WE THE FAMILY

THE FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONSTITUTION

In order to form a more peaceful Christmas, set a spending limit, and stop buying the same cousin the same sweater, we agree to the following rules.

THE _____ **FAMILY** **RATIFIED** _____

ARTICLE I

Spending Limits

Adults: up to $_____ each

Kids: up to $_____ each

Our household total: $_____

Going over the limit "to be nice" still counts.

ARTICLE II

Who Buys for Whom

- ☐ Everyone buys for everyone
- ☐ We draw names (Secret Santa)
- ☐ Kids only, grown-ups are off the hook
- ☐ White Elephant for the grown-ups

Names drawn on: _____

ARTICLE III

Kids and Grown-Ups

Kids get gifts from:

- ☐ Everyone
- ☐ Parents and grandparents only

Grown-ups get:

- ☐ One gift each
- ☐ Experiences or food only

Teens count as adults when it's convenient.

ARTICLE IV

Wish Lists

Lists are due by: _____

No list by the deadline means socks.
Socks are final.
"I don't want anything" is not a list.

ARTICLE V

The Big Day

Gift exchange on: _____

Hosted by: _____

Gifts get opened:

- ☐ One at a time, so we can all watch
- ☐ All at once (beautiful chaos)

ARTICLE VI

The Rule-Breaker Clause

The person most likely to break these rules:

_____

If they do, they:

- ☐ Host next year
- ☐ Do all the dishes
- ☐ Wrap everyone's gifts

Confessing early earns a lighter sentence.

ARTICLE VII **Amendments** Rules can change by majority vote, taken after dessert.

SIGNED BY THE FAMILY

_____ _____ _____ _____

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