

STUDENT ASSENT FORM

Big City, Big Country Road Show

We want to study information collected during the workshop, but need your permission to do so. You were identified as a participant because you responded to a recruitment poster or flyer at your school. Approximately 20 students from selected high schools in San Antonio will be asked to participate in this workshop. The purpose of Big City, Big Country Road Show is to establish recruitment networks between metropolitan area high schools and post-secondary colleges of agriculture at Texas A&M University, Texas Tech University, and Howard College.

Before and during the workshops, you will be asked to complete questionnaires about your attitudes or perceptions of agriculture; knowledge of agriculture, photography, videography, news writing, and Web site design. Such assessments will take approximately 5-10 minutes each to complete. Additionally, you will develop media products. The risks associated with this project are negligible. Beyond the development of knowledge, skills, and abilities taught during the workshop there are no benefits for participating. You will receive no monetary compensation for participation in the workshop or study.

All data collection will be done so confidentially; that is, your name or coding number will be removed from any data collected during the workshop, so, there is no way for us to link your answers to the questions. The records of this study will be kept private. No identifiers linking you to the study will be included in any sort of report that might be published. Research records will be stored securely and only Dr. Gary Wingenbach will have access to the records. Your decision whether or not to participate will not affect your current or future relations with Texas A&M University, Texas Tech University, or Howard College. If you decide to participate, you are free to refuse to answer any of the questions that may make you uncomfortable. You can withdraw at any time for any reason without consequence. If you have any questions about this study, you can contact Gary Wingenbach by telephone 979.862.1507, e-mail g-wingenbach@tamu.edu, or by mail at the following address:

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This research study has been reviewed by the Institutional Review Board - Human Subjects in Research, Texas A&M University. For research-related problems or questions regarding subjects' rights, you can contact the Institutional Review Board through Ms. Melissa McIlhaney, IRB Program Coordinator, Office of Research Compliance at (979) 458-4067, or by e-mail mcilhaney@tamu.edu.

Please be sure you have read the above information, asked questions, and received answers to your satisfaction. You will be given a copy of the assent form for your records. By signing this document, you agree to participate in the study.

Signature of Participant

Date

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