January, *2013*

To: 4-H Volunteers

From:

RE: Youth Protection 4-H Volunteer Screening

Thank you for dedication to the 4-H Youth Development program and the youth of Nebraska. Your hard work is very much appreciated. As you know it is very important that all of the youth in 4-H are able to grow in a safe environment. All 4-H volunteers and staff who work directly with youth are screened for behavior that the University of Nebraska–Lincoln Extension determines, in its sole discretion, may present a risk to its participants. As an enrolled and screened volunteer you are protected by the University of Nebraska-Lincoln liability coverage. The confidential Volunteer Profile (4HF 104) completed by all Extension staff and volunteers who work with youth is processed by Health and Human Services and approved by officials at the University of Nebraska—Lincoln. UNL reserves the right to limit or reject an individual’s participation in the 4-H program.

Be assured the volunteer screening process is confidential. Volunteer applicants are screened in order to:

* assure a safe, positive and nurturing environment for all youth involved with the Nebraska 4-H Youth Development program.
* provide protection for the child, the volunteer, the educator, the 4-H Council, the Extension Board, and the University of Nebraska–Lincoln Extension.

Initial screening of volunteers and staff occurred when you volunteered for the program. All volunteers are rescreened every four years by extension districts. This year, *2013*, is the year that all 4-H volunteers and Extension staff in the *Southeast District* will be rescreened.

We appreciate you completing the enclosed confidential form including your social security number and returning the form in a sealed envelope marked “confidential” to the:

 State 4-H Program Administrator

State 4-H Office, 114 Ag Hall

PO Box 830700

Lincoln, NE 68583-0700

Again, thank you for your continue support of 4-H and your commitment to Nebraska’s youth.

With Regards

Extension Educator District Youth Development Coordinator