

# THE SANFORD PROMISE

## Program for the Midwest Initiative in Science Exploration

### RELEASE AND PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

Biomedical Research Investigations: This is an instructional program in the sciences. After instruction on the activities and materials, the participants should acquire a better understanding of the content and methods associated with research in science. This is not intended to be a training program, but to provide the participant with the experience of what it feels like to work in a biomedical research setting.

As a PROMISE Program participant, I agree to:

- to be on time;
- act in a professional and respectful manner and to follow instructions of staff at all times;
- wear appropriate personal protective equipment as directed by Sanford Research staff;
- only enter the research laboratory area if supervised by a member of the Sanford Research staff;
- observe only and to not touch anything in the research laboratory areas;
- hold The Washington Pavilion, Sanford or a related entity, or any of its directors, officers, employees or agents harmless in the event of an incident, injury or illness;
- that I will not be entitled to worker's compensation benefits in the event of an incident, injury or illness that may arise during or as a result of this experience;
- adhere to Sanford policies and procedures.

As a participant, I understand that:

- the research laboratory area contains potential chemical and/or biohazards and I have not been trained or authorized to handle these chemical and/or biohazards;
- if I need to have emergency medical care, The Washington Pavilion and/or Sanford is not responsible for the costs associated with said emergency medical care, follow-up care or hospitalization;
- The Washington Pavilion and/or Sanford is not responsible for lost or stolen personal belongings and recommends not bringing valuables to the experience;
- The Washington Pavilion and/or Sanford may take immediate corrective action in any situation in which my behavior and/or performance adversely affect the best interests of the research facility and its staff. This may include, but is not limited to, my removal from the facility and the experience.

Parent/Guardian:

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Waiver & Release: I acknowledge that I have read this Release and Participation Agreement, that I understand the contents thereof, and that I execute the same as a free and knowing act and as the parent or legal guardian of the Participant. I hereby consent to my child's participation in the Sanford PROMISE Program and agree to release and waive Sanford and/or The Washington Pavilion, all its affiliates and all of its respective officers, directors, employees, or agents, and all other entities supporting or operating the above-stated activities, from any and all liability, including but not limited to, personal injury and property damage, that may arise directly or indirectly in connection with my child's participation. I further agree to assume any and all risks directly or indirectly connected with my child's participation in the aforementioned activities.

By signing the program application, I likewise hereby grant Sanford and/or The Washington Pavilion permission to use my child's likeness in photograph(s) in any and all of its publications and in any and all other media, whether now known or hereafter existing, related to the Sanford PROMISE Program.

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