Chartering Organized 4-H Clubs

Florida has established criteria for enrolling as an official 4-H Club. Clubs must be chartered through a request to the local Extension Office, meeting the minimum criteria and a signature request for a charter. Official enrollment as a 4-H Club / receipt of a 4-H Club Charter gives the club the authority to use the 4-H name and emblem. Examples of what is necessary for official enrollment are as follows:

• The local club has five members (from at least two families) with completed enrollments.
• The club is organized with youth officers/leadership roles.
• There are one or more appointed and trained club leaders.
• An initial meeting place is secured for at least several consecutive months.
• An official non-discriminatory club name is chosen.
• Club rules, which may be in the form of by-laws, are established.
• At least six or more regular meetings plus project meetings are scheduled.
• A written educational plan for the club program and activities is presented to the county 4-H office (draft is okay).