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Parent's or Guardian's Informed Permission Form
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

A first-hand experience with laboratory procedures is an important part of many courses in psychology. At NYU, we take advantage of our faculty's active research programs to give students that experience. Students in most courses participate in carefully supervised studies, thus gaining otherwise unobtainable experience with original research in psychology.

We have both department and university-wide committees that approve studies for our students. These committees are very exacting in enforcing high ethical standards. Each of the research projects contains safeguards designed to protect the rights and welfare of the students who participate. All records are confidential, so the privacy of the student's data is protected.

The Study: Your child, _____, is invited to take part in a study named Activity Evaluation Study. This study is being conducted by Meredith Bachman who is the principal investigator. She can be reached at NYU's dept. of psychology, mab300@nyu.edu, 212 998-7991, 4th Floor Meyer building (406). The faculty sponsor of this work is Diane Ruble who can be reached at NYU's dept. of psychology, diane.ruble@nyu.edu, 212 998-7818, 7th Floor Meyer building (751).

Its Purpose: The study is designed to learn more about how people feel about certain activities.

Its Procedures: If you give permission for your child to be in this study, he or she will be asked to perform certain activities - such as playing a game called 'shoot the moon' - and I will be asked to complete a short series of rating scales concerning the activities. Participation will take about 30 minutes.

Its Risks: There are no known risks associated with this study.

Its Payments or Other Incentives: Your child will be given ½ hours subject pool credit for completing this study.

Its Benefits: Although your child will receive no direct benefits for participation in this study, it may make your child more aware of how knowledge is discovered in psychology and help the investigator better understand how individuals feel about various activities.

Consent: Participation in this study is completely voluntary. Non-participation or withdrawal will not affect your child's grade or academic standing in any way. Further, once participating, he or she may withdraw at any time and still receive his/her ½ hour credit offered in exchange for that participation.

Privacy: Confidentiality of your child's research records will be strictly maintained. At no time will your child be asked to write his/her name on any document other than the consent and debriefing forms. Data will not be examined until these forms have been separated from the data. The forms will be stored in a locked file cabinet and will be kept apart from the data, which will be stored in a separate locked file cabinet. Once analyses have been completed and all papers discussing the data have been published, the data will be retained for 5 years and will then be shredded and recycled.

Debriefing: On completing the study your child will receive a thorough written explanation of it that you may ask to see.

The information above has satisfied me such that I agree that my child may participate in your study. If I have any additional questions or want to report a problem, I may reach the researcher, Meredith Bachman, or his/her Faculty Sponsor, Diane Ruble, at their contacts provided above. For questions about my child's rights as a research participant, I may contact the University Committee on Activities Involving Human Subjects (UCAIHS), Office of Sponsored Programs, NYU, (212) 998-2121.

I have received a copy of this permission document to keep.

Permission Granted for my Child's Participation

Parent's or Guardian's Signature

Date