

Weber County 4-H Teen Council By-Laws

Adopted October 15, 2007

Article I – Name

1. This organization will be known as the Weber County 4-H Teen Council

Article II – Objectives

1. To promote fun and wholesome learning activities.
2. To develop leadership skills.
3. To plan and do community service projects.
4. To create a place where members feel accepted, valued, safe, and can make new friends.
5. To teach others and share our knowledge.
6. To help plan and conduct Weber County 4-H activities.

Article III – Membership

1. Membership is open to youth in 8th-12th grades.
2. The new 4-H year begins in October, but new members may join any time during the year.
3. Teen Council members are expected to be actively involved in monthly meetings, service activities, and other council activities.

Article IV – Meetings

1. Weber County 4-H Teen Council will meet on the 1st Monday of each month from 4:00 until 5:30 p.m. at the Weber County Extension Office.
2. If the meeting falls on a county holiday, the meeting will be held the week after the scheduled meeting date.

Article V – Officers

1. The following officers will be elected: president, vice president, secretary, and reporter. This group of officers will be called the executive council.
2. New officers will be elected in October and will serve for one year.
3. If an officer misses three or more meetings, unexcused, their position will be re-appointed.
4. If an officer cannot fulfill the duties of their office, the executive committee will appoint an interim replacement to complete the term.

Article VI – Duties of Officers

1. President - The President shall preside at all meetings of the 4-H Teen Council and shall perform other duties that pertain to this office. The president will serve as the chairperson for the Leadership Committee. A vacancy in the office of president shall be filled by the vice president for the remainder of the unexpired term.
2. Vice-President – The vice-president will preside when the president is absent, or when requested to do so by the president. The vice-president will assist the president in other duties as needed or assigned. The vice president will serve as the chairperson of the Community Service Committee.
3. Secretary – The Secretary will record the minutes and attendance at each Teen Council Meeting. The minutes will be read at each meeting. The secretary will assist the president in other duties as needed or assigned. The secretary will serve as the chairperson of the Activities Committee.
4. Reporter – The Reporter will submit information, articles, and photos of Teen Council activities to the 4-H office on a regular basis, so that they can be included in the newsletter and website, and assists in efforts to promote 4-H Teen Council and Weber County 4-H activities. The reporter will serve as the chairperson for the Hospitality Committee.

Article VII – Elections

1. Members desiring to run for a Teen Council officer position must submit a nomination form by September 15.
2. Nominees will present their candidate’s speech at the October meeting.
3. Only youth who have been active members of 4-H Teen Council during the prior year are eligible to vote during elections.
4. In the absence of a candidate for an office, nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Article VIII – Committees

1. The standing committees for Teen Council will include: Leadership, Community Service, Activities, and Hospitality.
2. Each member of the 4-H Teen Council will serve on one of these committees for the duration of the year.
 - a. Leadership Committee: Chaired by the president. Responsible for planning and conducting leadership programs for each 4-H Teen Council meeting and assisting with leadership program such as Officer’s Training for Weber County 4-H members.
 - b. Community Service Committee: Chaired by the vice president. Responsible for planning and conducting community service projects for Weber County 4-H and promoting community service involvement for all members.

- c. Activities Committee: Chaired by the secretary. Responsible for planning and conducting 4-H Achievement Night, 4-H Volunteer Banquet, National 4-H Week, and other county-wide and Teen Council activities.
- d. Hospitality Committee: Chaired by the reporter. Responsible for conducting get acquainted activities at the beginning of each meeting, and for recruiting and greeting new members, helping them feel part of the group.

Article IX – Amendment

1. This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two thirds of the members present at the Teen Council meeting or a special meeting called by the President, Advisors or Extension Staff.

Article X – Dissolution

1. The Weber County 4-H Teen Council cannot be dissolved so long as there is a demand for its continuance.