

Dear Parent/Guardian:

You are receiving this letter because when you enrolled your child in 4-H, you gave permission for your child to participate in program evaluations. Therefore, the following information describes a study we are inviting your child to participate in. However, you are free to decide if your child participates in this study or withdraws from the study at any time without adversely affecting your relationship with the investigators, North Dakota State University, or North Dakota 4-H. Your decision will not result in any loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.

If you have decided that you do not want your child to participate in this study or have any questions, please contact Meagan Scott, Ph.D., 4-H Youth Development Specialist and principal investigator, at the Center for 4-H Youth Development (FLC 219, PO Box 6050, Dept. 7280, North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND 58108, 701-231-7964, meagan.scott@ndsu.edu).

If you have questions about your rights, you may contact the NDSU Human Research Protection Program at 701-231-8995, toll free at 855-800-6717, by email at ndsu.irb@ndsu.edu, or by mail at: NDSU HRPP Office, NDSU Dept. 4000, PO Box 6050, Fargo, ND 58108.

Thank you for your time and interest.

Identification of Project: Evaluating the Impact of North Dakota 4-H

Purpose of the Research: The purpose of this study is to inform and improve the replication of 4-H programming. The goals of this study include: 1) to obtain data on 4-H youths' outcomes related to positive youth development, 2) to report the impact of the 4-H program to stakeholders, and 3) to make data-driven programming decisions.

Procedures: Your child will complete a paper survey about his or her experiences in 4-H that should take approximately 10-15 minutes. The survey will be administered during a 4-H club meeting or as part of a 4-H event that your child attends. Upon completion, your county Extension agent will send the surveys to the principal investigator at the Center for 4-H to be entered electronically and analyzed.

Risks and/or Discomforts: There are no known risks or discomforts associated with this research.

Benefits: The information gained in this study will help improve future 4-H programs and provide 4-H with insight to the trainings/procedures necessary to improve future programs.



Confidentiality: No information obtained in this study will identify an individual child. The information collected will be summarized and reported as a group. The data will be stored on a secure, password-protected computer at the Center for 4-H. Likewise, paper copies of the data will be stored in a locked cabinet at the Center for 4-H and destroyed at the end of the study. Data will only be seen by the trained investigators.

Compensation: There will be no compensation for participating in this study.

Opportunity to Ask Questions: You may ask any questions concerning this research and have those questions answered before your child participates in the study.

Freedom to Withdraw: You are free to decide if your child participates in this study or withdraws from the study at any time without adversely affecting your relationship with the investigators, North Dakota State University, or North Dakota 4-H. Your decision will not result in any loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.



Signature of Principal Investigator

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