

**4-H Air Force Partnership
Impact Statement
Air Guard / 4-H Camp Grants 2016**



Situation and Response

A total of nineteen (19) camps occurred between June and October 2016 for Air National Guard families. University 4-H Military Liaisons were sent a request for proposals by Kansas State University. Camps occurred in seventeen (17) different states.

University 4-H Military Liaisons were requested to partner with a local Air National Guard unit. Contact information was included in the grant application for both the university and the air guard points of contact. Questionnaires were sent to the University points of contact.

Camps included day camps, residential camps and several camps invited adult members of the family to participate alongside youth.

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Participants Reached

The chart below provides the number of participants reported by the university points of contact:

Air National Guard / 4-H Camp Grant Participation				
	Participants	Ages 5-8	Ages 9-12	Ages 13+
Air Guard	209	33	85	91
Air Force Reserve	57	6	40	11
AF, Active	70			
Army Guard	70			
Army Reserve	1			
Other Reserve	23			
Other Active	7			
Sub Total (Youth)	437			
Member Participation	52			
Family Participation	32			
Other Participation	6			
Total	527			



Programmatic Impact on Youth

4-H/University respondents were asked in their opinion their level of agreement on several areas based on the camp programming. Respondents were given a six point Likert agreement scale from Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree.

Below is summary data of the percentage of respondents who Agreed or Strongly Agreed with the items:

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In your opinion at camp, youth practiced:	
100%	Communication skills with adults
100%	Communication skills with peers
89%	Communication skills when experiencing conflict at camp

In your opinion, youth at camp learned to:	
83%	take better care of themselves
94%	appreciate new things
94%	take more responsibility for their actions
89%	fix their mistakes
100%	make better decisions
83%	make decisions by themselves
78%	became better at thinking of new things to do in their free time
94%	became better at understanding new information
94%	became better at doing recreation activities
100%	became better at meeting new people
100%	became better at learning new things



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Programmatic Impact on Partnership

Another key question of the impact of the Air Guard / 4-H Camp Grants was the level of the inter-organizational collaboration and the impact on the respective organizations. To examine this relationship and impact, the Air Guard points of contact identified on the grant applications were sent a questionnaire that reflected items based on their organization.

Both the 4-H and the Air Guard points of contact were asked to identify the degree of the relationship in designing and implementing the camping program based on the definitions in the chart below. A key indicator is the difference seen between the Air Guard and the 4-H individuals overall responses. Overall, the Air Guard points of contact felt higher degrees of inter-organizational relations. A limitation, however, is the number of respondents (6) from the Air Guard points of contact. A possible explanation is that because of their stronger relationship and commitment to the other organization, they felt more compelled to complete the response.

4-H POC	Degree of the Relationship
0%	No Interaction at All
22%	Networking - aware of the organization, loosely defined roles, little communication, all decisions made independently
28%	Cooperation - provide information to each other, somewhat defined roles, formal communications, all decisions are made independently
22%	Coordination - Share information and resources, defined roles, frequent communications, some shared decision making
11%	Coalition - Share ideas, share resources, frequent and prioritized communications, all members have a vote in decision making
17%	Collaboration - Members belong to one system, frequent communications is characterized by mutual trust, consensus is reached on all decisions.

After defining the relationship, respondents from both the 4-H and Air Guard side were asked mirroring questions based on their coordination of the program together. These questions also were a six point Likert agreement scale. Few generalizations can be

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assumed based on the fewer number of Air Guard POC respondents. It is not surprising that a large percentage of respondents Agreed or Strongly Agreed with the items based on the higher degrees of the relationship.

4-H POC	In coordinating this camping program, I:
67%	developed a stronger understanding of [the other organization]
61%	formed a stronger partnership with [our partner]
94%	am willing to work more closely with [our partner] in the future
67%	understand the differences between the Air Guard and the Army Guard
	understand the resources that 4-H and the university can offer to Air Guard families
56%	think that our [partner] will be more likely to use [our organization's] resources in the future
72%	developed a sense of trust with our [partners]
78%	We can rely on our partner to follow our agreement
78%	There is a high level of trust in the working relationship with our partner
78%	We trust that our partner's decisions will be beneficial to the alliance
78%	We trust that our partner's decisions will be beneficial to our organization.

