

We are asking for your permission for your child to participate in the research portion of the *Big City Big Country Road Show* workshop held in **(San Antonio)** on **(June 8 - 12, 2009)**. Participation in the workshop **DOES NOT REQUIRE** your child's participation in the research.

Workshop participants will learn about news writing, photography, videography, risk and crisis communication, and Web design from Texas A&M University, Texas Tech University, and Howard College faculty members. During the workshop, there will be speakers from agriculture and/or communications industries and tours of agriculture and/or communications businesses.

The research project being conducted is to assess knowledge, attitudes, and self confidence towards communications careers, college, and agriculture both before and after your child's involvement with the *Big City Big Country Road Show*. Your child will complete two questionnaires: one prior to the start of the on-site portion of the workshop and one on the last day of the workshop. The initial questionnaire will be to determine your child's knowledge, attitudes, and self confidence before they begin their involvement with this workshop while the second questionnaire will determine changes that have occurred as a result of their involvement in the workshop. The study will involve up to 25 students of the *Big City Big Country Road Show* workshops that will be held this year in San Antonio, TX.

The results published from these questionnaires will not include your child's name to protect their privacy. In addition, the information on your child's questionnaires will only be seen by the researchers involved with the project. As such, we do not foresee any personal risks to your child as a result of being part of this research study. Your child's participation in this research study is voluntary, and refusal to participate in the research will not result in any consequences to them, and your child may discontinue participation in the research at any time without penalty. There are no direct benefits for your child from this research study other than the knowledge that these results may help others like them across the nation.

Dr. David Doerfert can answer any questions you have about the study. He may be contacted at (806) 742-2816 or by e-mail at [david.doerfert@ttu.edu](mailto:david.doerfert@ttu.edu). For questions about your child's rights as a research participant or about injuries that may be caused by this research, contact the Texas Tech University Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects, Office of Research Services, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX 79409 or by telephone at (806) 742-3884.

By signing this form, you are stating that you have read and understood the above information and are allowing your child to participate in the accompanying research for the *Big City Big Country Road Show* workshop.

Child's Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Parent or Guardian

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Date