

**Northwest District Senior 4-H Council – 2012-13**  
**Requirements, Nomination Procedure, Campaign Procedure, and Expectations**

**Requirements to seek office of the Northwest District Senior 4-H Council:**

1. Must be a Senior 4-H'er in 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, or 11<sup>th</sup> grade (in August of current school year), who has not yet completed high school.
2. Must be a leader in his/her county 4-H program.
3. Application questions must be typed and saved so that an electronic copy can be sent to the district office. If the questions do not indicate to the Program Development Coordinator that the applicant has been an active 4-H'er in their county or possess leadership skills, the 4-H'er will be asked to complete an additional application where a minimum of 80 points must be achieved.
3. Must obtain a recommendation from an adult other than a parent or Extension staff person (examples: teachers and community leaders). Attachment B – Recommendation form must be used.
4. Parent(s) and 4-H'er must meet with the 4-H Agent, Associate, CEC, and/or 4-H Program Assistant to review and discuss the **Requirements, Nomination Procedure, Campaign Procedure, and Expectations** for the Northwest District Senior 4-H Council. If the 4-H'er meets the requirements and qualifications, and parents, 4-H'er, and leaders accept the responsibilities and obligations involved, the 4-H'er may seek election to the Northwest District Senior Board. At the conclusion of the meeting, the appropriate signatures must be secured on Attachment C.
5. All paper work (Attachments A- C) must be submitted through the county office and **received** in the Northwest District Office by **February 10, 2012**. Nominations will be accepted from the floor because of the 4-H Constitution, however, 4-H'ers are encouraged to submit paper work in time for it to reach the district office by February 10. Their name will not be on the printed ballot and must be written in if they are nominated from the floor and their information will not be distributed to voting delegates prior to DPA. To be nominated from the floor, applicants must bring completed paperwork to the candidate orientation on March 2, 2012.
6. Must compete at Junior/Senior DPA, March 2-4, 2012 or have mastered in their project area, therefore ineligible to compete. Must attend officer's training July 10-12, 2012.
7. Should attend the Candidate's Orientation, March 2, 2012 at Rock Eagle.

**Nomination Procedure**

1. Attachment A – Application  
Attachment B – Recommendations  
Attachment C – Signatures  
must be completed and submitted through the county office and **received** in the Northwest District Office by **February 10, 2012**. The application must also be submitted as a file by email to [nwdist4h@uga.edu](mailto:nwdist4h@uga.edu) labeled as lastname\_firstname\_senior.doc

2. More than one candidate from a county may seek office.

### **Campaign Procedure**

1. All candidates for the Northwest District Senior Board must attend the Candidate's Orientation, Friday, March 2, 2012 at Rock Eagle. Time to be announced later, but approximately 7:00 PM.

2. Candidates may begin campaigning upon arrival at DPA. Candidates may not arrive before 4:30 PM.

3. Use of cards, letters, favors, handbills, P.A. Systems, etc., by a candidate or anyone before or during the campaign will automatically disqualify the candidate.

4. Candidates (only) may wear or carry a campaign poster (not to exceed 22" X 28", both sides, and not attached to sticks more than 24" long). Candidates may prepare one poster (not to exceed 22" X 28", one side only) for display at a location to be determined by March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

5. Campaign speeches (which will be given Friday night, March 2) are limited to 2 minutes. At least **1 minute** of this time should be spent answering the question "**What qualities do I have that would make me a good representative as a Northwest District Officer?**" No other individuals are permitted to be a part of the candidate's presentation. Music is permitted for the campaign speech but must be within the Code of Conduct. Live animals, water, or fire may not be used.

**\*\*\*\*Important: An agent or program assistant must see presentations prior to DPA.**

6. Skits or slogans must not elude to violations of the 4-H Code of Conduct or you will be disqualified.

7. Campaigning tips:

A. As buses/vans/cars stop to register, you may greet 4-H'ers and campaign.

B. For meals, campaign in front of the dining hall.

C. Not everyone is a voting delegate. Tell non-voting delegates to please encourage their county's voting delegates to vote for you.

D. Sutton Hall, outside the dining hall, in front of the auditorium, and Cloverleaf Circle are good places to campaign. Do not campaign in cabins or in buildings where 4-H'ers are competing.

E. At election time, get a place right outside the voting location to campaign as people go in to vote. Say your slogan over and over!

F. Most of all, **have fun** and meet lots of new people!

### **Elections**

1. Elections will be held by secret ballot.

2. Only six (6) Voting Delegates per county may vote. Voting delegates will be instructed to read the questions you answered on the application and to listen to the answer to the question in your campaign speech.

3. Each Voting Delegate will vote for eight candidates. The eight individuals who receive the largest number of votes will be members of the Northwest District Senior 4-H Council. The individual receiving the largest number of votes will serve as President of the Council. The individual receiving the second largest number of votes will serve as the Vice President of the Council.

### **Expectations**

The term of office begins after State Council, June 22-24, 2012 and ends at State Council, June 2013. Installation will be done at State Council, June 22, 2012.

