

Puzzle Pieces Officer Installation Ceremony

I found foam puzzle pieces at the Dollar Store. We shrank the officers part and glued it to each puzzle piece so they can put it in their book under "Collection of 4-H Work." Of course had to tape a candy bar to the bottom of foam piece to liven it up a bit. Or you could also give a tiny boxed puzzle as you install.

2013-2014 OFFICER INSTALLATION

Tonight, we are going to install our new officers for the 2013-2014 4-H year. The officers of the King City Blue Ribbon 4-H Club will be installed using a puzzle theme. Puzzles are a part of our daily lives. There are crossword puzzles, number puzzles, and jigsaw puzzles. The unique thing about puzzles is that until the last piece is put into place, the puzzle is incomplete. Every piece is needed. Likewise, every member of this organization is essential. If one person fails to attend a meeting or function, a piece of this club is missing, making it incomplete. A 4-H officer cannot accomplish very much alone, but when all the pieces are put together, their club can become something wonderful, too.

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

PRESIDENT-Jocelyn Baty: The president's piece in the puzzle is the leadership piece. Your duty is to preside at all meetings and see that they run smoothly. Do you accept the duties of the office of president?

VICE-PRESIDENT-Angel Benavides. The vice-president's piece in the puzzle is the membership piece. 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-Matthew Umbarger: The recording secretary's piece in the puzzle is a writing piece. Your duties include taking minutes at every meeting and making sure that all the decisions of our club are accurately recorded for the club's history. Do you accept the duties of the office of recording secretary?

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY-Brenda Alvarado: The corresponding secretary's piece in the puzzle is a communication piece. Communication is a very important part of all club business. 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 of

any letters you receive concerning club matters. Do you accept the duties of the office of corresponding secretary?

TREASURER-Allyson Hughes: The treasurer's piece in the puzzle is a financial piece. Your duties include collecting and depositing money, writing checks, keeping accurate records of the club's bank account and providing reports on a monthly basis at the meeting. Do you accept the duties of the office of treasurer?

REPORTER-Francisco Bahena: The reporter's piece in the puzzle is an inscribing piece. 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-Amy Hughes: The monitor's puzzle piece is a housekeeping piece. 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-Kasey Pryor: The sunshine officer's puzzle piece is a celebrating piece. Your duty as the sunshine officer is to provide birthday treats to help the members celebrate their birthdays. Do you accept the duties of the Sunshine Officer?

SERGEANT OF ARMS-Taylor Pryor: The sergeant of arms puzzle piece is an order keeping piece. Your job is to make sure everyone is being polite during our meetings and to give out prizes. Do you accept the duties of the sergeant of arms?

HISTORIAN-Justin Mantel: The historian's piece in the puzzle is the storyteller. It is your job to create a memory book to record the history of this club for the year 2013-2014. Do you accept the duties of the historian?

OPENING AND CLOSING OFFICER-Beth Bryant: The opening and closing officer's piece in the puzzle is the pledge piece. 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 put all of the pieces together in just the right way, 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 the pieces that make up a wonderful year of club meetings. It is your duty to make sure you put your pieces together wisely as you work together in the coming year. The 2013-2014 KCBR 4-H Club Officer Team is dually installed. Congratulations!

(Applause)

A successful club is not only comprised of dedicated officers, but also other pieces needed to complete the club, you, the members and parents. Just as every piece in a puzzle fits snugly together to make a picture, every member of this organization is joined together to accomplish club goals. Support one another, and our club will be able to achieve great success. Everyone connected with King City Blue Ribbon 4-H is needed to help our club accomplish goals. So let's have a great 4-H year.