



Parent Consent/Youth Assent for Statewide 4-H Common Measures Evaluation

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The University of Idaho Institutional Review Board has approved this project.

Idaho 4-H is conducting a statewide evaluation of programs. The goal of the evaluation is to obtain data on meeting state and national goals in related to positive youth development, 4-H science, healthy living, and/or citizenship. We hope to understand 4-H's progress in meeting state and national goals in the previously mentioned areas. The overall purpose is to inform and improve 4-H programming across the state and nation. The questions asked in the survey will help Extension professionals to better plan and implement programs. A strong youth development program at the community level benefits both the youth and the community as a whole.

Your child will complete the Common Measures survey following or during their participation in a 4-H program. Youth will take an online survey of approximately 10-20 minutes in length. If the web is not easily accessible, the youth will complete a paper copy of the survey, which the on-site facilitator will supply. If paper copies are used, the on-site facilitator will send paper copies to one of the investigators (listed above) for entry. Copies will be stored in a secure location until the study is complete and then destroyed.

Youth are NOT required to participate in the evaluation program. If your son or daughter decides that he/ she does not wish to participate, it will not affect his/ her participation in this or future University of Idaho Extension 4-H programs. If your son or daughter does not want to answer some questions on the survey, that is ok. If they chose not to participate or not finish the questions, there will be an alternate activity for them to do. The survey responses will be anonymous, (without your son's or daughter's name on it) but it might be possible that your son or daughter could be identified through demographic questions. This information will not be shared with anyone nor will it be reported individually.

Please read and explain the paragraph above to your son or daughter. If you have any questions about this project, please contact one of the investigators: Maureen Toomey (208-454-7648 or mtoomey@uidaho.edu) or Dr. Tim Ewers (208-885-6321 or tewers@uidaho.edu). If you have questions about your rights as a research participant, or concerns or complaints about the research, you may contact the University of Idaho Institutional Review Board at hac@uidaho.edu or 208-885-6340.

If you agree to allow your child to participate in this study, there is no signature required. You will just need to check the appropriate option below.

_____ I **DO** give permission for my child to participate in the research study "Statewide 4-H Common Measures Evaluation" that may take place during a 4-H activity that he/she will participate in. Your child will automatically be given the survey at the scheduled activity.

_____ I **DO NOT** give permission for my child to participate in the research study "Idaho 4-H Skill Indicators Study" that will take place at the 4-H activity that I am going to be attending. I understand that no one will be upset or mad at me if I decide not to participate.