



PARENT PERMISSION FORM
PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

TITLE OF RESEARCH: Camp and youth well being

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: Betsy Levy Paluck

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR'S DEPARTMENT: Psychology

Key information about the study:

Your informed permission is being sought for research. You and your child's participation in the research is voluntary.

Purpose: We are conducting a study to understand the well-being, development, and social interactions of young people who attend camp.

Duration of Participation: If you agree to participate in this research, and your child agrees and is eligible, then your child will be entered into a lottery. If they win the lottery, they will be able to attend a sleepaway camp for 3 ½ weeks for free in Summer 2026. Regardless of whether your child wins the lottery, your child, and you (their parent), will take part in three interviews over the phone over the next year. We will call once in Summer 2026, once in Fall 2026, and once in Spring 2027.

Procedures: If your child wins the lottery, we will contact you with details, and they will attend camp for 3 ½ weeks in Summer 2026. In addition, a member of our research team will call your child, and, separately, you, to complete the phone interviews. We will ask questions about your child's well-being, development, and social interactions. Each survey will take approximately 20 minutes to complete.

Risks or Discomforts: The risks of completing interviews in this research are minimal. Some participants may feel bored or tired answering questions. They may take breaks as needed. The participants can refuse or stop the interview at any time. The risks of attending camp are higher. Youth who attend camp may feel homesick, experience emotional distress, or experience accidental physical injury

from camp activities. However, they will be supervised by trained camp staff, and will be able to leave camp at any point.

Benefits: While there is no direct benefit of completing the phone interviews to you or your child, the information we gather may help improve camp programming in the future and deepen our understanding of summer camp's impacts. For children who win the lottery and attend camp, they may experience benefits to their well-being.

Alternatives: Your child may choose not to participate without penalty.

Additional information about the study:

Confidentiality: All records from this study will be kept confidential. Research records will be stored securely in a locked cabinet and/or on password-protected computers. The research team will be the only party that will have access to the individual-level data.

Compensation: Both you and your child will be paid \$50 each for every phone interview you complete. In addition, both you and your child will receive a bonus of \$20 if you complete all three phone interviews. In total, both you and your child will receive up to \$170 each for participating in this research study.

Who to contact with questions:

Principal Investigator: Betsy Levy Paluck (epaluck@princeton.edu)

If you have questions regarding your rights or your child's rights as a research subject, or if problems arise which you do not feel you can discuss with the Investigator, please contact the Institutional Review Board at:

Phone: (609) 258-8543

Email: irb@princeton.edu

Summary:

I understand the information that was presented and that:

- My participants, and my child's participation, is voluntary.

- Refusal of me or my child to participate will involve no penalty or loss of benefits to which I or they are otherwise entitled.
- If I do not answer research questions in the future, this will not affect my child's spot in the camp or their chance to participate in the research.
- I do not waive any legal rights or release Princeton University or its agents from liability for negligence.

I hereby give my permission for me and my child to be the subject of the research.

Child's Name

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Signature of Person Obtaining Consent

Date