

Appendix A: Youth Questionnaire



YOUTH LEADER SURVEY LAND O'LAKES COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS

County: _____

Name of community project: _____

Thank you for participating in this study. Community service is an important part of 4-H and the Land O'Lakes grants are helping 4-H groups make a difference in their communities. We would like to find out what you learned from this experience and how it helped you be involved in your community.

You do not have to complete this survey if you don't want to. If you do decide to answer the questions, please read each question carefully. Think about this project and what you learned from it. Your honest answers will help us a lot.

If you have questions about completing this survey that cannot be answered by your leader, please contact:

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TO START, WE'D LIKE TO KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT YOU.

- 1) How old are you? _____

- 2) What grade are you in? _____

- 3) Are you male or female? (*Circle one.*)
 - a) Male
 - b) Female

- 4) How would you describe yourself? (*Circle one.*)
 - a) White/Caucasian
 - b) African American
 - c) Native American
 - d) Hispanic
 - e) Asian American
 - f) Racially Mixed

- 5) How many years have you been in 4-H (*Circle one.*)
 - a) Less than 1 year
 - b) 1-2 years
 - c) 3-4 years
 - d) 5 years
 - e) Over 5 years
 - f) I don't know

- 6) Do you belong to other groups besides 4-H (*Circle all groups that you belong to.*)
 - a) Boy or Girl Scouts
 - b) Boys/Girls Club
 - c) Church or religious group
 - d) School club
 - e) Sports club or team
 - f) Other group (*Please name it.*):

- 7) Where do you live? (*Circle one.*)
 - a) Farm
 - b) Non-rural: Under 10,000 people
 - c) Town and city: 10,000 – 50,000 people
 - d) Suburb: Over 50,000 people
 - e) City: Over 50,000 people

NOW, PLEASE THINK ABOUT THIS PROJECT AND WHAT YOU DID DURING THE PROJECT. THEN ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

8) Were you involved in **deciding** what the project would be? (*Circle one.*)

a) No

b) Yes

If you said YES, tell us what you did to help decide what the project would be.

9) Were you involved in **planning** the project? (*Circle one.*)

a) No

b) Yes

If you said YES, tell us what you did to help plan the project.

10) Were you involved in **doing** the project? (*Circle one.*)

a) No

b) Yes

If you said YES, please tell us what you did to help complete the project.

11) Were you involved in **reviewing** the project – talking about what went well and what didn't? (*Circle one.*)

a) No

b) Yes

If you said YES, please tell us what you did to review the project.

12) Were you involved in **telling** others about the project (such as giving a talk or writing a news story)? (*Circle one.*)

a) No

b) Yes

If you said YES, please tell us what you did to tell others about the project.

THE NEXT QUESTIONS ASK ABOUT KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS YOU MAY HAVE LEARNED AS A RESULT OF WORKING ON THIS PROJECT.

13) How much did this community service project help you? (*Circle one answer for each item.*)

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|--|-------|------|----------|
| a) Learn about your community? | A lot | Some | Not much |
| b) Learn how to solve a community need? | A lot | Some | Not much |
| c) Understand the needs of others? | A lot | Some | Not much |
| d) Gain confidence in working on community problems? | A lot | Some | Not much |
| e) Gain new skills? | A lot | Some | Not much |

14) Listed below are some skills people may use when working on community projects. How much did this community service project help you **learn or improve** the following skills? (*Circle one answer for each skill.*)

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| a) Setting goals | A lot | Some | Not much |
| b) Communicating within my project group | A lot | Some | Not much |
| c) Communicating with adults | A lot | Some | Not much |
| d) Speaking in front of a group | A lot | Some | Not much |
| e) Making decisions | A lot | Some | Not much |
| f) Figuring out how to solve a community problem | A lot | Some | Not much |
| g) Working as part of a team or group to solve a community need | A lot | Some | Not much |
| h) Getting along with others who are different than me | A lot | Some | Not much |
| i) Planning and organizing | A lot | Some | Not much |
| j) Completing projects | A lot | Some | Not much |
| k) Reviewing projects to see what went well and what didn't | A lot | Some | Not much |

NEXT IS A QUESTION ABOUT HOW YOUTH AND ADULTS MIGHT WORK TOGETHER ON COMMUNITY PROJECTS SUCH AS THIS ONE.

