be responsible for determining voter delegation. In the absence of the club Leader, another adult leader will determine the voting delegates, then the highest club officer will make the decision if no adults are present. Voting delegates may be alternated by an adult leader after voting is completed for an office. Voting will be by secret ballot.

Filing for an Office:

Candidate must specify an office when turning in a filing form. Deadline date for filing for an office will be determined by the Beaver County OSU Extension personnel. Candidates are not limited to number of offices they may run for, however, they will be considered for only those offices filed for or lower offices on the Order of Election by nominations from the floor after being defeated in the election for the office in which they filed.

Order of Election: President, Vice President, Secretary, Reporter, Recreation Leaders and Song Leader.

Nominations from the Floor:

Nominee's must have filed before hand and lost in office.

Nominee's not filing for any office cannot be nominated from the floor except if no one has filed for the office to be elected.

Campaign Speech:

President; Vice President; Secretary; Reporter; Song Leader; Game Leader.

Speeches will be limited to 2 minutes in length. Song and Game Leaders must lead a song or game.

Speech must be made by candidate, unless sickness is involved or an exception is made by the Beaver County OSU Extension personnel.

Candidates that are sick or not present due to some major conflict may have another 4-H member present their speech. No games or songs will be lead for absent Recreation Leader candidates.

Meetings:

Date of meeting shall be called by the 4-H County Officers and Beaver County OSU Extension personnel.

Term of Office:

The term of office for all Beaver County 4-H Officers shall be one year. They may not serve consecutive terms in the same office except Song Leader and Game Leader.

BY-LAWS**ARTICLE I – Order of Business:**

The order of business for all meetings shall be conducted as per Roberts Rule of Order.

ARTICLE II – Amendments and Ratifications:

Any 4-H member can submit an amendment in writing to the OSU Extension Office fourteen (14) days before a County Officers meeting.

Amendments are to be ratified by a 2/3 majority vote of the voting delegates present at the Officers meeting.

Ratified - 2/6/2018