

Iowa 4-H Volunteer Survey

Thank you for volunteering for the Iowa 4-H program. The 4-H program has randomly selected a number of volunteers to complete this survey. Please fill out the following questionnaire and return by January 31, 2005. All surveys returned by this date will be included in a drawing for a \$100 certificate to be used for your 4-H program activities.

The goal of the survey is to help staff in developing a 4-H volunteer development system that will help meet the needs of youth, families, and volunteers for many years to come.

1. How many years have you been a 4-H volunteer? _____
2. What is your profession _____
3. Do you have a need for professional development credits (continuing education or certification)? (**Check one.**)
 Yes
 No

If so, for what? _____

4. What best describes your volunteer role? (**Check one.**)

- Co-leader
 Organizational leader
 Project leader
 Other _____

5. How many additional leaders help with your club activities? _____

6. How many leader trainings did you attend last year? _____

7. What topics were covered in trainings you participated in? (**Check all that apply.**)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Project information | <input type="checkbox"/> Experiential Learning | <input type="checkbox"/> How to work with kids |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fair information | <input type="checkbox"/> How to start a club | <input type="checkbox"/> Youth and adult partnerships |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eight Essential Elements | <input type="checkbox"/> How to involve parents | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ages and Stages | <input type="checkbox"/> Effective club meeting management | _____ |

8. What do you believe are the outcomes of 4-H experience for youth? (**List 3-4**)

9. Training and education support is available at the county level to all volunteers. How satisfied are you with the quality of the training? (**Check one.**)

- Very dissatisfied
 Dissatisfied
 Satisfied
 Very Satisfied

Comment: _____

10. How satisfied are you with the content? (**Check one.**)

- Very dissatisfied
 Dissatisfied

- Satisfied
 Very Satisfied

Comment: _____

11. Have you participated in the Strengthening 4-H Club Survey in the past 3 years? **(Check one.)**
Designed to help strengthen the club environment members and leaders fill out a survey. Staff help leaders and youth discover meaning from the questions and club members and adults take action to address any challenges and celebrate successes.

- Yes
 No

A. How helpful was it in improving the club climate for youth? **(Check one.)**

- Not helpful
 Somewhat helpful
 Helpful
 Did not participate

Comment: _____

B. If you have not participated in a club survey, why not?

12. How many workshops would be beneficial to you as a leader each year (minimum amount)? **(Check one)**

- One workshop (1.5 hours)
 Two workshops (3 hours)
 Three workshops (4.5 hours)
 Other

13. What kinds of support would be valuable for you as a club leader? **(Check all that apply.)**

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Website | <input type="checkbox"/> Materials on web |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> List of resource people on project or club expertise |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chatrooms w/other leaders across state | <input type="checkbox"/> List of reference books |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New leader | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Videotapes to show | |

14. What ways would you be willing to receive training? **(Check all that apply.)**

- Face to Face
 Internet
 DVD or videotape
 ICN
 Other

The guidelines for a club to be a 4-H club are:

- to build youth and adult partnerships
- set annual goals and evaluate their progress
- plan educational experientially-based programs
- be involved in community service activities
- keep records of their club activities

15. Do you feel the training you have received by your county has helped your club meet these expectations? **(Check one.)**

- Yes
 No

Somewhat

Comment: _____

The 4-H program expects leaders to:

- participate in training
- guide members in planning their club program
- provide appropriate supervision
- sign and follow the Expectations for Adult behavior
- help clubs meet the 4-H club guidelines

16. Do you feel the training you have received by your county has helped your club meet these expectations?

(Check one.)

- Yes
 No
 Somewhat

Comment: _____

17. If a club leader has received adequate training on the expectations, what do you feel the consequences should be if a club is not meeting them? **(Check one.)**

- Replace leader(s)
 Leader(s) given a warning
 Club lose its charter (a charter is granted to clubs who meet the guidelines; it is permission to use the 4-H name and emblem from USDA. Some states revoke charters when guidelines are not met.)
 Club given warning its charter will be lost.
 Nothing
 Other _____

18. If a club is meeting its requirements, how should it be recognized?

19. What training topics do you think are the most important to offer for:

- New volunteers _____

- Volunteers with 3-5 years experience _____

- Volunteers with more than 5 years experience _____

Return surveys to:

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