

**Bylaws of Lower
Makefield Township Youth Committee**

ARTICLE I. NAME OF ORGANIZATION

The name of the organization is the
Lower Makefield Township Youth Committee.

ARTICLE II. ORGANIZATION PURPOSE

Section 2.1 Non-Profit Purpose

This committee is organized exclusively for charitable purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Article 2.2 Specific Purpose

Our mission is to advise the township committee regarding youth affairs and organize leadership, community service, and recreational opportunities for the youth in our community.

Our first objective is to involve Lower Makefield youth in community service opportunities

Our second objective is to increase and improve communication between youth community service organizations in Lower Makefield, in order to encourage youth involvement in the community.

Our third objective is to organize recreational activities that bring together youth in the community.

ARTICLE III. Chairmanship

Section 3.1 Eligibility for Chairmanship

Members must reside in Lower Makefield Township or Yardley Borough, and must be actively involved in their community. They must show leadership among peers and a willingness to work for positive change. Chair members must be a member of the youth committee for one year prior to becoming chairs. They must be either a junior or senior or equivalent.

Section 3.2 Rights of Chairs

Applications will be available to any resident of Lower Makefield of the high school age. Once chosen, these chairs shall be eligible to run for chairman and/or vote for chairman of the Committee. There will be 7 chairs of the committee in total: 6 chairs and 1 president.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

Section 4.1 Eligibility for Membership

Members must be enrolled in seventh through twelfth grade, be involved in service/extracurricular activities, and express an authentic interest in improving the Lower Makefield Township and its youth. Members must participate in at least 2 committee activities per year.

Section 4.2 Rights of Membership

Members will be directly notified of all youth committee activities. Members may also be eligible for the reporting of service hours. After 1 year of membership, they will be eligible to become chairs.

ARTICLE V. Representatives

Section 5.1 Representative Eligibility

There will be two representatives from each Pennsbury middle school, appointed by the school. There will be two private school representatives from any interested private school, so long as each is of middle school age, as well as two representatives from the homeschool community. Finally, there will be three Girl Scout and three Boy Scout representatives. If any other organization is interested in being represented, they can apply for representation.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

Section 6.1 Regular Meetings

Regular public meetings for members and representatives will be held at least once a month on Sunday nights at 7 , or another day and time that works for the current committee. Chair meetings will be held once a week, and chair meetings with the Director of Parks and Recreation must be held at least once every two months.

Section 6.2 Notice of Meetings

Online notice of each meeting shall be given to each voting member, by email, Facebook, and other forms of social media that apply, not less than two weeks prior to the meeting.

Section 6.3 Quorum

A quorum for a meeting of members shall consist of at least thirty percent (30%) of the active membership.

Section 6.4 Voting

All issues to be voted on shall be decided by a simple majority of those present at the meeting in which the vote takes place.

ARTICLE VII. OFFICERS

The officers of this Board shall be the Chairman, and six chairs. All officers must have the status of active members of the Board, and must be a part of the Youth Committee for at least one year prior.

Section 7.1 Chairman

The **Chairman** shall preside at all meetings of the membership. The Chairman manages and provides leadership to the Board.

Section 7.2 Board Members

There will be six board members who will be the decision-making team along with the Chairman. In collaboration with the chairman, they will be in charge of planning, organizing, and executing all operations of the Lower Makefield Township Youth Committee.

Section 7.3 Board Member Appointment

New board members shall be selected by current presiding board based on application content.

ARTICLE VIII. Task Forces

Section 8.1 Task Force Formation

The board may create task forces of members and board members as needed, such as fundraising, tutoring, etc. Board members will preside over the task forces.

ARTICLE IX. AMENDING THE BYLAWS

Section 9.1 Amending the bylaws shall require a 4 to 3 majority or greater.
Bylaws can be amended by the Board only and all amendments will be
proposed to the board by a Board Member.