

**Yuma Valley Achievers 4-H Club
Constitution and By-Laws
Adopted: August 2002**

Constitution

Article I - Name

The 4-H Club shall be known as the Yuma Valley Achievers 4-H Club of Yuma County, Yuma, Arizona.

Article II - Purpose

The purpose of this 4-H club is to provide learning activities and experiences through project work club meetings, showmanship, judging, public speaking, demonstrations, citizenship and community service and other 4-H activities and events to aid in the personal development of its members.

Article III - Membership

Young people who are five years of age by January 1st and who have not passed their nineteenth Birthday of the club year may join. Members who are ages five to eight will be known as Clover buds and follow the curriculum for the Clover bud Program.

The 4-H club is open to youth without regard to race, color, national origin or geographic area.

Article IV - Officers and Committees

The elected senior officers of this club shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sergeant-At-Arms, Historian, Communications Officer, Parliamentarian, and two representatives to the Yuma County Teen Council. Required age for senior officers shall be 13 – 18 years of age. The elected junior officers of this club shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Sergeant-At Arms, Historian, Communications Officer and Parliamentarian. Junior officers shall be elected in the same manner as senior officers. Required age for Junior Officers shall be 9 – 18 years of age. In the event an officer fails to fulfill the office, the community leader will bring the situation to the Executive officer team at which time further action will be determined.

Article V - Number of Meetings

The club will meet monthly as a community club with the member attending 80% of all community club meetings. Project Leaders will determine the number of meetings to complete project work and carry on a successful 4-H program. The member will be required to attend 80% of all project meetings. A member who has two unexcused absences at community club meetings or project meetings will receive a warning in writing. Upon a third unexcused absence, if so decided by the community club leader and project leader, could be dropped from club membership. Excused absences must be submitted in writing no less than five (days) before the scheduled event. In the event of an emergency, a community club leader should be notified as soon as possible. In order to exhibit in the Yuma County Fair, it is necessary for each club member to participate in a pre-fair.

Article VI - Club Fees

Club fees will be \$10.00 to offset the cost of routine club operations. Fees are to be paid at the enrollment and orientation meeting.

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Article VII - Project Completion

Projects are to be completed according to Yuma Valley Achievers club rules and 4-H guidelines. It will be required that record books are to be completed at the end of the project year according to the leaders instructions, and to follow the guidelines set forth by Yuma County 4-H. Books shall be presented for judging and awards.

Article VIII – Community Service

Community Service is an important aspect of the 4-H program; therefore, every member of the Yuma Valley Achievers 4-H club shall be required to participate in community service opportunities provided. A minimum of ten (10) hours of community service per project year will be required to remain in good standing.

Article IX – Committee Participation

To have a successful 4-H club, it will be required that each member of the Yuma Valley Achievers 4- H club and their parent/guardian actively participate in at least one committee.

Article X – Other Club Requirements

Wear Club Shirts to Community Service Events.
Community Service Hours must be 85% done by March 1st
Each Family will sale 4-H BBQ Tickets (Min of 5 tickets per family)
Memorize the 4-H Pledge
Fair Duties must be completed
Clinics and Pre-Fair are Mandatory
Project Meetings must have 70% or greater attendance
Bring your Green Folder to Every Meeting

Article XI – Record Books

Record books are required to be turned in by End of Year Party