

**University of Oklahoma  
Institutional Review Board  
Informed Consent to Participate in a Research Study**

**Project Title:** Women in Science Conference Study  
**Principal Investigator:** Theresa Cullen  
**Department:** Department of Educational Psychology

Your child is being asked to volunteer for this research study. This study is being conducted at the Women in Science Conference at the Science Museum Oklahoma on February 8, 2011. You were selected as a possible participant because your child is attending the event.

Please read this form and ask any questions that you may have before agreeing to take part in this study.

**Purpose of the Research Study**

The purpose of this study is to better understand how people who attended the conference liked the conference and how it can be improved. We also would like to know more about what kids think about studying science and science careers so we can create more interesting experiences in the future to help them.

**Number of Participants**

About 1600 people will take part in this study.

**Procedures**

If you agree to be in this study, your child will be asked to do the following:

Complete a short survey.

**Length of Participation**

The survey will take less than 20 minutes.

**This study has the following risks:**

There are no risks.

**Benefits of being in the study are**

Everyone who turns in the survey will receive a souvenir bag from the event.

**Confidentiality**

In published reports, there will be no information included that will make it possible to identify your child without your permission. Research records will be stored securely and only approved researchers will have access to the records.

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There are organizations that may inspect and/or copy your research records for quality assurance and data analysis. These organizations include the OU Institutional Review Board.

### **Compensation**

You will not be reimbursed for you time and participation in this study.

### **Voluntary Nature of the Study**

Participation in this study is voluntary. If you withdraw or decline participation, you will not be penalized or lose benefits or services unrelated to the study. If you decide to participate, you may decline to answer any question and may choose to withdraw at any time.

If your child does not want to participate, they can turn in the survey, and still receive the bag.

### **Contacts and Questions**

If you have concerns or complaints about the research, the researcher(s) conducting this study can be contacted at

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Contact the researcher(s) if you have questions or if you have experienced a research-related injury.

If you have any questions about your rights as a research participant, concerns, or complaints about the research and wish to talk to someone other than individuals on the research team or if you cannot reach the research team, you may contact the University of Oklahoma – Norman Campus Institutional Review Board (OU-NC IRB) at 405-325-8110 or irb@ou.edu.

***You will be given a copy of this information to keep for your records. If you are not given a copy of this consent form, please request one.***

### **Statement of Consent**

I have read the above information. I have asked questions and have received satisfactory answers. I consent for my child to participate in the study.

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Signature

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