

Getting Rooted in Gardening

Parent Permission Form

Your child is invited to be part of a research study being conducted by Derrick Stowell and Whitney Hale at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Your child is being invited because they have participated in the Getting Rooted in Gardening program. Being in this research study is voluntary, and you should only agree if you completely understand the study and want to volunteer to allow your child's information to be used. This form contains information that will help you decide if you want your child to be part of this research study or not. Please take the time to read it carefully, and if there is anything you don't understand, please ask questions.

Purpose

Getting Rooted in Gardening is a project funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the National Institute of Food and Agriculture's Food and Agriculture Service-Learning Program.

The purpose of this study is to evaluate the effectiveness of interactive garden education in increasing students' knowledge of gardening, plant science, nutrition, and food systems, and improving students' ability to meet Tennessee state standards for math and science. We plan to share results of this project with the USDA/NIFA, and publish a journal article about the school program portion of this project.

Participation

If you choose to allow your child to participate and your child also agrees, we will conduct and analyze the following tasks that are part of your child's normal employee related tasks as a counselor-in-training:

- As part of this project, your child will take part in entrance and exit interviews to assess your goals for working with the UT Gardens and what learned by working for UT Gardens and the Getting Rooted in Gardening project.
- Your child will participate in weekly check-ins, complete a project and present the results of the project to UT Gardens staff, and write a social media post on a career related to agriculture.
- Additionally, your child will be asked to complete horticultural tasks in the Kitchen Garden along with your other position duties.
- Photographs or videos may be recorded of your child as part of the project. These photographs and videos may be used on social media posts about the Getting Rooted in Gardening program (see separate image permission at the bottom of this form.)

Benefit

We do not expect you to benefit from being in this study. Your child's participation may help us to learn more about the impact of the Getting Rooted in Gardening program. We hope the knowledge gained from this study will benefit others in the future.

Risks

As a counselor-in-training for this project, photos may be taken of your child and your child will be making videos, educational materials, and social media posts as part of the project. This information will not be connected to your child's entrance/exit interviews.

It is possible that someone could find out your child was in this study or see your child's study information, but we believe this risk is small because of the procedures we use to protect your child's information. These procedures are described later in this form.

We don't know of any additional risks to you from being in the study.

Confidentiality

If you and your child agree to participate in the research, we will assign your child a code number and use that instead of their name on all of the materials before we begin analyzing them for the research study. These materials will be stored in the lead researcher's locked file cabinet in his locked office. No information which could identify your child will be shared in publications and presentations about this study.

Future Research

Your child's information will not be used or shared with other researchers for future research, even if identifiers are removed.

Contact Information

If you have any questions about this research, please contact Derrick Stowell at dstowell@utk.edu or 865-974-715. If you have any questions about your rights as a research participant, please contact the Institutional Review Board (IRB) of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, at utkirb@utk.edu or 865-974-7697. You may also contact the IRB with any problems, complaints or concerns you have about a research study.

Voluntary Participation

It is completely up to you and your child to decide to be in this research study. Even if you decide to be part of the study now, you may change your mind at any time and stop participating please contact me, Derrick Stowell, at dstowell@utk.edu or 865-974-7151. Your child will not lose any services, benefits, or rights they would normally have if you choose not to give permission, or if you or your child change your minds and stop participating later.

If you agree that your child may participate, please print and sign the **Parent Permission** section below, and have your child sign the **Assent** section, on both copies of this form. Return one copy to Whitney Hale and keep one copy for your records. If you do not wish for your child to participate in the research, it is not necessary to do anything, as we cannot use their materials without your permission and their assent required for age 7 and older.

Parent Permission

I have read the above information. I have received a copy of this form. I understand that my child's participation in this research study includes allowing Derrick Stowell and Whitney Hale to use my child's information for research purposes. I agree that my child may participate in this study.

Child's Name (printed) _____

Parent's Name (printed) _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

Permission for use of images

I agree that photographs/video recordings of my child from name Getting Rooted in Gardening may be used in reporting results or presentations and publications.

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

Child/Youth Assent

I have talked about this research with my parent(s) and I agree that Derrick Stowell and Whitney Hale may use my information for research purposes. If I change my mind, and decide not to participate later, I only need to contact Derrick Stowell.

Youth Name (printed) _____

Youth Signature _____ Date _____

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Youth Signature _____ Date _____