

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT FORM

Big City, Big Country Road Show

We want to study information collected during the workshop, but need your permission to do so. Your child was identified as a participant because he or she responded to a recruitment poster or flyer at his/her 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, your son or daughter will be asked to complete questionnaires about his/her 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, your son or daughter 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. Your child will receive no monetary compensation for participation in the workshop or study.

All data collection will be done so confidentially; that is, your child's name or coding number will be removed from any data collected during the workshop, so, there is no way for us to link your child's answers to the questions. The records of this study will be kept private. No identifiers linking your child 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 child's current or future relations with Texas A&M University, Texas Tech University, or Howard College. If you decide to allow your child to participate, your child is free to refuse to answer any of the questions that may make him/her uncomfortable. He/she 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 consent form for your records. By signing this document, you consent to allow your child to participate in the study.

Child's Name (please print): _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian

OFFICE OF RESEARCH COMPLIANCE
Date _____
PROTOCOL # 2007-03109
APPROVAL DATE 8/20/09
EXPIRATION DATE 8/19/10

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