

March 2017

Memorandum

TO: District 7 Council Officer Candidates

SUBJECT: 2017 District 7 4-H Leadership Lab Campaign and Election

We are pleased that you are applying to be a District 7 Council Officer. As an officer candidate you will be participating in a speech and an interview.

Speech: Your speech should be prepared ahead of time and rehearsed. You are allowed **3 minutes** for your speech. Topics can include but are not limited to, “What 4-H means to me”, “Why I want to be a Council Officer”, “Why I joined 4-H”, etc. Please do not just list your accomplishments – speeches should show some creativity.

Interview: There will be four questions per interview - three predetermined questions related to the applicant’s leadership, community service and project work and one question that will be draw from a list of questions. Interviews will be conducted in front of all voting delegates.

Dress for the interview & speech will be professional casual.

Questions:

1. What is your most important leadership trait and how have you used it in the 4-H program or working with other people?
2. Why community service is important and what community service project have you been involved in that had the most meaning?
3. What is your favorite project and why?
4. This question will be drawn from a list of questions and asked impromptu..

Posters **WILL NOT** be allowed this year. You also **MAY NOT** have any flyers, handouts or giveaways (such as buttons, tags, candy, etc.). Candidates will have the opportunity to campaign for the office they are seeking during Leadership Lab. The elections are held by secret ballot. You should be familiar with the District 7 4-H Standing Rules, which have been included for your review. For each office the two candidates receiving the most votes will be brought back for a runoff. A tie in the first vote could result in more than two candidates in the runoff.

Remember, as a District Council Officer, you are agreeing to serve as a role model for 4-H members across the District. You will need to attend various District 4-H activities and serve as an advisor to one of the council committees. There could be personal expenses involved in attending these activities. We have **NO** District funds for this purpose.



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Rules for Officer Candidate Interviews

- Each interview shall be no longer than **six minutes in length** and shall be conducted during the allotted time for interviews.
- The interviewers shall be facilitated by the three officers who represent the District on the Texas 4-H Council: President, 1st Vice President, and Delegate at Large. The council advisors shall be present to monitor the interview. Interviews will take place in front of all voting delegates.
- Members that served on State 4-H Council the previous year are not eligible to run for District Council.
- There will be four questions per interview - three predetermined questions related to the applicant's leadership, community service and project work and one question that will be drawn from a list of questions. All questions shall pertain to 4-H, the résumé submitted by the delegate, or the candidate's future plans for the District after obtaining a position on council.
- Every candidate running for office must be present at District 7 4-H Leadership Lab to participate in the speech and interview portion to become an officer

District 7 has historically utilized the 4-H members that run for district office at Leadership Lab but do not get elected to help out with various district events. This group is called "District 7 4-H Leadership Ambassadors" and they will be utilized when possible at district events. We will have shirts made for them similar to the officer shirts so when they are representing District 7 they can look official.

The following 2 pages are the actual officer information application/contract and the list of tentative required dates for Officers and opportunities for Ambassadors.

If you have any questions concerning the procedures or responsibilities, please feel free to call our office.

Sincerely,



Garry Branham
District Specialist – 4-H & Youth Development

Cc: County Extension Agents concerned



DISTRICT 7 4-H COUNCIL OFFICER APPLICATION

Name of 4-H Member: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Address: _____
(Street or Route) (City) (Zip)

County: _____ Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Number of Years in 4-H: _____ Name of 4-H Club/Group: _____

M/F: _____ Age on August 31, 2017 (See age requirements in lab letter): _____ Date of Birth: _____

Grade in School: _____ Name of School: _____

Office(s) you are interested in running for:

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| President | 1 st Vice-President | 2 nd Vice-President | 3 rd Vice-President |
| Secretary | Information Officer | Parliamentarian | Delegate –at-Large |
| | | | <small>(Minority position pending Pres. And 1st VP)</small> |

DISTRICT 7 4-H COUNCIL OFFICER and LEADERSHIP AMBASSADORS AGREEMENT

All elected officers are required to serve at 4 events during their service. Out of the 4 events they are only allowed to miss 1 event, and that should only be in the case of an emergency or unavoidable conflict. After the first event and that officer misses again, they will be removed from office.

This is a commitment that should take priority if you are running for office. Do not run for office if you cannot make this commitment!

“TENTATIVE” DATES

DISTRICT 7 4-H OFFICER COMMITMENTS (REQUIRED):

Statewide- District Council/Ambassador Training, Brownwood	July 25-27, 2017
District 7 Fall Meeting, San Angelo	August 26, 2017
Gold Star Banquet, Coleman	October 30, 2017
Leadership Lab, Brownwood	TBA (Late June 2018)

DISTRICT 7 4-H OFFICER OPPORTUNITIES(PREFERRED, BUT OPTIONAL):

District 7 Food Show, Abilene	November 16, 2017
District 7 Roundup, San Angelo	May 15, 2018

If you are elected as District President, First Vice-President or Delegate-at-Large you will serve on the Texas 4-H Council which will have additional requirements and opportunities:

(See "Texas 4-H Council Membership Requirements" document for this information)

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***Please note, it is VERY important to write all dates down in your personal calendar and make attendance a priority. Being elected to an officer position is an honor that only a few receive, and officers are expected to fulfill their expectations.**

Yes, I am aware of the responsibilities I am agreeing to and am committed to attending if elected to a District office.

Furthermore, if elected to the position of President, First Vice-President or Delegate-at-Large I can attend all State Council events and activities, in addition to the District responsibilities. If I do not attend the State 4-H Council workshop, I forfeit my position on the State Council.

Responsibility for travel arrangement and expenses, if there are any, will be the 4-H member's responsibility. Parents/Guardians and County Extension Agents need to work with District officers and State Councils' member on transportation. It is best if youth **DO NOT** drive themselves to 4-H events and activities.

Signatures required:

Officer Candidate

Date

Parent/Guardian

Date

County Extension Agent

Date