



Dear 4-H Organizational Leader:

I am writing to thank you for your service to 4-H and to the youth who we work with. The 4-H program is focused on creating positive groups and clubs where youth can be challenged with hands-on projects in safe and welcoming environments. Thank you so much for working as hard as you do to run a club or program that tries to create these kinds of opportunities.

I am also writing to ask that you fill out the attached report (or to do it on line: <http://extension.unh.edu/4-H-Volunteer-Resources>). This report is *REQUIRED* to be filled out by all of our Organizational Leaders who are running groups or clubs. It is required because the information in it is essential to us to continue to run the 4-H program. Here is why:

- The **success stories, volunteer hours, and youth leadership opportunities** are CRITICAL for us to tell the powerful story of our 4-H program – it is a story our funders need in order to continue to believe in us and support our program.
- The information about **our three national 4-H “Mission Mandates”** (i.e., Science, Healthy Living, & Citizenship) helps us stay on track with the central issues that are most critical to today’s youth.
- The last page asks you to **describe the environment we are creating together for the youth** in your group. This will help you reflect on your work and help us to figure out how well we are doing together, as we try to create the kinds of places that research shows youth need to thrive.

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this important report.

Sincerely,

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