



Making the Best 4-H Clubs Better –Version 2.0

LET'S MAKE PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE TRAIL MIX

Adapted from a demonstration by Deb Ivey, 4-H Youth Development Agent in Iowa County, Wisconsin, as it appears in “Teaching Parliamentary Procedure – Trail Mix,” UWEX, <https://4h.extension.wisc.edu/files/2020/11/Parliamentary-Procedure-Trail-Mix.pdf>

Needed: Large bowl, spoon, ingredients for Trail Mix (Such as: Honey Nut Cheerios, raisins, peanuts, plain and peanut butter M and M's, dried coconut, dried cranberries, pretzels, others as desired), serving supplies (paper cup, napkins, etc.).

- Display the ingredients and talk about the importance of parliamentary procedure to the smooth operation of a meeting.
- Tell your audience that you are going to make trail mix and that they will learn how to correctly make a motion as part of this process.
- Explain that ingredients will be added to the bowl as motions are made. (Youth must say “I move that we add *specify amount of specify ingredient.*” Ask for a second, discuss and vote. If the youth says, “I motion...” or “I make a motion” ask them to restate it correctly.) Discussion may include allergies, distaste for a particular ingredient, or an objection or addition to the quantity.
- Majority rules. Add only the amount of each ingredient as voted on by members.
- Each ingredient must be added by a separate motion.
- The amount of any ingredient may be amended if done appropriately: “I move to amend the motion to include only 1 Cup of M & Ms;” “I second the amendment.” Discuss, vote on the amendment. If the amendment is approved, then vote on the motion as amended.
- As soon as all the ingredients are added, the members get to eat the Trail Mix as a snack!
- In most cases, there will be at least one ingredient that is voted down. The advisor may want to include at least one questionable ingredient in the choices to be sure this happens. Consider having a jar of pickles or olives on hand!

NOTE: Karen Nelson, Columbia County, Wisconsin, Youth Development Educator, gave each 4-H club in her county signs that say “I MOVE...” in large letters for display at club meetings.