

**University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Information about a Research Study
Parental Permission**

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IRB Study # 12-1575

Title of Study: EvalFest: Evaluation Use, Value, and Learning Through Festivals of Science and Technology

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What are some general things you and your child should know about research studies?

You are being asked to allow your child to take part in a research study by completing this brief survey. To join the study is voluntary.

You may decide to not allow your child to participate, or you may withdraw your permission for your child to be in the study, for any reason, without penalty. Even if you give your permission, your child can decide not to be in the study or to leave the study early.

Your child may not receive any direct benefit from participating but there are also no known risks.

Details about this study are discussed below. It is important that you and your child understand this information so that you and your child can make an informed choice about being in this research study.

You and your child should ask the researchers named above, or staff members who may assist them, any questions you have about this study at any time.

What is the purpose of this study?

The purpose of this research study is to better understand impacts of science events like this one.

How many people will take part in this study?

More than 30,000 people at 25 different sites across the country will take part in this study.

How long will your part in this study last?

The survey will take approximately 5 minutes.

How will information about your child be protected?

Participants will not be identified in any report or publication about this study.

What if you or your child wants to stop before your child’s part in the study is complete?

You can withdraw your child from this study at any time, without penalty.

What are the possible benefits from being in this study?

Research is designed to benefit society by gaining new knowledge. There is little chance you will benefit from being in this research study.

What are the possible risks or discomforts involved from being in this study?

There are no known risks from participating in this study.

How will information about you be protected?

Participants will not be identified in any report or publication about this study.

What if you want to stop before your part in the study is complete?

You can withdraw from this study at any time, without penalty.

Will it cost you anything to be in this study?

It will not cost you anything to be in this study.

What if you or your child has questions about this study?

You and your child have the right to ask, and have answered, any questions you may have about this research. If there are questions about the study complaints, concerns, or if a research-related injury occurs, contact the researchers listed on the first page of this form.

What if there are questions about your child’s rights as a research participant?

All research on human volunteers is reviewed by a committee that works to protect your child’s rights and welfare. If there are questions or concerns about your child’s rights as a research subject, or if you would like to obtain information or offer input, you may contact the Institutional Review Board at 919-966-3113 or by email to IRB_subjects@unc.edu.

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