SAFETY overview

Claiborne County 4-H
AP Grade Curriculum
October 1st

OBJECTIVE:
Students will become aware of many hazards that Americans face on a daily basis and to prevent and/or deal with these hazards.

Students will be introduced to: Fire safety, Animal safety, Firearms safety, ATV safety and Disaster Preparedness.

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The handout that everyone has received is a guide to get you to the 4-H information that you may need this year.

Due to budget cuts, we are no longer able to print 1,800 copies of the 4-H yearbook. This amounts to about $6,000 pieces of paper and a bunch of ink cartridges (about $100) in savings.

The 4-H yearbook is on our county 4-H website: http://utextension.tennessee.edu/claiborne/

This yearbook has all contest rules as well as all of the things that we ran out of school. Check it out!

Pass out the handout with the county, regional and state websites. Explain that we are not going to be printing the 4-H Yearbooks due to budget cuts. Stress that the 4-H yearbook and all contest rules can be found on the county Extension website.

Point out that for anyone who has a Facebook page, our county 4-H program also has one. Becoming a fan of Claiborne County 4-H’ on Facebook will allow them to receive any announcements or special notices. It also has some great pictures of our 4-H members at events.

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Next, we are going to elect club officers.

Please be serious in nominating and electing officers. If your officers do not do their jobs then your leaders and agents will not be back.

4-H is a privilege, not a right!

Work for the people, not the Party!

Tell the club that we will now elect club officers. Stress that must be serious in nominating and electing officers. If the officers do not do their jobs, they will be replaced. No questions asked, no excuses accepted.

Stress that 4-H is a privilege, not a right. Their 4-H privileges can be lost!

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We will elect someone to the following positions:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Reporter (optional)
- Community Service (two people)

As we have stated, BE SERIOUS! If you are not you will lose your 4-H privileges.

Introduce the officer positions that we elect people to fill. Again, stress that everyone must be serious.
Go over the process we will use for electing officers. For 5th grade, the kids are allowed to nominate themselves or someone else may nominate them.

Stress that officers elected must give a speech in the November contest. NO EXCEPTIONS!

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We will take 2 or 3 nominations for each office. You must be nominated by someone else. You may not nominate yourself.

The nominees will tell the class, briefly, why you should vote for them.

The nominees will step outside and the voting will be done according your Leaders' or Agent's instructions.

UNDERSTAND THIS: Anyone elected to an officer position MUST GIVE A SPEECH IN NOVEMBER!!

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President: The President will preside over the meetings, ensure that the other officers are prepared to do their jobs and remind the club about upcoming meetings and service projects. The President is to keep order during the opening of the meeting and assist the leaders or Agent to keep order during the entire meeting.

Nominate and elect your president at this time.

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Vice President: The Vice President is appointed two people per meeting to lead the American Pledge and the 4-H pledge. The VP must prepare a thought for the day and select a club member to read it during the opening ceremony. The VP should encourage at least one member per meeting to give a serious demonstration. The VP should have list of all members participating the monthly contest(s) to give the leaders or agent. The VP also presides over the meeting in the absence of the President.

Nominate and elect your Vice President at this time.

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Secretary: The Secretary is expected to record what happens at each meeting in the Secretary's Handbook. This means that the Secretary will record who competes in contests, who does demonstrations, what the lesson and/or community service project is, etc. The Secretary will also call roll. The Secretary must be able to write well and quickly and keep up with the Secretary's Handbook.

Nominate and elect your Secretary at this time.

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Reporter: The Reporter will write a news article about what happens in the monthly meeting similar to the Secretary's minutes. The difference is that the Reporter's article will use proper English and grammar. The Reporter will then get that article to the teacher in charge of the school newspaper. Also, the Reporter is encouraged to send the article to the Claiborne Progress, Daily News, etc.

Nominate and elect your Reporter at this time.

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Community Service Chairperson(s): The Community Service Chairperson(s) will be responsible for coming up ideas for community service projects for the club to consider and vote on. Once a service project is selected, the CSC will make arrangements with the classroom teacher to get things accomplished such as getting a box to collect canned food. The CSC will also remind the club weekly about any ongoing service projects. The CSC will have a written report at the next 4-H meeting to present to the club of what has been done with the latest service project and then give the report to leaders or Agent.

Nominate and elect your 2 Community Service Chairperson(s) at this time.

For the above five slides, explain the requirements of the officer position, take nominations, have the nominees speak briefly about why they should be elected and then vote.

Remembers that the Reporter position is optional. If the school does not have school newspaper, you do not have to elect someone to this position.
This slide lets everyone know what we are going to be talking about this year.

When you ask the group the question in the second paragraph, give them time to respond. You will be surprised as to what they say.

This is the explanation of the public speaking contest taken straight from the 4-H yearbook. Point out that speeches can be on any topic but should be related to 4-H in some way. Also mention that the first and second place winners get to advance on to the county speech contest.

Remind them: All officers must give a speech!

EXPLAIN IT WELL!

This is the explanation of the poster contest taken straight from the 4-H yearbook. Be sure to mention that their posters must be about 4-H. Stress that poster size is a half sheet of poster board. Also mention that the first place winner’s poster advances on to the county poster contest.

Point out that state winning posters get money $$$.

EXPLAIN IT WELL!