



# 4-H VOLUNTEER INFORMATION SERIES

Nebraska 4-H Youth Development

## Teaching Parliamentary Procedure: Let's Make Trail Mix

Learning to use parliamentary procedure is an important part of a club meeting, and this activity can be a fun way for members to practice making motions, seconding them, and voting. When completed, there will be refreshments for the club.

### Materials Needed:

- Large bowl
- Large spoon
- Serving utensils: paper cups, napkins etc.
- Ingredients for Trail Mix
  - Several choices of cereal
  - Raisins
  - Peanuts
  - Different types of candies
  - Pretzels
  - Other items as desired
  - Include one or two items that could be questionable items for Trail Mix

### Procedure:

1. Display the ingredients and talk about the importance of using parliamentary procedure to insure a successful business meeting.
2. Explain that by using the process of making Trail Mix, members will learn how to make a motion.
3. As members go through the process of deciding what ingredients they will put in the Trail Mix, they will need to correctly make a motion for each ingredient they want to add. ("I move that \_\_\_\_ be added to the Trail Mix.")
4. Then ask for a second, discuss, and a take a vote.
5. Continue for each ingredient to be added.
6. Once the Trail Mix has been completed, the members can eat it for a snack.

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