



## **Beth Haven Christian School BETA Club Constitution**

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### **Article I: Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Beth Haven Christian School Chapter of National Junior/Senior Beta Club.

### **Article II: Affiliation and Co-ordination**

This chapter of National Junior/Senior Beta is an integral part of the central organization of National Junior/Senior Beta Club, and shall be governed by the academic and financial policies laid down in the national constitution of the central organization of National Junior/Senior Beta. Its coat-of-arms, motto, colors, creed, and official insignia shall be those of the national organization of National Junior/Senior Beta.

### **Article III: Purpose**

The purpose of this organization shall be the promotion of academic achievement, scholarship, leadership, and good citizenship at the Beth Haven Christian School.

### **Article IV: Membership**

The membership of this organization shall be made up among students in the 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades of the Beth Haven Christian School who, because of their worthy character, good mentality, creditable achievement, and commendable attitude, have been approved for membership by the executive head of the Beth Haven Christian School; provided, of course, that these students meet the requirements as set forth in the by-laws of this organization as appended herein below.

### **Article V: Officers**

The officers of this chapter of National Junior/Senior Beta shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

The duties of the **President** shall be to preside at the meetings; to appoint the committees of the chapter (unless otherwise provided for in the by-laws); to represent this organization when necessary; and to administer the policies as laid down in this constitution and its by-laws.

The duties of the **Vice-President** shall be to preside at meetings when the president is absent or incapacitated to perform the duties of the office, and to assist in administering the affairs of the chapter – serving on such committees as are designated in the by-laws.

The duties of the **Secretary** shall be to keep the records of membership; to record the minutes of the meetings; and to carry on the necessary club correspondence.

The duties of the **Treasurer** shall be to keep a record of all financial matters pertaining to this organization; to collect and preserve the club’s funds; to pay out of the club’s funds the necessary and designated moneys to meet the financial obligations of the club, and to pass on to the treasurer succeeding him all records and funds remaining in the treasury.

#### **Article VI: Committees**

The committees of this chapter of National Junior/Senior Beta shall be:

Program

Entertainment

Publicity

The duty of the Program Committee shall be to arrange for the meetings of the club—business and social—and to designate time and place of the meetings, as provided for in the by-laws.

The duty of the Entertainment Committee shall be to look after the entertainment features of the social meetings of the club—such as decorations, refreshments, and special features of entertainment.

The duty of the Publicity Committee shall be to arrange for publicity of any activities or special features of club operations or any of its members in local and state newspapers, on radio, or television.

In addition to these four standing committees, the President may appoint special committees to attend to and report upon any specific matter that it may become necessary for this club to consider.

#### **Article VII: Meetings**

Regular meetings shall be held at such times and places as shall designated in the by-laws.

Special meetings may be called by the President after consultation with and the approval of the Executive Committee and the faculty sponsor of the club.

The public may be invited to attend any regular or special meeting of this organization if approved by a majority vote at any previous meeting with a quorum present.

#### **Article VIII: Services**

Besides endeavoring at all times to be of service to the Beth Haven Christian School and its students by upholding high standards of honesty and good citizenship, this chapter of National Junior/Senior Beta

shall—after consultation with and upon the approval of the executive head of the high school—undertake some worthwhile service project, as designated in the by-laws appended herein below.

### **Article IX: Amending the Constitution**

The constitution of this organization may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership at any meeting where a quorum is present; provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been given at a previous meeting.

The time and place of meetings of this chapter of National Junior/Senior Beta shall be decided upon only after consultation with, and upon the approval of, the executive head of Beth Haven Christian School.

The time of the meetings of this chapter of National Junior/Senior Beta shall be \_\_\_\_\_ (state time decided upon).

The place of the meetings of this chapter of National Junior/Senior Beta shall be \_\_\_\_\_ (state place decided upon).

### **Article II: Quorum**

A quorum of this organization shall be constituted by a majority of the membership. No action may be taken which is binding upon the membership unless a quorum is present. However, certain matters—such as a discussion of means of taking in new members, the presentation of a program, etc.—may be carried on at a regular or special meeting without a quorum being present.

### **Article III: Standards of Membership**

Standards of membership in the Beth Haven Christian School chapter of National Junior/Senior Beta must conform to the general features as laid down in the national constitution, and in all cases must be approved by the executive head of the high school.

The grade levels from which members may be drawn shall be 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

The scholastic requirements for membership in this chapter of National Junior/Senior Beta shall be:

- Enrolled in grades 6-12 and have attended BHCS for at least one academic quarter
- Be an active member of a local Christian church, attending regularly
- Have at least a 3.0 GPA
- Completion of a minimum of service hours:
  - 6<sup>th</sup> grade: 10 hrs
  - 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade: 15 hrs
  - 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade: 20 hrs
- If a member has uncompleted service hours, the unserved hours will carry over as an additional requirement for the following year. See Article 5 below for more information.
- All remaining service hours must be completed during a student's senior year prior to graduation.

### **Article IV: Induction of Members**

The induction of new members into the membership of this chapter of National Junior/Senior Beta shall be one of dignity appropriate to the ideals of the organization. Any pre-induction initiation activity must be submitted to and approved by the executive head of the Beth Haven Christian School. It must not be of a nature to cause physical pain or mental embarrassment to the initiate.

#### **Article V: Loss of Membership**

A member of this chapter of National Junior/Senior Beta may be dropped from a membership if he/she is absent without a justifiable reason from 5 regular consecutive meetings.

A member of this chapter of National Junior/Senior Beta may be dropped from membership if his scholastic record falls below a 3.0 GPA.

A member of this chapter of National Junior/Senior Beta may be dropped from membership if his service hours fail to be completed for two consecutive years. Reinstatement to membership can be made after a year of membership loss.

If and when a member is dropped from membership, a record of this action shall be relayed to the national office of National Junior/Senior Beta immediately.

#### **Article VI: Service Projects**

As soon as possible after its activation in the fall semester of the school year, this chapter of National Junior/ Senior Beta will undertake a program of service which will be of benefit to the Beth Haven Christian School or another entity in the community. This project shall be decided upon only after consultation with, and upon approval of, the executive head of the school.

#### **Article VII: Local Dues and Assessments**

A newly inducted member into Junior or Senior BETA, or a student being readmitted membership after having formerly lost membership, the onetime due for this chapter of National Junior/Senior Beta shall be \$25.

The local dues of this chapter of National Junior/Senior Beta shall be \$10 per year.

Assessments (may/may not) be made upon the membership to defray the costs of special undertakings.

#### **Article VIII: Amending the By-Laws**

The by-laws of this chapter of National Junior/Senior Beta may be amended by a majority vote of the membership, provided such proposed amendment is placed before the club at a previous meeting.

## **Article IX: Awards**

Junior BETA Awards:

- Bronze: 3x minimum requirements
- Silver: 4x minimum requirements
- Gold: 5x minimum requirements

Senior BETA Awards:

- Bronze: 3x minimum requirements
- Silver: 4x minimum requirements
- Gold: 5x minimum requirements
- Bearcat Star: 315 collective hrs from all time in Junior and Senior BETA

All awards will be given at the end of each school year. Standard awards are as follows:

Bronze and silver awards will consist of special BETA issued certificates of merit. The gold level award will be an engraved commemorative wooden and metal plaque. The bearcat star award can only be awarded at the end of a student's completion of middle school or high school. The bearcat star award is a engraved glass star that will commemorate a student's cumulative volunteer hours throughout Junior BETA, Senior BETA, or both.