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Dear Iowa FFA Chapters:

I would like to invite your chapter to participate in a shift of volunteers at Little Hands on the Farm. As a participant, your chapter would commit to providing the volunteers for the exhibit for a shift. In return we would list the name of your chapter on the entrance and exit gates of Little Hands on the Farm along with listing your chapter on the Iowa State Fair website as a volunteer group.

The Iowa State Fair Little Hands on the Farm provides children ages 2 to 10 the chance to get involved with agriculture as farmers on this mock farm. They plant and harvest products, earn money at the market for their work, and then buy food at the grocery store. The children are asked to do chores on the farm, ranging from gathering an egg from the chicken coop, to planting a carrot or onion seed, then digging up an artificial vegetable, or picking an apple off a tree. They also get the chance to feed and milk a cow and drive a pedal tractor. The program helps kids connect to agriculture by teaching them in an entertaining and interactive way.

This would be a great team building activity for your entire chapter. Little Hands on the Farm offers your chapter entertainment along with being involved with the best Fair in the nation, the great Iowa State Fair. The Iowa State Fair has been a proud tradition since 1854. It is the country's most famous state fair and Iowa's largest tourism event with well over 1 million visitors per year.

The 2017 Iowa State Fair is August 10-20. In order for the exhibit to run as smoothly as possible, it is necessary to have a minimum of 30 volunteers at the exhibit at all times. Little Hands on the Farm is open daily from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and would need to be staffed from 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day. Shifts would be from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Noon to 4 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. each day of the Fair. Volunteers would receive one admission ticket, one vehicle permit and a Little Hands on the Farm volunteer t-shirt.

Shifts are filling up quickly so if you would like further information on what days and shifts are still available please contact me at the information listed below.

Sincerely,

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