



WISCONSIN 4-H CLUBS AND GROUPS ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION

Wisconsin 4-H

August 2021

UW-MADISON EXTENSION

These Articles of Organization are entered into by those who have signed below for the purpose of forming a 4-H Club or 4-H Group as an Unincorporated Nonprofit Association under Ch. 184 of the Wisconsin Statutes. These are completed **once** for a 4-H club or group that have a checking and/or savings account.

Article 1. Name of the 4-H Club or Group/Committee, which is organized as an association by this document:

Check One: 4-H Club 4-H Group

A. Name of the County in which the 4-H Club or Group is located:

B. County 4-H Program Educator, who, by signing below, agrees to oversee the 4-H Club or Group and act as the 4-H Club or Group's agent:

<i>Signature:</i>	<i>Printed Name:</i>	<i>Date:</i>
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C. Address of the County Extension Office, which will serve as the mailing and business address for the 4-H Club or Group:

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

Article 2. The 4-H Club or Group's term of existence shall be perpetual. This means that the 4-H Club will continue to exist until it is dissolved, according to UW-Madison Division of Extension policies and the 4-H Club's bylaws.

Article 3. The purpose of the 4-H Club or Group is to organize and operate exclusively for the nonprofit purposes allowed by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Section 501(c)(3) prohibits the 4-H Club or Group from paying any profits, above reimbursements for the 4-H Club or Group's expenses, to any of its members, directors, or officers. Additionally, Section 501(c)(3) prohibits the 4-H Club or Group from taking sides either in political campaigns or in any effort to pass a specific law. This 4-H Club or Group will primarily operate for educational purposes.

Article 4. The 4-H Club or Group agrees to comply with all applicable UW-Madison Division of Extension policies and procedures governing 4-H, and agrees that the County 4-H Program Educator has all necessary and proper authority to oversee the 4-H Club or Group to ensure the 4-H Club or Group's compliance.

Article 5. UW-Madison Division of Extension is authorized to include the 4-H club or group in a group tax exemption, and the 4-H Club or Group will supply the County 4-H Program Educator all necessary documentation to ensure the 4-H Club or Group's inclusion in a group tax exemption.

Article 6. The 4-H Club or Group's members, directors, or officers will be selected according to the UW-Madison Division of Extension policies and the 4-H Club or Group's by-laws.

Article 7. These articles can be changed according to the policies, rules, and laws that apply at the time the articles are changed.

Article 8. Upon dissolution of the 4-H Club or Group, any assets will be permanently dedicated to nonprofit purposes and turned over to another recognized 4-H club, unit, or group with the approval of the 4-H Program Educator. The recipient of the 4-H Club or Group’s assets will only operate for the nonprofit purposes allowed in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Article 9. Name, address, and signature of each organizer—the organizers are the 4-H Volunteer Organizational or Group Leader(s) and the 4-H Youth President or Chair:

<i>Signature of 4-H Volunteer Organizational or Group Leader who is 18 years of age or older:</i>		<i>Printed name of 4-H Volunteer Organizational or Group 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 Youth President or Chair:</i>		<i>If 4-H Youth President or Chair is under 18 years of age, signature of parent or legal guardian:</i>			
<i>Printed name of 4-H Youth President or Chair:</i>	<i>Date:</i>	<i>If 4-H Youth President or Chair is under 18 years of age, printed name of parent or legal guardian:</i>		<i>Date:</i>	
<i>Street Address:</i>					
<i>City:</i>			<i>State:</i>		<i>Zip Code:</i>

Optional: Complete this box if an additional 4-H volunteer serves in an organizer role.

<i>Signature of volunteer organizer:</i>		<i>If organizer is under 18 years of age, printed name of parent or legal guardian:</i>			
<i>Printed name of volunteer organizer:</i>	<i>Date:</i>	<i>If organizer is under 18 years of age, printed name of parent or legal guardian:</i>		<i>Date:</i>	
<i>Street address:</i>					
<i>City:</i>			<i>State:</i>		<i>Zip Code:</i>