

Cookie Theme Officer Installation
2012-2013 OFFICER INSTALLATION

Tonight, we are going to install our new officers for the 2012-2013 4-H year. The officers of the King City Blue Ribbon 4-H Club will be installed using a cookie theme. On the table in front of you is a variety of cooking ingredients. Each item by itself is not very tasty or useful. But when these ingredients are blended together in the right proportions and prepared under the right conditions, they become something wonderful. The KCBR 4-H Club is a lot like that. A 4-H officer cannot accomplish very much alone, but when all the officers blend their talents together, their club can become something wonderful, too.

As I call your name, please come forward and remain up here.

PRESIDENT-Amy Press: In a cookie recipe the flour is the ingredient that is the largest amount. It provides the structure for the baked product. In a 4-H Club, the President is a lot like that. The President has the most visibility in a meeting and the President's leadership sets the structure for the rest of the club activities. Do you accept the duties of the office of President?

VICE-PRESIDENT-Lauren Domingos: Even though this ingredient isn't added in the recipe until the very end, it is an important part of the cookie. The chocolate chips represent the members of the 4-H club. As Vice-President you will be in charge of roll call by keeping a record of member's attendance at each meeting. You will offer support and assistance to the president, and lead at least one general meeting. Do you accept the duties of the office of Vice-President?

RECORDING SECRETARY-Abby Foster: Eggs help bind together all of the ingredients in the cookie dough. As Secretary, your job is much like the job of these eggs. The minutes you keep so carefully hold together all the details of club business. Your minutes also form the permanent record of your club, binding current members to all those who have ever belonged to your club in the past, or who will ever join in the future. Do you accept the duties of the office of Recording Secretary?

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY-Taylor Pryor: Sugar is the ingredient that adds flavor and sweetness to the cookie dough. Communication is a very important part of all club business and we want others to know how sweet our club is. As corresponding secretary, you will be required to take charge of all club correspondence, including thank you notes, to answer all letters with prompt replies, and to notify the club on any letters you receive concerning club

matters. Do you accept the duties of the office of Corresponding Secretary?

TREASURER-Allyson Hughes: Cookies just wouldn't be cookies without shortening. It provides richness and tenderness. In a 4-H club, the Treasurer is the officer responsible for managing the club's riches. It is your duty to keep accurate records of the club's bank account and provide reports on a monthly basis at the meeting. Do you accept the duties of the office of Treasurer?

REPORTER-Amy Hughes: Vanilla adds flavor and aroma to the cookies. That rich, sweet aroma lets everyone know cookies are baking. The reporter is like the aroma of the vanilla. It is your duty to let everyone know what the club is doing by writing articles for the local newspaper. Do you accept the duties of the office of Reporter?

MONITOR-Kaitlin Bryant: Salt is an interesting ingredient. Without it the cookies taste flat and unappealing. A meeting can be like that if the room is not properly set up. It will be your responsibility to arrive early to each meeting, see to it that the room is set up properly—this includes tables, benches, and podium in place. Club flags and banners should be properly displayed, and the sound system should be turned on. Also at the conclusion of the meeting, you need to see to it that everything is put back where it belongs. Do you accept the duties of the Monitor?

SUNSHINE OFFICER-Breana Aguilar: The pecans in a recipe provide another layer of flavor to the cookie. Just like the pecans, the Sunshine officer adds another layer of flavor to the club by providing birthday treats to help the members celebrate their birthdays. Do you accept the duties of the Sunshine Officer?

SERGEANT OF ARMS-Beth Bryant: Baking Powder is the leavening agent in cookie dough. We add leavening to lighten the texture of the cookies. On their own, leaveners bubble, but might not accomplish anything. They must be combined with other ingredients to do the job properly. The Sergeant of Arms is the club's leavening agent. Your job is to help the members lighten up by providing prizes during the meeting. You will also need to remind members to be polite listeners during meetings. Do you accept the duties of the Sergeant of Arms?

HISTORIAN-Anyssa Trujillo: Brown Sugar is another sweet addition to the cookie dough, but a little different flavor. You could say it spices up the recipe just like the historian spices up the club's scrapbook by adding their creativity to it. It is your job to create a memory book to

record the history of this club for the year 2012-2013 . Do you accept the duties of the Historian?

OPENING AND CLOSING OFFICER-Andrea Ayala: Napkins are not an ingredient in the recipe, but are needed just the same, at the beginning and end, just like the duties of the Opening and Closing Officer. It is your responsibility to lead our club with the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of our meeting and the 4-H Pledge at the end of the meeting. Do you accept the duties of the Opening and Closing Officer?

When you mix all of the ingredients together in just the right measurement, a wonderful product will unfold. In the same manner, when all the officers work together, they will lead the membership to excellence! Your peers have entrusted you to be chefs who mix up a wonderful year of club meetings. It is your duty to make sure you use your ingredient wisely and get the recipe right as you work together in the coming year. The 2012-2013 KCBR 4-H Club Officer Team is dually installed. Congratulations!

(Applause)

A successful club is not only comprised of dedicated leaders, but also you the members, parents, and project leaders. Everyone connected with King City Blue Ribbon 4-H is needed to help our club accomplish goals. Support one another and our club will be able to achieve sweet success.

And of course we can't have all that talk about cookies without enjoying some with everyone so we will now pass out some cookies, enjoy!