Steps to becoming a District 9 4-H Council Officer

Eligibility - in order to run be sure you meet the following requirements:
1. Have at least 3 years of club membership, including the current year.
2. Be at least 14 but not yet 19 years of age the year in which you will serve.
3. Have at least one year of high school left (not including current year).
4. Be a district council member by attending at least one District Council meeting of the current year.
5. Have served a term of office on your county council, TASK force, or Ambassador program.
6. Be recommended by your county extension agent.

Nomination Form - If you have met all these requirements then be sure to complete the nomination form and turn it in to your county office, the deadline is about the same time as Leader Lab registration (late May). Dates and forms can be found on the District 9 4-H Leader Lab webpage. Familiarize yourself with the District 9 4-H Council Standing Rules when you complete this form - there are age requirements for some of the offices. A copy of your 4-H Record Book may be submitted with your nomination form. Counties may send only 3 candidates, so a preliminary election may be needed to choose the 3 candidates. Candidates can earn up to 50 of the 200 points from nomination form/record book.

Pre Lab - This year Pre Lab will be on June 6, 2014. Candidates should make plans to attend Pre Lab. If you attend you will have the opportunity to lead or assist with the educational sessions during lab, as well as, have inside knowledge of leadership lab plans.

Meet & Greet - the first activity of lab is candidate introductions. So gather up your campaign gear. In the past candidates have created a tri-fold display showcasing their leadership qualities and distributed a trinket or treat that related to their campaign theme.

Candidate Speeches - the first evening candidates have the opportunity to give a speech to the entire lab. This is your opportunity to let your fellow members get to know you. The speech is limited to 3 minutes and should focus on 4-H.

Interview – all candidates will be interviewed at leadership lab by a panel of judges with interview questions developed from information on the officer application form and 4-H record book. Points will be awarded based on enthusiasm, personality, dedication to 4-H, communication skills, confidences, attitude, poise, willingness to work as a team, and knowledge of the 4-H program. Candidates can earn up to 50 of 200 points for the interview.

Impromptu – Candidates will be allowed the opportunity to respond to an impromptu question on the second day of leadership lab prior to county caucuses. This will be the final time to address the entire voting delegation prior to the election.

Other – Getting to know fellow lab participants is an important part of the campaign process. Be sure to participate actively in all parts of lab, dance with everyone, dress up for themes, and join in on the fun. Counties will caucus prior to voting to determine who to support in the voting process.

Election – the election is held during lab. Popular vote will count for up to 100 of the 200 possible points. The voters will be 2 representatives from each county along with the current district council officers. The number of votes will be multiplied by an equalizing factor to determine a point value up to 100 points.

Installation— one of the final activities at lab will be officer installation. The new district officers will be installed on the final day of lab.