All board members must participate in the following:

1. District Project Achievement in a project that requires a portfolio, unless he or she has already been named a State 4-H Project Winner. Parents must insure that 4-H'ers arrive at Rock Eagle on Thursday by 7p.m., before DPA begins on Friday.
2. Dean's Award Interviews and/or Leadership in Action.
3. At least one area or state 4-H judging contest or team 4-H contest. Examples: State Livestock Judging, Area Poultry Judging, Cotton Boll and Consumer Jamboree, and etc.
4. State Council, June 22-24, 2012. 4-H'ers will travel with their county and 4-H'ers must pay the registration fee. There can be a few exceptions for missing State Council approved ahead of time. For State Council, June 2013, 4-H'ers may arrive and return home with their county delegation. The registration fee will be paid by the district office.
5. Attend district board meetings:   May 2012  
  August/September 2012  
  January 2013  
    \*\*\*Date, time and location will be announced later.  
    \*\*\*Parents are responsible for transportation to and from the board meetings.
6. State and district officer training – July 1012, 2012 at Rock Eagle 4-H Center. The registration fee will be paid by the district office. Parents are responsible for transportation to Rock Eagle. The ONLY exception to this is being selected for GHP.
7. Fall Forum, December 2012 at Rock Eagle. If the 4-H'ers county attends, the 4-H'er may arrive and return home with his county delegation. The district office pays the registration fee.
9. Attend Cloverleaf DPA with your county – Fall 2012, January, February or April 2013.

Absences from any of the above activities must be approved in advance by Dr. Lori Purcell Bledsoe, Northwest District 4-H Program Development Coordinator. Remember, work nor other activities should interfere with the above expectations of all board members.

The following 2 forms must be completed and returned to the district office **at least 1 week before** each meeting, event, or activity:

- Medical Release Form
- Transportation Release Form

\*\*\* Copies will be provided by the district office.

Uniforms will be selected by the council members. Parents must pay for the uniforms in advance. Uniforms will cost approximately \$150.00. All board members are required to purchase the agreed upon uniforms. Partial scholarships are available for those who need it.

In order to be a good district council member, you must first be an outstanding member in your county. You must always communicate with members of your County Extension Service Staff. Please don't lose sight of the fact that your peers elected you – represent them well! Part of preparing for planning meetings is to know what your peers want. Much work goes on before, during, and after planning meetings. Everyone will have assignments to complete and deadlines to meet. It is also your responsibility to approach your officer duties with maturity and respectfulness for your fellow officers and leaders.

At the local level, District Council Members should:

1. Be a very active member of your county 4-H program.
2. Form at least one Project Club.
3. Write and/or present at least two newspaper/radio/TV articles.
4. Speak to two or more 4-H groups and at least two non 4-H audience about 4-H.

If, at any point during your term of office, you are found in violation of the 4-H Code of Conduct and suspended from 4-H for any period of time you will be removed as a district officer.

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Application – Attachment A**

Form must be completed by the 4-H'er. This form must be typed and saved as lastname\_firstname\_senior.doc. The electronic application must be given to the county office.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age (Jan. 1, 2012) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (Jan. 1) \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Year-round E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents(s) Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

4-H Agent or Program Assistant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years in 4-H: \_\_\_\_\_

Major project(s) in 4-H:  
\_\_\_\_\_

**One or more of the following questions will be printed for the voting delegates to read. Please answer ALL questions in 100 words or less. If it is more than 100 words, only the first 100 words will be printed.**

1. Please describe one place you have had a leadership role and your responsibility.
2. As a district officer, how will you encourage other youth to get involved in 4-H?
3. What skills do you have to be an effective district officer?
4. Why do you want to be a district officer?

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**Outside Recommendation – Attachment B**

The following \_\_\_\_\_(county) 4-H'er,  
\_\_\_\_\_(name) plans to run for the Northwest District Senior 4-H  
Council. Please use the following space to give your recommendation. A candidate  
must be a leader in his/her home county, first. Good candidates must be responsible and  
committed. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the above 4-H'er: \_\_\_\_\_

In what capacity, do you know the above 4-H'er: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return the completed recommendation to the above 4-H'er by: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Signatures – Attachment C**

**To be signed by parent(s):**

I have met with \_\_\_\_\_ (name of Extension Staff Member) and my child to review and discuss the **Requirements, Nomination Procedure, Campaign Procedure, and Expectations** for the Northwest District Senior 4-H Council. I understand and agree to follow the requirements, nomination procedure, campaign procedure, and expectations. If my child is elected to the Northwest District Senior 4-H Council, I understand that as a parent I have responsibilities and obligations, as well as my child, and will do my best to fulfill the responsibilities and obligations. To the best of my knowledge, the information provided in Attachments A-C is correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian's Signature

**To be signed by 4-H'er:**

I have met with \_\_\_\_\_ (name of Extension Staff Member) and a parent to review and discuss the **Requirements, Nomination Procedure, Campaign Procedure, and Expectations** for the Northwest District Senior 4-H Council. If elected to the Northwest District Senior 4-H Council, I understand I have responsibilities and will do my best to fulfill the responsibilities. To the best of my knowledge, the information provided in Attachments A-C is correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
4-H'er's Signature

**To be signed by Extension Staff Member who meets with 4-H'er and parent(s):**

I have met with \_\_\_\_\_ (name of 4-H'er) and \_\_\_\_\_ (name of parent) to review and discuss the **Requirements, Nomination Procedure, Campaign Procedure, and Expectations** for the Northwest District Senior 4-H Council. To the best of my knowledge the parent(s) and 4-H'er understand their responsibilities and obligations. To the best of my knowledge the parent(s) and 4-H'er will be able to meet their responsibilities and obligations. To the best of my knowledge, the 4-H'er is qualified and eligible to run for the Northwest District Senior 4-H Council.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Extension Staff Member's Signature

**To be signed by County Extension Coordinator:**

To the best of my knowledge the above information is correct. I give my support to \_\_\_\_\_ (name of 4-H'er) to seek election to the Northwest District Senior 4-H Council. If elected, I will support him/her.

\_\_\_\_\_  
CEC's Signature