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Dear 4-H Horse Volunteer:

You have been selected to participate in an on-line survey about your experience as a volunteer leader in the 4-H horse program. The horse program is one of the most popular projects offered in 4-H, with over 3,000 youth and 1,100 adult volunteers participating in this project in Oregon. This study will involve both 4-H horse youth and adult volunteers to examine the nature and impact of the 4-H horse program.

We hope that you will take a few moments and complete the survey. The information gathered through this survey will help the 4-H program understand important aspects of the 4-H horse program, including the impact of the program on the youth who participate, and the ways that 4-H horse volunteers work together within the program.

To participate, please send an e-mail to mary.arnold@oregonstate.edu, or phone her at (541) 737-1315. Once we receive your indication to participate we will send you an e-mail invitation for on-line survey. All you have to do is click on the link in the e-mail, which will take you directly to the survey site. The survey will take about 15 to 20 minutes to complete. We ask that you complete the survey within 2 weeks of receiving the e-mail invitation.

All the information you provide will be presented in an anonymous and confidential manner, your individual answers will not be identified in any way. The survey results will be returned directly to the state 4-H office and your county 4-H agent will not know whether you chose to participate, or how you answered the questions.

Your participation in this survey is completely voluntary. You can still participate fully in the 4-H program should you choose not to complete the survey. Furthermore, there is no foreseeable risk connected to answering either survey.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me by phone at (541) 737-1315, or by e-mail at mary.arnold@oregonstate.edu. If you have questions about your rights in participating in this research activity, please contact the OSU Institutional Review Board (IRB) Human Protections Administrator at (541) 737-4933 or by e-mail at IRB@oregonstate.edu.

Thanks for your time, and thank you for ALL you do for the Oregon 4-H program. We could not do this without you!

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