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Dear Parent/Guardian:

The mission of National 4-H Council is to empower youth in 4-H programs to reach their full potential working and learning in partnership with caring adults. To assess our success in this endeavor, we are conducting an annual study to measure the impact of 4-H on youth and we invite your 4-H'er(s) to respond. This study is also being replicated by 4-H programs in other states nationwide and is described in greater detail below.

You are voluntarily deciding whether or not to allow your child to participate in this study. By allowing your child to complete and submit their survey response, you have given your permission for your child to participate. Your child can withdraw from the study at any time. Please review the Youth Assent information below with your child before beginning the survey.

If participating, please complete the survey by **May 31, 2023**. The survey link can be found at the bottom of this e-mail.

If you have any questions about this survey, please contact UW Extension's Dr. Mandy Marney, (amarney@uwyo.edu, 307-766-5124), Johnathan Despain, (jdespain@uwyo.edu, 307-766-5170). Thank you for your time and interest, it is greatly appreciated.

National 4-H Annual Index Survey: <https://bit.ly/40V5pMC>



Sincerely,

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Youth Assent Information

We would like to invite you to take part in the National 4-H Annual Index study. We are asking you because you are participating in a 4-H program and are 13-18 years of age.

We would like to ask you some questions about your experience in the 4-H program in 2021. Your responses will be combined with other youth responses and will help us make sure future 4-H programs are really good! This survey will take you about 15 minutes to complete.

Your parents have been informed of your invitation to take part in this study. You don't have to do this if you don't want to. You can leave any questions you don't want to answer blank and you can stop the survey any time you want. There are no right or wrong answers, we just want you to answer each question as honestly as you can.

Thanks for your help!

Study Information

Study Title: National 4-H Annual Index

Purpose of the Evaluation:

The goals of this study include: (1) To obtain data on 4-H youth outcomes related to Positive Youth Development (PYD) through 4-H programming in the following areas: Civic Engagement, College and Career Readiness, Healthy Living and Science; and (2) To assess a youth's experience as described by the [4-H Thriving Model of PYD](#). This data will be used both to report impact to National 4-H Council, stakeholders, and to make data-driven programming decisions. This is an annual cross-sectional study of individually enrolled 4-H members that will for observation of trends in 4-H Nationally.

Procedures:

Your child will complete the National 4-H Annual Index survey using the electronic survey link found below. It will take approximately 15 minutes for youth ages 13-18 to complete the survey.

Risks and/or Discomforts:

There are no known risks or discomforts associated with this study.

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 and reasonable steps will be taken to protect the privacy and confidentiality of your data. The data will be securely stored electronically and will only be seen by the research team and/or those authorized to view, access, or use the records during and after the study is complete. The information obtained in this study will be analyzed and reported as aggregated data.

Compensation:

There will be no compensation for participating in this study.

Opportunity to Ask Questions:

You may ask any questions concerning this study and have those questions answered before agreeing to participate in, or during, the study. If you have questions, you may call the investigators at: Dr. Mandy Marney, (amarney@uwyo.edu, 307-766-5124) or Johnathan Despain, (jdespain@uwyo.edu, 307-766-5170)

Freedom to Withdraw:

You are free to decide not to participate in this study or to withdraw at any time without adversely affecting your relationship with the investigators Wyoming 4-H or the University of Wyoming. Your decision will not result in any loss or benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.