

# **Sam Houston State University**

## **ASSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH**

### ***Building an Engaging Place-Based Geography Learning Community in Metro Houston***

1. My name is Velvet Nelson from the Department of Environmental and Geosciences at Sam Houston State University.
2. We are asking you to take part in a research study, because we are trying to learn more about how students and teachers can become more involved and engaged in geography opportunities
3. If you agree to participate in this study, you will help us learn more about how geography concepts are taught in schools and how place-based learning may influence students' perceptions about the subject and related jobs.
4. As responses are confidential, the risks by participating are minimal but could result in your teacher or school district learning more about your opinions on your school experiences.
5. Your participation may allow for more future geography opportunities for you and other students.
6. Any information you include will be kept confidential to the best of our ability and will only be shared with scientists participating on this project.
7. Please talk this over with your parents before you decide whether or not to participate. We will also ask your parents to consent to your participation in this study. You should not participate unless you have the consent of your parents.
8. If you do not want to be in this study, you do not have to participate. Remember, being in this study is up to you, and no one will be upset if you do not want to participate or if you change your mind later and want to stop.
9. If you or your parents have questions about your rights as a research participant, you may call the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs—Sharla Miles at 936-294-4875 or email her at [sharla\\_miles@shsu.edu](mailto:sharla_miles@shsu.edu).
10. If you have questions about this geography research project, you may contact me at: [velson@shsu.edu](mailto:velson@shsu.edu) or 936-294-4065.