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Invitation

Your [child/legal ward] is invited to take part in this research study by completing a survey due to the involvement of your youth in the Nebraska 4-H Equine Advancement Level Program. The information in this form is meant to help you decide whether or not they may participate. If you have any questions, please ask.

Why are is your [child/legal ward] being asked to be in this research study?

Your [child/legal ward] is being asked to be in this study because they are enrolled in the Nebraska 4-H Equine Advancement Level program. They must be between 8-18 years of age (age as of January 1st; 4-H age) to participate.

What is the reason for doing this research study?

The goal of horse programs is to develop important life skills in the youth who participate. In order to determine if there is an association between Positive Youth Development scores and the Advancement Level program, we are asking that you allow your child to complete online survey.

What will be done during this research study?

Your [child/legal ward] will be asked to complete 1 survey using an internet based Qualtrics survey. The survey will take 15-20 minutes to complete, and they may complete them from a home computer or on a computer at the Extension office. Your [child/legal ward] may be asked to participate in this survey multiple times throughout their 4-H involvement. This will continue as a longitudinal study to track association of positive youth development in youth involved in the Advancement Level program. Advancement Level knowledge exam scores will also be connected to the youth survey responses and used in this study.

What are the possible risks of being in this research study?

This research presents minimal risk of loss of confidentiality as personal information is obtained.

What are the possible benefits to your [child/legal] ward?

There are no known benefits to your [child/legal] ward.

What are the possible benefits to other people?

The benefits to science and/or society may include better understanding of the impact of programs such as the Nebraska 4-H Equine Advancement Level program in promoting positive youth development. Programs such as this may be implemented in other states, benefiting science and/or society.

What are the alternatives to being in this research study?

Instead of being in this research study you can choose not to allow your [child/legal ward] to participate. Non-participation will not affect their relationship with the 4-H program.

What will being in this research study cost you or your [child/legal ward]?

There is no cost to you or your [child/legal ward] to be in this research study.

Will your [child/legal ward] be compensated for being in this research study?

There is no direct compensation for participating in the study. However, your [child/legal ward] may receive compensation by a \$20 amazon gift card for participating in the survey. 10 gift cards will be randomly presented to youth from being in this research study. The drawing will be conducting by the University of Nebraska- Lincoln equine extension sector on August 30th on east campus- animal science complex. All participant names will be randomly chosen until all 10 gift card have been awarded. This is a 1 in 165 chance your youth may win a gift card. Online gift cards will be distributed via guardian email.

What should you do if your [child/legal ward] has a problem during this research study?

Your [child's/legal ward's] welfare is the major concern of every member of the research team. If there is a problem as a direct result of being in this study, you should immediately contact one of the people listed at the beginning of this consent form.

How will information about your [child/legal ward] be protected?

Reasonable steps will be taken to protect the privacy and the confidentiality of your [child's/legal ward's] study data. Paper data will be stored in a locked cabinet in the investigator's office and will only be seen by the research team during the study and for 10 years after the study is complete.

Online data will be stored electronically through a secure server and will only be seen by the research team during the study and for 10 years after the study is complete.

The only persons who will have access to your [child's/legal ward's] research records are the study personnel, the Institutional Review Board (IRB), and any other person, agency, or sponsor as required by law or contract. The information from this study may be published in scientific journals or presented at scientific meetings but the data will be reported as group or summarized data and youth's identity will be kept strictly confidential.



What are your [child's/legal ward's] rights as a research subject?

Your [child/legal ward] may ask any questions concerning this research and have those questions answered before agreeing to participate in or during the study.

For study related questions, please contact the investigator(s) listed at the beginning of this form.

For questions concerning your rights or complaints about the research contact the Institutional Review Board (IRB):

- Phone: 1(402)472-6965
- Email: irb@unl.edu

What will happen if you decide not allow your [child/legal ward] to be in this research study or decide they need to stop participating once they start?

You can decide your [child/legal ward] should not to be in this research study, or you can have your [child/legal ward] stop being in this research study (“withdraw”) at any time before, during, or after the research begins for any reason. Deciding not to be allow your [child/legal ward] to be in this research study or deciding to withdraw will not affect you or your [child's/legal ward's] relationship with the investigator(s) or with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

You and your [child/legal ward] will not lose any benefits to which you are entitled.

Documentation of informed consent

You are voluntarily making a decision whether or not to allow your [child/legal ward] to be in this research study. By continuing through the survey, it means that (1) you have read and understood this consent form, (2) you have had the consent form explained to you, (3) you have had your questions answered and (4) you have decided to allow your [child/legal ward] to be in the research study.

At the beginning of the survey, you will be prompted to the guardian consent form and functions to provide consent. If you provide consent, to give consent you will be asked to check a box stating, “I give consent” and type your name to show you provide consent to have the youth participate in the study. Once you have finished consent, the survey will move forward to the youth assent to also ask youth to give their assent permission to participate in the survey before moving on to the rest of the survey questions. If you do not give consent by choosing the “I do not give consent” then the survey will be prompted to end your responses and participation in the survey will not continue.

You are able to print a copy of this informed consent form through Qualtrics for your records.