

[Title of Project Here]
Consent Form for Parent/Guardian of Photographers

WHAT IS THIS PROJECT ABOUT?

Your son or daughter has been invited to participate in a research study called the *Title of Project Here*. The purpose of this study is to _____.

WHO ARE THE PEOPLE RUNNING THIS PROJECT? HOW CAN I CALL THEM?

The Principal Investigator for this project is _____. His telephone number is _____. You may call collect if you wish.

Insert contact information here.

WHAT WILL YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER BE ASKED TO DO?

Your son or daughter, and five others like her/him, will be given cameras and will decide as a group on several photo assignments that are related to _____. After completing each assignment, they will all come back together to share and talk about their photos as a group. They will also be asked to write a little description of a few of your photos they shared with the group.

If your daughter or son is interested in participating, you as a parent(s) or guardian(s) will be asked to attend an *Informational Meeting*. It is only necessary for one parent or guardian to attend. During this meeting (about ½ to 1 hour) you will learn about the project and have the opportunity to ask any questions. If your son or daughter decides to participate, they will be asked to sign an Assent Form to make sure that they understand the purpose of the project, what you will be asked to do, and that you can stop participating in the project at any time you wish. **(Please note: You, as a parent or legal guardian must sign and return a copy of this Parental Consent Form during the Informational Meeting in order for your daughter or son to participate in the rest of this project).**

If your son or daughter chooses to participate, they will be asked to attend about four meetings, or photo-discussion sessions, about 1-2 hours each with the others who participate. At the end of each meeting, they will decide on the topics they would like to explore with their cameras. This is called a "photo-assignment." They also will decide on dates and times when they will all come back together to discuss the photographs they have taken to complete the photo-assignments.

At the *Informational Meeting*, the Principal Investigator, _____, will discuss ethical and safety issues about taking photographs. For example, if your daughter or son chooses to take pictures of other people, we will review a form that they will use to ask people for their permission before they take the picture. **If they take a picture of someone 17 years old or younger, they will have to get permission from that person's parent or guardian as well.** Your son or daughter will then receive a camera, tips on how to use it, and practice using a camera to make sure that they are comfortable with it.

During the photo-discussion sessions, your daughter or son, the other participants, and _____ will all meet together to discuss the photos taken to complete the assignments. They will be asked to give their permission to have these “photo-discussions” audio-recorded. If your son or daughter wants to have the recorder turned off for a while during the discussions, they will just have to tell the Principal Investigator to do so at any time. They may also refuse to be taped at all.

WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH MY SON’S OR DAUGHTER’S PHOTOGRAPHS?

At the end of the project your daughter or son will receive a copy of all of their photographs. _____ will keep the negatives and one set of photographs to be used for educational purposes only, if this is okay with you and your son or daughter.

WHAT WILL YOUR DAUGHTER OR SON GET OUT OF BEING IN THIS PROJECT? WILL YOU GET PAID?

A benefit of participating in this research study is that the your daughter or son will be given the opportunity to share their experiences and insight about _____ that may inform others but as well provide an opportunity to _____. It is expected that she/he will develop critical thinking skills and an ability to reflect upon and address social issues impacting their life and experience (for example, _____).

Your son or daughter will *not* be paid to be in the project, but they will receive copies of every photograph they take for the project. Also, there will be extra film provided for them to take pictures of anything or anyone they would like to for free. The film processing of the pictures they take for the project, and their individual photos, will be free.

DO YOU HAVE TO PAY FOR ANYTHING FOR YOUR DAUGHTER OR SON TO TAKE PART IN THE PROJECT?

Your son or daughter will *not* have to pay anything to take part in the project. The cameras, the film, and film processing will all be free. The camera, if not a disposable camera will be returned to the _____ at the end of the project. The only cost for being in the project is the time that your son or daughter will use for taking the pictures and coming to the discussion meetings.

WHAT WILL YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER RISK BY BEING IN THIS PROJECT?

Taking part in the project should not put your daughter or son at risk for physical harm. They *may* feel uncomfortable going out to take pictures, but we will discuss this at our meetings and talk about ways to feel more comfortable. Also, they may feel uncomfortable discussing some topics that come up. They *do not have to*, and will be reminded several times during the discussion sessions, that they do not have to talk about anything that makes them feel uncomfortable.

WILL PEOPLE KNOW THAT YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER TOOK PART IN THE PROJECT?

To make sure what they say is confidential, your son or daughter can use a different name, a “nick name”, during the study project so that nobody will see their real name connected with the project, if they prefer. Also, what other people say during the discussions is confidential, so no

one should not share anything they hear or see in the group with people outside the group. To protect the identities of people who appear in their photographs, your daughter or son should not reveal their names during the discussions or anytime that their pictures are displayed. Please let _____ know if you have any questions.

DOES YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER HAVE TO PARTICIPATE? DO THEY HAVE TO ANSWER EVERY QUESTION? CAN THEY QUIT THE PROJECT WHENEVER THEY WANT?

Your daughter or son *does not* have to participate in this study project. They also do *not* have to answer *any* of the questions asked during our discussion meetings. They are free to stop participating in the project at any time, for any reason. They have the right to quit the project at any time. If they wish to stop participating in the project, please contact the Principal Investigator: _____ at _____ and you/they may call collect.

To protect their privacy, they will be assigned an identification number. All of the information that they provide will be stored only with their identification number, *not* with their name. The audiotapes will be kept in a locked file drawer in his office at _____. At the end of the study, the audiotapes, once transcribed, will be destroyed.

Every effort will be taken to protect the identity of the participants in this study.

HAS THIS STUDY BEEN APPROVED BY A GROUP THAT MAKES SURE THE STUDY PARTICIPANTS ARE TREATED FAIRLY AND PROTECTED FROM HARM?

Yes. This study has been approved by the Institutional Review Board at _____. If you have questions about your rights as a the parent or guardian of a participant in this study, or are dissatisfied at any time with any aspect of this study, you may contact, anonymously if you wish:

Inset contact information for IRB here.

WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROJECT OR MY PARTICIPATION?

If you **ever** have any questions about this study, please feel free to contact the Principal Investigator: _____ at _____ and you may call collect.

Do you have any questions about the project? [] Yes [] No

[If you answered Yes, please write your questions at the bottom of this page, or contact the Principal Investigator, _____.]

Do you agree to let the discussions be taped? [] Yes [] No

If you are interested in participating in this project, **please read the following agreement statement very carefully**. Then, if you would still like to participate, please sign and date this form and return it to the principal investigator. You may keep a copy of the form for yourself and your guardian, in case you have any questions or concerns at a later date.

PARTICIPANT'S AGREEMENT STATEMENT:

By signing this assent form, I consent to let my son or daughter participate in this project. I also understand and agree that unless otherwise notified in writing, the _____ [institution] assumes that permission is granted to use my photograph(s) and what is discussed during the photo-discussion group sessions for educational purposes only.

Sign your name here if you want to participate

Date

Print your name here

Name of participant

Signature of Person Obtaining Assent/Consent

Date

Printed Name of Person Obtaining Assent/Consent