



Iowa 4-H Youth Development

Howard County 4-H Bylaws

Howard County 4-H Youth Development Program Committee

Article 1 – Name

The name of this organization shall be the Howard County 4-H & Youth (Development Program) Committee.

Article 2 – Purpose

- To develop and implement a balanced 4-H youth program for Howard County that supports the mission of the Iowa 4-H Youth Development Program.
- Serve in an advisory capacity to ISU Extension 4-H staff.

Article 3 – Membership

- The Youth & 4-H Committee will consist of 12 members; 8 adults and 4 youth members.
- A term is for two (2) years and a member may serve three (3) consecutive terms.
- The term of office is from Jan 1 to December 31.
- The Howard County Extension Council will give final approval and appointment for nominees to committee.
- Qualifications needed to serve are:
 - Ability to work with adults and youth.
 - Interest in promoting Howard Co 4-H and youth programs.
 - Commitment to provide positive youth development programs for youth.
 - Understanding of community issues.

Article 4 – Member Duties

The duties of the members of the County Youth and 4-H Committee are:

- Attend scheduled meetings and actively participate to:
 - Review and study youth issues
 - Identify priorities for programming
 - Create a plan of action
 - Review the year's program
 - Assess successes and future needs.
- Promote and encourage participation in 4-H youth programs.
- Serve on one workgroup to further carry out the county plan.

Article 5 – Leadership Roles

The elected officers of this advisory committee shall be chairman, vice-chairman, secretary; they comprise the Executive Committee.

- Officers shall be elected annually in the month of December and shall begin the term of office in January.
- Leaders will report quarterly to the County Extension Council on the status of the county program and policy recommendations.

Article 6 – Committees

- Each member will be expected to serve on a sub-workgroup that may either be a standing workgroup or a special workgroup.
- Standing Workgroups
Standing workgroups shall be appointed by the chairperson and shall serve to the end of the calendar year.
- Special Workgroups
Special workgroups shall be appointed by the chairman and shall serve only as long as needed.

Article 7 – Policies

This group will meet regularly to conduct business, 6-8 times during the year. Any major decision of the group must be voted upon by a quorum, which consists of 2/3 of the membership.

Article 8 – Funds

An annual budget of proposed expenditures will be developed for the 4-H program by the budget workgroup in partnership with 4-H Extension staff. It will be presented to the County Extension Council in January of each year.

Article 9 – Amendments

The by-laws may be amended at any regular meeting by a 2/3 vote of the membership, provided they do not conflict with the required article.

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