

Northeast Region Volunteer Impact Survey

Members of the Northeast Region Volunteerism Group (NERV) will be launching a research study this month to assess the impact of 4-H youth development volunteer effort in the Northeast Region (as defined by Cooperative Extension). State's participating in this study include Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, West Virginia, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Vermont and Maine. The specific goals of this research include:

- (1) To obtain data on 4-H volunteer impact on the following audiences:
 - 4-H youth participants
 - the community in which the volunteer serves
 - the organization for which the volunteer serves (local, extension and university)
 - the volunteer (individual)
- (2) To obtain volunteer service information.

The overall purpose is to demonstrate the service and impact of adult volunteers on the 4-H program and inform stakeholders of said impact through reports, infographics and other materials that may be used to educate, recruit new volunteers or access financial support.

What YOU need to know...

Participants in this research must be enrolled adult volunteers with the state 4-H program as per the state's definition and process.

A designated faculty member for each state will utilize the research protocol to communicate directly with volunteers to administer the online survey instrument.

There are no risks to participants by participating in this project.

How YOU can help...

Since the purpose of the survey is to gather data to demonstrate the service and impact of adult volunteers on the 4-H program and inform stakeholders of said impact through reports, infographics and other materials that may be used to educate, recruit new volunteers or access financial support, the more information we can gather the better! Therefore, we could use YOUR help to encourage volunteers to participate in the survey. Here are some ways to support in your local program:

- Offer and provide access to computers to allow volunteers to complete the survey
 - During regular business hours (be sure to communicate this)
 - Bring computers to a club visit or presentation
 - Make computers available during a scheduled leaders meeting or volunteer training
- Include a reminder of the survey in your local newsletter, regular email communications or social media posting using the blurbs below:

Let your volunteer voice be heard! Be sure to complete the Volunteer Impact Survey sent by Jamie Morris. If you haven't received it through 4-H Online, send her an email at jkenton@umd.edu.

Help Maryland Make the Best Better for volunteers, youth and your community! Complete the Volunteer Impact Survey sent by Jamie Morris. If you haven't receive it through 4-H Online, send her an email at jkenton@umd.edu.