

DISTRICT 10 4-H COUNCIL - STANDING RULES

1. Name: The name of the organization shall be Southwest District 10 4-H Council.
2. Purpose: The purpose shall be to work together democratically to develop leadership; to promote and encourage 4-H Club work; and to coordinate 4-H activities in the district.
3. Membership: The Southwest District 10 4-H Council membership is open to 4-H members regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin.
 - A. Members - Membership is made up of three delegates from each of the 21 counties in the district and the officers of the District Council. If a delegate does not attend either meeting of the District Council, the delegate relinquishes their membership on the council for that year.
 - B. Age - Council members shall be at least 14 years of age and not more than 19 years of age before August 31 of the current 4-H year.
 - C. Term - Members shall be elected annually and shall be eligible to serve no more than three years.
 - D. Alternate Delegates - Alternates should be elected at the same time as delegates. Alternates will serve only in the event a delegate is unable to attend a council meeting. The district office must be notified prior to the meeting of the intent of an alternate to replace a delegate at any scheduled meeting.
 - E. State Delegate - The district council has the responsibility of selecting or electing a state delegate each calendar year. If the district president or first-vice president are not of minority representation, then the state delegate must be a minority. If either the president or first vice-president are minority, then the state delegate is not required to be of minority representation.
4. Officers: The elected officers of the Southwest 10 District 4-H Council shall be a president, first vice-president, state delegate, second-vice president, secretary, information chairman and parliamentarian. All officers shall have served one year on the District 10 4-H Council to be able to run for district office. A county is eligible for no more than two officers. The president and first vice-president and state delegate must reach their 16th birthday and not have reached their 19th birthday on or before August 31 of the calendar year in which they are installed on the District Council. The president, first vice-president and state delegate shall serve as delegates to the Texas 4-H Council. The second vice-president shall serve as first alternate. Alternate delegates are eligible to run for office if they replace a delegate from their county at one of the District 10 4-H Council meetings prior to applying to run for District office.
5. Term of Office: Officers shall be elected annually. A person may be elevated to a higher office but shall not be eligible for re-election to the same office or election to a lower one. A person may not serve as an officer for more than two years. The term of office for each elected officer shall be for one year (July 1- June 30) and the election and installation of officers will take place at the District 10 Leadership Lab annually. Qualified delegates interested in seeking council office must apply to the District 10 Extension office by May 1 preceding the District 10 Leadership Lab.

6. Annual Meeting and Election of Officers: An annual meeting shall be held in conjunction with District Leadership Lab. Officers shall be elected and installed at this event. Nominations will be made from the floor for those who have filed for office according to guidelines in article 5. Alternate Delegates must have attended a District 10 4-H Council meeting as a delegate prior to applying for a District 10 4-H Council Office. Each candidate will present a four-minute speech on his or her qualifications. *Each candidate will participate in a "meet the candidate" question and answer session in front of the voting delegates.* Elections shall be by secret ballot. A majority constitutes an election.
7. Executive Committees: The Executive Committee shall be composed of the elected officers.
8. Standing Committees: Standing Committees shall be District Roundup, West Region Junior High Leadership Lab, Gold Star and Junior Leadership Rally. The counties in Southwest District 10 are divided into four multi-county groups. The District Council delegates from the counties in those groups will serve on one of the standing committees on a rotation basis. County groups will be as follows:

Group 1	Wilson, Guadalupe, Gonzales, Caldwell, Bexar
Group 2	Kinney, Uvalde, Medina, Real, Bandera
Group 3	Bastrop, Travis, Hays, Comal, Blanco
Group 4	Sutton, Kimble, Kerr, Edwards, Gillespie, Kendall

Standing Committees	2007-08	2008-09	2009-2010	2010-2011
Roundup	1	4	3	2
West Region Junior High Leadership Lab	2	1	4	3
Jr. Leadership Rally	3	2	1	4
Gold Star	4	3	2	1

District Council officers will serve as advisors to the committees along with agent advisors. Standing committee meetings will be held at Mega Meeting in August and/or two months prior to the assigned event. The assigned council officer and agent advisor calls meetings. Additional standing committees may be appointed at any time, and in any way the council determines advisable.

9. Meetings: There shall be a minimum of two meetings during the year. The Executive Committee working with District 4-H Specialist will set the dates for additional meetings, as necessary.
10. Voting Body: The voting body shall consist of the members as defined in Article 3.
11. Quorum: A quorum shall consist of 21 voting members. In this manner, 10 counties shall be represented.
12. Advisors: Two County Extension Agents appointed by the District Extension Administrator will serve as advisors to the District 4-H Council. The agent advisors will work with the Extension Committee in planning for meetings and activities.
13. Amendments: These standing rules shall be read annually and may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any regular meeting. All proposed amendments or revisions must be in the district office 30 days prior to the next District 4-H Council meeting.
14. If a District 10 4-H Council member consumes, or is suspected of consuming alcoholic beverages and/or drugs before or during any activity or representation of the District 4-H Council, the delegates shall be sent home at the expense of the parents and be subject to dismissal from the District 10 4-H Council.

District 10 4-H Council Standing Committees

West Region Junior High Leadership Lab - TBA, 2008

Kinney, Uvalde, Medina, Real, Bandera
Agent Advisor - Jana Osbourn, CEA-FCS, Bandera Co.
Council Advisors - Katie Fritz, Hannah Urbach and Rebekah Richter

District 4-H Roundup - December 2, 2006

Wilson, Guadalupe, Gonzales, Caldwell, Bexar
Agent Advisor - Sarah Stribling, CEA-FCS, Caldwell Co.
Council Advisors - Kristin Wilkes and Lance Bauer

Junior Leadership Rally - TBA - 2007

Bastrop, Travis, Hays, Comal, Blanco
Agent Advisor - Karla Friesenhahn, CEA-4-H, Comal Co.
Council Advisors - Rebekah Richter and Katie Muehlstein

Gold Star Luncheon - October 13, 2007 - Uvalde

Sutton, Kimble, Kerr, Edwards, Gillespie, Kendall
Agent Advisor - Angela Fiedler, CEA-FCS, Kendall Co.
Council Advisors - April Johnson and Katie Muehlstein

District 10 Leadership Lab - June 23-25, 2008 @ Brownwood

2007-08 Officers and District Council Advisors

District Council Advisors: Sarah Stribling, Caldwell County, 512/398-3122
Richard Parrish, Hays County, 512/393-2120