

INFORMED CONSENT FORM
Positive Youth Development Outcomes in 4-H Cubs and Activities

You are asked to participate in a research study conducted by Dawn Sanchez, Robin Schamber, Warren Crawford, Kim Reaman, Johnathan Despain and Alex Malcolm, and associates with the University of Wyoming Extension. You were selected as a possible participant in this study because you are of member of the Wyoming 4-H program. Your participation in this research study is voluntary.

You will be observed during normal 4-H club meetings or 4-H activities. The observation will last only as long as your club meeting. The observer will watch you and the other members of the club interact with your club leaders, adults, and other youth. You will not be asked any questions nor do you need to do anything special; just participate like you always do. The research presents no more than minimal risk of harm to you. Potential risks may include feelings of anxiety or discomfort by being observed. The study involves no procedures for which written consent is normally required. If you feel uncomfortable with the observation, you can stop at any time.

The observation is confidential. That is, your interactions will not be linked to your name. All records are kept confidential and will be available only to professional researchers and staff. Data from the observation will be entered into an electronic database that will be stored on a password protected hard drive on the University of Wyoming server. We will also share our findings with others at meetings or in articles.

There are no direct benefits to you in this research project. The results of this study, however, will increase our knowledge of the 4-H club meetings, events, and/or activities. This knowledge will potentially enhance the program offered for you. You are free to decide whether or not you will participate in this research project. You may also stop anytime in which that it makes you feel uncomfortable without negatively affecting your relationship with your leaders, fellow 4-H youth, or mentors. Your decision will not result in any loss of benefits that you have or are entitled to.

If you have any question about your rights as a research subject, please contact

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