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FAQs about the Sparks Surveys

Q: How will my answers be used?

A: We use survey data in a few different ways:

1. Results from the survey are used to talk about the impact 4-H has on youth. Because of these surveys, we can say things like:
 - a. 81% of youth report positive relationships in 4-H
 - b. 99% of youth report they like helping their community
 - c. 82% of youth report they like science
2. We can use results of the surveys to help tell our 4-H story and get money for the program. By sharing all the great ways 4-H helps youth develop, we can ask people to donate money to the program and keep doing great things for you!

For example, we can tell someone that 82% of youth report they are interested in learning about animal science, and maybe they will donate to our animal science programs!

3. We can use the results from the surveys to tell others why they should join 4-H. We can tell youth and parents that 4-Hers have social, emotional, and leadership skills needed for academics and workplace success, and they may join 4H to improve in these skills!
4. We can use these surveys to help us make 4-H better for young people. We all know 4-H is great, but there's always room for improvement. Your answers to the surveys can help us find where we can improve our program.
5. We also use the data to help us tell our 4-H story. Sometimes we make small reports to share with people in our county to recruit new 4-H members and volunteers. Maybe we'll make an impact sheet that goes with our State Leader to Washington D.C. to help raise money for California 4-H. Your responses are helpful to growing and sustaining our program!

Q: Why are there so many different surveys?

A: Because youth learn so much in 4-H! We want to know all about it, so we have several surveys to help us learn all about what 4-H does for young people.

Q: Will my name be used with my answers?

A: No. We do not report data on any individual. We talk about data as a group: maybe by county, section, or as a state. We never report anyone's individual answers, and especially not with their name.



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Q: Who can see my answers to the surveys?

A: Only a few people have access to the data. Names are removed from the data files so that no one can tell how you answered a question.

Q: Some surveys are long and ask the same question.

A: We know some surveys are long. We review them twice a year to try and make them shorter. And while it seems like they have the same question more than once, they don't. The questions may be similar but they are different.

Questions about the Online Record Book (ORB)

Q: I do a paper record book; does this mean I cannot do the surveys?

A: The surveys are located in the Online Record Book system, but you can do a paper record book and the surveys. You do not have to do a record book online to complete the surveys. The record book and surveys are two different things.

Q: I finished all my surveys, but want to take more!

A: Awesome! Be sure to check for more surveys in the "Bonus" section. Did all those too, but want to tell us more about your 4-H experience? Email us at ca4heval@gmail.com and tell us what 4-H means to you.

Q: I looked for surveys, but they aren't there.

A: Surveys are available two times a year: Once at the beginning of the program year (around October through January) and again near the end (around May through July). Check the state newsletter, Facebook, and Twitter feeds to watch for announcements when surveys open!

Q: Where do I find these surveys?

A: Log into the Online Record Book (<https://4horb.ucanr.edu/login.cfm>), and look the right (you may need to scroll down under the alerts). Look at the screen shot below. If they surveys are open and you haven't completed them all yet, they will be there! Survey links will also be emailed to you through Qualtrics. You may get 1-2 links per week during the data collection time. You do not need to take them in ORB and through Qualtrics-take the surveys only once please!



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- Jessica Printjc** May 1, 2014 7:24 AM

Jessica Printjc gained some Spark Score!
- Jessica Printjc** May 1, 2014 7:23 AM

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- Son Statewide** Apr 14, 2014 1:02 PM

Does anyone have a great recipe for butternut squash soup?
- Son Statewide** Apr 14, 2014 12:44 PM

Reported the Club Meeting [March Meeting](#) for the club California Discovery

Daughter Statewide attended this activity
- Son Statewide** Apr 7, 2014 9:18 AM

Reported a Project Meeting: [County-Wide Meeting Test 1](#)

Daughter Statewide attended this activity
- Natasha Romanoff** Apr 4, 2014 4:42 PM

Reported an activity: [Aerospace & Rocketry \(Print Test A\)](#)

out, you will receive a personal response within 3 business days.
[ORB REQUEST FORM](#)

4-H Alert! ▼

Time Conversion Chart

ORB now calculates hours in minutes. Click here for a time conversion chart:
<http://www.ca4h.org/img/159589.pdf>

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Complete the questions to add points to your Spark Score!

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Bonus Score Questions!

Boost your Spark Score further by completing [the bonus questions!](#)