CONSENT FORM

This form is to request your permission for your child to participate as a subject in the research project Watershed Explorations with Immersive Virtual Reality Games conducted by Dr. Alec Bodzin at Lehigh University.

The purpose of the study is to investigate how your experience with a virtual reality (VR) field trip and may be related to user engagement and to understand your perceptions of learning with a VR field trip. Participants must be a within the USA at the time they take part in the study.

When you complete The Lehigh Gap Story, we will ask you to complete a brief survey about your experience. The survey items focus on engagement and your perceptions of learning with the virtual field trip.

Your participation in the study will involve 20-25 minutes to complete the virtual field trip and survey items.

The possible risks associated with this study are any typical discomfort one might feel when they play a video game on a computer screen.

The possible benefits to your child’s participation in this study are increasing their knowledge about the environmental and historical significance of specific areas in the Lehigh River watershed.

No information that can identify your child personally, such as their name, will be collected. Other researchers could request the non-identifiable data after our study concludes.

Your decision whether or not to participate is voluntary. You are free to withdraw your child from this study at any time. Your child may skip any question that they are not comfortable answering.

If you have any questions about this study and what is expected of you in this study, you may call Dr. Alec Bodzin at 610 758-5095.

You may report problems that may result from your participation or direct questions in regard to your rights as a subject in this study to Lehigh University’s Office of Research Integrity at (610) 758-2871 or inirb@lehigh.edu. All reports or correspondence will be kept confidential.

To confirm that you have read and understand the information above, and to consent for your child to participate in the study, please click the link on the Web site to play the game.