

Title of Research Study: TAMU Youth Program Study
Informed Consent to Participate (Youth)

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Why am I being asked to take part in this research study?

You are invited to participate in this study because we are trying to learn more about the impact of youth programs on middle school aged youth. You were selected as a possible participant in this study because you are involved in a youth program in your school or club.

Why is this research being done?

The research is designed to evaluation the effectiveness of the program curriculum and activities in your school or club.

How long will the research last?

The research will last from the beginning of your current program until three months after the end of the program.

What happens if I say "Yes, I want to be in this research"?

If you agree to participate, you will be asked to complete a survey at the beginning of the program, the end of the program, and three months after the program.

What happens if I do not want to be in this research?

Your participation in this study is voluntary . You can decide not to participate in this research and it will not be held against you. You can leave the study at any time.

Is there any way being in this study could harm me?

There are no sensitive questions in this survey that should cause discomfort. However, you can skip any question you do not wish to answer, or exit the survey at any point.

What happens to the information collected for the research?

Your email and mailing address will be stored separately from your survey data, and is only being collected for purposes of 3-month followup. All information will be kept on a password protected computer and is only accessible by the research team.

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The results of the research study may be published but no one will be able to identify you.

Who can I talk to?

Please feel free to ask questions regarding this study. You may contact Dr. B. Darlene Locke if you have additional questions or concern at (979) 845-1023 or dlocke@ag.tamu.edu

You may also contact the Human Research Protection Program at Texas A&M University (which is a group of people who review the research to protect your rights) by phone at 1-979-458-4067, toll free at 1-855-795-8636, or by email at irb@tamu.edu for:

- Additional help with any questions about the research
- Voicing concerns or complaints about the research
- Obtaining answers to questions about your rights as a research participant
- Concerns in the event the research staff could not be reached
- The desire to talk to someone other than the research staff.

Signature

Your entry of printed name and date below document your permission to take part in this research.

Printed name of participant _____

Date (MM/DD/YYYY) _____