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DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

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Dear Parent:

As part of the educational experience here at the University of South Alabama, we invite all students enrolled in General Psychology to participate in Psychology research studies during the course of the semester. If your son or daughter is under 19 years of age, your permission is required before they can be invited to participate in these studies.

Students can see a list of ongoing studies in the Psychology Department by viewing our Subject Pool website at <http://usapsychology.sona-systems.com/>. By visiting this website, students can learn the details of the study and sign up for available times. Students can earn course credit for their participation. Participation is completely voluntary, and refusal to participate involves no penalty or loss of benefits to which the student is otherwise entitled. Furthermore, if a student agrees to participate, he or she may discontinue participation at any time without penalty. All studies on this website have been pre-approved by The University of South Alabama's Institutional Review Board and are monitored carefully. In addition, the University of South Alabama requires that the student's responses in all of these studies remain confidential. With your approval, your son or daughter will be invited to participate in the following kinds of studies:

- Surveys and interviews.
- Studies that use direct sensors (e.g., a blood pressure device) or remote sensors (e.g., a video-camera) to measure physiological and psychological reactions.
- Studies that use questionnaires or other verbal or behavioral measures.
- Studies in which information about the hypothesis and the experimental situation is revealed to the student after participation is completed.

In this way, we seek to enhance students' learning experience by providing detailed information about psychology as a social science.

Your son or daughter **will NOT** be invited to participate in the following kinds of studies:

- Procedures that entail a risk of physical harm.
- Procedures that involve hypnosis or unusual degrees of mental stress.
- Procedures that involve explicit or implicit deception about any aspect of the research that is likely to be significant to the student.
- Procedures that elicit information about activities that may be illegal or that are likely to offend prevailing standards of morality.

Please sign below to indicate your permission for your son or daughter to participate in Psychology Department studies.

_____ MAY participate as described above.
(Name of Son or Daughter)

_____ Date _____
Parent or Legal Guardian (Print Name)

Parent or Legal Guardian (Signature)

FAX THIS FORM TO: (251) 460-6320.

Any questions or complaints about research participation should be directed to:

Institutional Review Board
Ph. 251-460-6308

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