15) Do you think that you are now working differently with adults than you did before this project? (*Circle one.*)

- a) No
- b) Yes

If you said YES, how are you working differently with adults? (*Circle all that apply.*)

- a) Adults ask me for my ideas more often
 - b) Adults have given me more responsibility.
 - c) We listen and talk more to each other.
 - d) I am more involved in making decisions.
 - e) I am more confident when working with adults.
 - f) Other: (*Please tell us how.*) _____
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FINALLY, WE ARE INTERESTED IN WHAT YOU THOUGHT ABOUT THIS EXPERIENCE.

16) What do you think you gained from this community service experience? (*Circle all that apply*)

- a) I had fun
 - b) I learned how to work in a group to accomplish a goal
 - c) I got a chance to make important decisions
 - d) I have more interest in my community now
 - e) I learned community projects take a lot of time
 - f) I learned community projects are hard work
 - g) I learned that I can make a difference in my community
 - h) I feel good about what we did
 - i) I feel more comfortable working with adults
 - j) I feel better prepared to work on other community needs
 - k) I learned that by working together we can make a difference for people in our community
 - l) I didn't gain anything from this experience
 - m) Other (*Please tell us what it is.*) _____
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17) What are some of the reasons that you got involved in this activity? (*Circle all that apply.*)

- a) My group decided to do it
- b) My leader wanted us to do it
- c) I wanted to help others in my community
- d) I thought it would be fun
- e) I thought I would learn something
- f) It will look good on my college or job application
- g) My friends were doing it
- h) My parents wanted me to do it
- i) I got school or class credit for doing it
- j) Other (*Please tell us what it is.*)

18) Do you think this project helped your community? (*Circle one.*)

- a) No
- b) Yes
- c) I'm not sure

If you said YES, please tell us how this project helped your community.

19) What is the most important thing you learned from doing this project?

20) How do you think this project could have been improved?

THANKS SO MUCH FOR HELPING US WITH THIS SURVEY!

Appendix B: Adult Questionnaire



ADULT LEADER SURVEY LAND O'LAKES COMMUNITY SERVICE GRANTS

County: _____

Name of community project: _____

Thank you for participating in this study. Community service is an important part of 4-H and the Land O'Lakes grants are helping 4-H groups make a difference in their communities. We would like to learn more about your experience leading this community service project and the impact it had on the youth that participated. Your responses will be part of a statewide study of community service projects funded by the Land O'Lakes Foundation, and will be used to improve our programming in this area. All responses will remain confidential.

Please take a few moments to reflect on your experience and complete this survey. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

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FIRST, PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

1) For how many years have you been a 4-H leader? _____

2) Before the Land O Lakes project, had you worked with youth on other community service projects (either with 4-H or another organization)? (*Circle one.*)

a) NO

b) YES ———▶ Approximately how many other community service projects have you been involved in? (*Give number.*) _____

3) Over the past 5 years, have you been a leader of any other youth groups?

a) NO

b) YES ———▶ Please complete the following table for all groups you have led in the past 5 years.

NAME OF GROUP	# OF YEARS AS LEADER
<i>Example: Boy Scouts</i>	2

FOR THE NEXT FEW QUESTIONS, PLEASE THINK ABOUT HOW THIS PROJECT BENEFITTED THE YOUTH WHO PARTICIPATED.

7) As a result of this project, what skills or knowledge did youth gain that will enable them to be more active in their communities?

8) As a result of this project, did you see a change in the youth participants' personal commitment to their community?

a) NO

b) YES → Please give specific examples.

NOW, PLEASE REFLECT ON YOUR OWN EXPERIENCE WITH THE PROJECT AND ITS IMPACT ON YOU.

9) As a result of this project, have you learned or improved any skills that will help you to increase youth involvement in the community?

a) NO

b) YES → What skills have you learned or improved?

10) Do you think adults in the community have changed their perceptions of youth as a result of this project?

a) NO

b) YES → Please give specific examples.

FINALLY, WE ARE INTERESTED IN WHAT HELPS MAKE SUCCESSFUL ADULT-YOUTH PARTNERSHIPS. Please take a moment to think about what is critical for adults and youth to work successfully on community projects, then answer the following questions.

11) What skills, attitudes and knowledge do **youth** need to work successfully with adults on community projects?

12) What skills, attitudes, and knowledge do **adults** need to work successfully with youth on community projects?

PLEASE ADD ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE REGARDING YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH THIS PROJECT.

Thank you for completing this survey!!