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NEBRASKA 4-H VOLUNTEER SURVEY

Thank you for taking the time to complete the following survey. Your input and suggestions are needed and valued. Please mail or email your completed form to:

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In which state do you reside: _____

County in which you reside: _____

Gender

☐ Female

☐ Male

Age of Volunteer

☐ 18 and under

☐ 19-26

☐ 44-62

☐ 63 and up

Type of Volunteer
(Please check the type of volunteer that best describes you.)

☐ Club Leader

☐ Council Member

☐ Event/Activity Helper

☐ Parent Helper

☐ Project Leader

☐ Other: _____

(Please specify)

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How many years have you been a 4-H volunteer?

- ☐ 0-2 years
- ☐ 3-5 years
- ☐ 6-10 years
- ☐ 11-14 years
- ☐ 15-25 years
- ☐ 25 years and up

What are your preferences for volunteer training?

Downloadable app for mobile devices

	1	2	3	4	5	
NO, I definitely would not utilize this volunteer training.	○	○	○	○	○	YES, I definitely would utilize this volunteer training.

Face-to-face meeting

	1	2	3	4	5	
NO, I definitely would not utilize this volunteer training.	○	○	○	○	○	YES, I definitely would utilize this volunteer training.

Take home materials/notebooks/DVD's

	1	2	3	4	5	
NO, I definitely would not utilize this volunteer training.	○	○	○	○	○	YES, I definitely would utilize this volunteer training.

Web seminar (live, online)

	1	2	3	4	5	
NO, I definitely would not utilize this volunteer training.	○	○	○	○	○	YES, I definitely would utilize this volunteer training.

Website (read or view online resource material)

	1	2	3	4	5	
NO, I definitely would not utilize this volunteer training.	○	○	○	○	○	YES, I definitely would utilize this volunteer training.

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Please list other volunteer training delivery methods that would be helpful to you.

Of the volunteer training delivery methods listed above, which is your top choice?
(Please select one.)

- ☐ Downloadable app for mobile devices
- ☐ Face-to-face meetings.
- ☐ Take home materials/notebooks/DVD's
- ☐ Web Seminar (live, online)
- ☐ Website (read or view online)
- ☐ No Training
- ☐ Other: _____
  (Please specify)

Volunteer Training

How far are you willing to travel for volunteer training?

- ☐ Less than 30 miles
- ☐ Between 31-60 miles
- ☐ Between 61-90 miles
- ☐ As far as needed to receive the training
- ☐ Not willing to travel
- ☐ Other: _____
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How do you feel about required training for volunteers?

- ☐ All new volunteers should be required to go through a one-time orientation training.
- ☐ All volunteers should be required to participate in an annual training/meeting.
- ☐ I'm not sure if we should require volunteers to participate in training.
- ☐ No, we should not require volunteer training.
- ☐ Other: _____
  (Please specify)

Comments:

What is the most important information that new volunteers need to know or hear to be successful?

What is the most important information that current volunteers need to know or hear to be successful?

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Of the following volunteer training topics, which is of value to you as a 4-H volunteer?
(Check all that apply.)

- ☐ 4-H Club Meetings
- ☐ 4-H Orientation for New Volunteers/Parents
- ☐ Appreciating Diversity
- ☐ Character Development
- ☐ Communication with Families
- ☐ County and State Fair Information
- ☐ Leadership Skills
- ☐ Planning Community Service-Learning Projects
- ☐ Positive Youth Development
- ☐ Project Skills
- ☐ Recruiting and Working with Parents
- ☐ Team Building with Youth and Adults
- ☐ Use of Age-Appropriate Activities
- ☐ Youth and Adult Partnerships
- ☐ Youth and Adult Partnerships
- ☐ Youth and Adult Recognition Programs
- ☐ Youth Safety and Risk Management/4-H Policies
- ☐ None of the above

Please list any additional training topics that would be of value to you as a 4-H volunteer.

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Communication with Volunteers

How would you like to receive Nebraska 4-H information and notice of volunteer training opportunities?
(Please check your top two choices.)

- ☐ Email
- ☐ Newsletter
- ☐ Phone Call
- ☐ Social Media (Facebook, Twitter, Blog, etc.)
- ☐ Text Message
- ☐ US Mail
- ☐ Website
- ☐ Other: _____
  (Please specify)

How do you feel about the level of communication and amount of information you receive about Nebraska 4-H to support your volunteer role now?
(Please check one.)

- ☐ Too much
- ☐ Just right
- ☐ Not enough

Which of the following would you like to receive more information about?
(Check all that apply)

- ☐ Nebraska 4-H (latest information)
- ☐ Project Specific Information (ideas, tips, deadlines, etc.)
- ☐ Volunteer Tips and Ideas (working with youth/clubs)
- ☐ Volunteer Training Opportunities (notification of volunteer training, web seminars.)
- ☐ I'm not that interested in receiving this information.
- ☐ Other: _____
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Volunteer Recognition

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What type of incentives would you like to receive as a 4-H volunteer?
(Mark your top 2-3 choices.)

- ☐ 4-H related items
- ☐ Apparel (t-shirts or other logo apparel)
- ☐ Financial rewards/gift cards to help with volunteer efforts.
- ☐ Recognition or special award
- ☐ Thank you
- ☐ I feel incentives are unnecessary
- ☐ Other: _____

  (Please specify)

Have you heard of or participated in the Volunteers of Excellence program?
(Self-directed volunteer recognition program to receive the Partner, Cornerstone or Innovator Award.)

- ☐ Yes, I have received a Partner, Cornerstone or Innovator Award.
- ☐ Yes, I have heard of the program, but have not participated in it.
- ☐ Yes, I have heard of it, but not really interested in doing it.
- ☐ No, I have no idea what the Volunteers of Excellence program is.
- ☐ Other: _____

  (Please specify)

Which of the following would you attend of participate in as a volunteer?
(Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Nebraska 4-H Volunteer Forum (face to face educational program for volunteers.)
- ☐ Nebraska 4-H Volunteer Forum (live, online educational program for volunteers)
- ☐ Nebraska 4-H Volunteer Recognition Program/Event
- ☐ Nebraska 4-H Volunteer Recognition Event during the Nebraska State Fair
- ☐ Nebraska 4-H Recognition Program/Event for Youth and Adults
- ☐ Nebraska 4-H Volunteer Forum and Recognition Event (combined)
- ☐ None of the above
- ☐ Other: _____

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Tell us what you like best about being a 4-H volunteer.

Tell us current challenges you face in your 4-H volunteer role.

If you volunteer for other organizations, what are positive things that could be replicated for volunteers in the Nebraska 4-H program?

Do you see a need for volunteers to serve in a regional or statewide role?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Maybe
- ☐ Other: _____

(Please specify)

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Would you be interested in serving as a volunteer regional educator or project leader for the Nebraska 4-H program?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Maybe
- ☐ Other: _____
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If yes, please list your name/county/phone number:

What is something you would like to do as a 4-H volunteer but haven't had the opportunity?

Additional comments:

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