**The Mason FFA carries out its daily work and major projects through the organization and efforts of several committees.  Committee chairs are elected by members to spear head these efforts. Below is a list of the committees**

Sugar Bush

A special standing committee of the Mason FFA Chapter.  The Mason FFA has actively maintained a sugar shack and produced high quality syrup for since 1966.  We are excited about our new building we will be working in this year and are grateful for our partnership with Ingham County Parks and the City of Mason for use of the woods.  Students are responsible for all aspects of the operation from tapping trees to processing the sap.  Members also help with Sugarbush Tours for elementary students.

**Chair will be responsible for:**

* Keeping track of hours members have spent at the sugarbush
* Being present at the sugarbush whenever possible
* Working with Mr. Barnum top select dates for tapping, collecting and boiling
* Letting members know when we will be working at the sugarbush
* Knowing the basic way our sugarbush functions
* Working with the treasurer to keep track of syrup sales
* Encouraging members to sell syrup in every way possible
* Being a positive and encouraging leader for our chapter who will help lead our chapter to a year even better than the last through member involvement.

Healthy Lifestyle- **Sentinel Serves as Chair**

Our Healthy Lifestyle committee is responsible for coordinating monthly recreation as well as food and refreshments for our chapter meetings.

Student Leadership

Leadership is the cornerstone of our FFA chapter's mission and vision.  Committee members work hard to encourage member participation in Leadership Contests and Conferences throughout the year.

**Chair will be responsible for:**

* Coordinating members to participate in the Fall Leadership Conference(212/360)
* Coordinating member participation in Leadership Contests
* Encouraging members to participate in the POA workshop, and other leadership activities.
* Coordinating members to attend the Washington Leadership Conference
* Being a positive and encouraging leader for our chapter who will help lead our chapter to a year even better than the last through member involvement.

Public Relations- **Reporter Serves as Chair**

The public relations committee is our chapters connection to the outside world. This committee works to let community members know what is happening with our chapter. The chair is responsible to submit articles to the local paper, take pictures of chapter events, and create a scrapbook to showcase our year, along with other tasks.

Ag Awareness

The goal of this committee is to help young people have a better understanding of where and a stronger connection to the food they eat.  Main activities include Circle of Life at the Ingham County Fair, Project RED, Chicks in the Classroom and Sugarbush Tours.

**Chair will be responsible for:**

* Coordinating booths for Project RED
* Sending out letters to local schools advertising our sugar bush tours.
* Coordinating member participation for The Circle of Life
* Communicating with Mr. Barnum, and local elementary schools to organize the Chicks In The Classroom project
* Organizing other various agricultural education projects throughout the year.
* Having their own transportation to schools all over the Mason School District
* Being a positive and encouraging leader for our chapter who will help lead our chapter to a year even better than the last through member involvement.

Career Success

Supervised Agriculture Experiences (SAEs) are an important part of all Food, Agriculture and Natural Resource Programs.  Our committee works hard to coordinate activities for students in our Livestock and Greenhouse

 Co-ops.

 **Chair will be responsible for:**

* Organizing Greenhouse Co-op members
* Organizing Sow Co-op Members
* Organizing Market Lamb Co-op
* Organizing Market Hog Co-op
* Ensuring that everything at the barn is running smoothly by regularly being present
* Holding regular meetings with co-op members and Mr. Barnum to reinforce expectations.
* Communicating with Mr. Barnum, the co-op members, and chapter officers to keep on track with yearly expectations.
* Being a positive and encouraging leader for our chapter who will help lead our chapter to a year even better than the last through member involvement.

Recruitment

Members are the foundation of the FFA.  We are truly a member driven organization with over 500,000 members nationally.  The focus of the recruitment committee is to recruit new members and make current members aware of upcoming events and activities.

 **Chair will be responsible for:**

* Communicating with members to assure they know when the meeting is.
* Posting flyers around the school announcing the dates of FFA meetings.
* Encouraging new members to participate, and join FFA.
* Helping the officers keep track of FFA members for our chapter roster.
* Submitting an announcement to Mr. Kato for announcements a week before the meeting.
* Being a positive and encouraging leader for our chapter who will help lead our chapter to a year even better than the last through member involvement.

Financial- **Treasurer Serves as Chair**

Sound Financial Management is key to the success of any organizations.  Members work with the Chapter Treasurer to accurately track the chapter's finances.

Support Group

Chapter Activities would not be possible without a strong support group and partnerships in the community.  Our committee works closely with the Mason FFA Friends and Alumni as well as Ingham County Farm Bureau, Ingham County Fair, MSU Extension and Ingham County Parks.

**Chair will be responsible for:**

* Attending Mason FFA Alumni meetings to provide a link between our chapter and the Alumni.
* Sending out thank you notes of behalf of our chapter for the spaghetti dinner, and Fall Harvest breakfast.
* Being a positive and encouraging leader for our chapter who will help lead our chapter to a year even better than the last through member involvement.

Citizenship

Citizenship and service is important to our chapter.  Members participate in many activities throughout the year.  Annually members use their skills to contribute to the food bank and work throughout the community.

 **Chair will be responsible for:**

* Organizing community service activates for our chapter including the Rake-N-Run, and toy drive
* Organizing new community service activities for our chapter
* Working with Mr. Barnum and the officers to improve our community involvement in Mason.
* Being a positive and encouraging leader for our chapter who will help lead our chapter to a year even better than the last through member involvement.