



# ILLINOIS 4-H CLUB

## ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION

The people signing below are adopting these Articles of Organization for the 4-H Club. The 4-H Club will be a nonprofit unincorporated association under Illinois law. These articles are to be completed **once** for the lifetime of the 4-H Club.

### Article I – Name

The name of this 4-H Club is \_\_\_\_\_ . It is organized as a subordinate group in the Illinois 4-H program.

The 4-H Club is chartered in \_\_\_\_\_ County.

The County Extension Director signing below agrees to oversee the 4-H Club's financial activities. Those activities are described in Article IV, Section 1. This person will also act as the 4-H Club's Agent:

<i>Signature:</i>	<i>Printed Name</i>	<i>Date:</i>

The address of the County Extension Office is listed below. This will also be the business address (for tax and legal purposes) of the 4-H Club.

<i>Street Address:</i>		
<i>City:</i>	<i>State:</i>	<i>Zip Code:</i>

### Article II – Term

The 4-H Club will continue to exist until it is dissolved. The 4-H Club may be dissolved only according to University of Illinois Extension 4-H policies and the 4-H Club's bylaws.

### Article III – Purpose

The 4-H Club is formed for the exclusive purpose of conducting educational activities allowed by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code"). Section 501(c)(3) prohibits the 4-H Club from paying any of its net earnings to any member, leader or officer. The 4-H Club may, however, pay or reimburse reasonable expenses related to its activities. The 4-H Club will not take sides in any political campaign. It also will not attempt to influence legislation. The 4-H Club will use its funds to further educational purposes.

The 4-H Club will operate only for educational purposes. These purposes include providing the opportunity for youth to feel a sense of belonging, develop independence, practice generosity, and experience mastery. The 4-H Club will not engage in any other substantial activities.

### **Article III – Purpose (continued)**

The 4-H Club will be subordinate to the Champaign County Extension Education Foundation, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation (the “Central Organization”). The Central Organization is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(a) of the Code. It is described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code and a public charity under Section 509(a). The 4-H Club is subject to the general supervision and control of the Central Organization. That supervision and control is outlined in a 4-H Group Tax Exemption Authorization signed for the 4-H Club and filed with the Central Organization.

### **Article IV – University of Illinois Extension**

#### Section 1 – University of Illinois Extension Policies

The 4-H Club will follow all University of Illinois Extension 4-H policies and procedures as well as state and federal regulations. Members, officers, and leaders of the 4-H Club will work with the County Extension Director. Together, they will oversee the financial activities of the 4-H Club to make sure the 4-H Club meets those requirements.

#### Section 2 – Group Tax Exemption

University of Illinois Extension is authorized to include the 4-H Club in a group tax exemption. The 4-H Club will supply the County Extension Director all required paperwork so the 4-H Club can remain in the group tax exemption.

The 4-H Club will follow all terms of the Central Organization’s April 26, 2012 Memorandum of Agreement with the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois.

### **Article V – Revisions to Articles of Organization**

These articles can be changed or repealed according to University of Illinois Extension 4-H policies.

### **Article VI – Dissolution**

If the 4-H club dissolves, its assets will be distributed to the local Extension Unit, County Extension Office, County 4-H / Extension Foundation, or another 4-H Club, with the approval of the County Extension Director. The recipient must operate only for purposes allowed in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code. If none of the intended recipients qualify, any remaining assets will be disposed of exclusively for such 501(c)(3) purposes as may be determined by court order.

The 4-H Club will provide each member with a report outlining the assets and liabilities, and how these will be distributed when the Club dissolves. When the Club has met these requirements, it will cease to exist.

### **Article VII – No Liability**

To the fullest extent allowed by Illinois law, no person will be liable for contract, tort, or other obligations of the 4-H Club merely because he or she is a member, director, officer or leader.

[Signatures on following page]

## Article VIII – Organizers

Name, address, and signature of each organizer. The organizers are the 4-H Volunteer Organizational Leader and the 4-H Club President.

<i>Signature of 4-H Volunteer Organizational Leader who is 18 years of age or older:</i>	<i>Printed Name of 4-H Volunteer Organizational Leader who is 18 years of age or older:</i>	<i>Date:</i>
<i>Street Address:</i>		
<i>City:</i>	<i>State:</i>	<i>Zip Code:</i>

<i>Signature of 4-H Club President:</i>		<i>If 4-H Club President is under 18 years of age, signature of parent or legal guardian:</i>	
<i>Printed name of 4-H Club President:</i>	<i>Date:</i>	<i>If 4-H Club President is under 18 years of age, printed name of parent or legal guardian:</i>	<i>Date:</i>
<i>Street Address:</i>			
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