Four Volunteer e-Learning Modules

1   "About 4-H" provides information about the purpose, mission, philosophy of 4-H; connection to Land-Grant Universities; and, other valuable partners and resources.

2   "Positive Youth Development" helps us understand the essential elements of the 4-H education program, and ways to support positive development for youth in 4-H settings.

3   "Getting Started in 4-H" helps us learn about conducting meetings, understand after-school programs, and other ways to participate in 4-H.

4   "Leadership and Teaching" suggests ways to facilitate "experiential" (hands-on) learning in 4-H.

Each module involves interactive learning and requires 15 to 20+ minutes to complete, depending upon the amount of 4-H or youth development experience the learner has.

To Access 4-H Volunteer e-Learning

To access 4-H Volunteer e-Learning go to the Oregon State University Extension 4-H website: http:// oregon.4h.oregonstate.edu

1.   Go to the Forms and Info section at the top bar, and click For Volunteers

2.   Under the heading, "Volunteer Orientation and Training" click on e-Learning Overview and Instructions

3.   Click on the link:
      http://4hvolunteerelearning.wsu.edu/volunteertraining/course.html

4.   Go to the left panel and click on the box, "4-H Volunteer e-Learning Course."
      Or, if needed, choose to download a free program from the main screen.

5.   Complete the four boxes:
      First name
      Last name
      State [choose from a drop down menu]; and
      Type in the *password = VOLUNTEER*

6.   Click on "About 4-H" to begin learning in the first of the four e-Learning modules.

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At Conclusion of Each Module

A.   When you click the "submit" button at the conclusion of each module, you will receive an e-mail (within about 10 minutes, or less) to announce completion of that module. (If you 'close' or 'log out' without pushing "submit" there will be no record of your learning.)

B.   When the CERTIFICATE of COMPLETION is on the screen, you may enter the appropriate county name, and click the "submit" button, and print that certificate for your records.

C.   A staff member at the a) State 4-H Office, and b) local County Extension Office, will receive notification that you have completed a specific e-learning module.

Who will benefit from the e-Learning Modules?

- Potential 4-H volunteers
- First-time 4-H volunteers in the 4-H program
- Current 4-H volunteers who are re-enrolling
- Others who simply want to review the 4-H program, or learn more

Key Benefits of Volunteer e-Learning

Among the benefits of the Volunteer e-Learning, are that the modules are:
- Cost-effective for travel, time, and preparation.
- Consistent orientation in these four areas in every county and state.
- Available to learners any time.
- Self-paced and interactive.
- Convenient for reviewing information and receiving instant feedback.
- Proven to increase knowledge retention.
- Easy to update.
- Ready-to-Use – NOW!

Volunteer e-Learning is Not…

Volunteer e-Learning is not intended to replace all face-to-face education that is conducted in counties and states. There are opportunities, guidelines, and policies that are unique to each state and county that are important to communicate through a variety of other educational methods.

Outcomes of Volunteer e-Learning?

Volunteers, and others, have more knowledge about 4-H youth development. Volunteers, and others, are more prepared to work with youth, effectively in the 4-H program. All participants have increased interest in orientation and training.

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