

# PARENTAL OPT-OUT FORM (OPTIONAL)

SIGN ONLY IF YOU WISH TO OPT-OUT OF THE SURVEY DESCRIBED BELOW. IF YOU DO NOT RETURN THIS FORM BY \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ ASSUMES THAT YOU HAVE GRANTED PERMISSION FOR YOUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE.

Member's Name: _____	Age: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> <b><u>DO NOT</u></b> give permission for my child to participate in the BGCA National Youth Outcomes Initiative Survey.	
Parent/Guardian Signature: _____	
Phone Number: _____	Date: _____

Our Club is taking part in an annual Survey that will be used to track the wellbeing of members in Boys & Girls Clubs nationally. Our Club is one of a group of Clubs across the country participating in this survey that asks how members feel about the activities and time they spend at the Club, education plans, and involvement in community service and work.

Additionally, the survey asks about the attitudes and health behaviors of Club members, including questions about nutrition and physical activity. Teen members aged 13 and older are asked additional questions around alcohol, tobacco and other drug use, fighting, arrests, and sexual activity. However, members are not required to respond to any question that makes them uncomfortable to participate in the survey.

Members will be asked to fill out one survey in the spring of 2024 during regular Club hours, or online at their convenience if participating as a virtual member. The survey takes 20 - 40 minutes to complete, and will be administered either online or via paper & pencil scannable booklets. Participation in this survey poses very minimal risk to your child. There is the potential that some teen members might find certain questions to be sensitive. Additionally, while there is a minimal and unlikely risk of violation of privacy and confidentiality, the survey has been designed to protect your child's privacy and confidentiality. Members will not put their names on the survey, and no member will ever be mentioned by name in a report of the results. All information from the survey is being used to assess the wellbeing of Boys & Girls Clubs members and will be kept completely confidential. To support this in relation to teen risk behavior questions, a Certificate of Confidentiality (CoC) issued by the NIH covers this research. A CoC helps protect your child's identifiable information. A CoC protects your child's private information from all legal proceedings. Unless you give permission, information from this research study that identifies your child will not be shared outside this research. That means that: 1) no one can be forced to share your child's identifiable information for a lawsuit, and 2) your child's information can't be used as evidence even if there is a court subpoena. Your child can still discuss their involvement in this research or share information about themselves. Information that is shared outside of the survey is not protected by the CoC.

Only select staff at the Boys & Girls Clubs of America national organization and the 3C Institute that is conducting the survey will have access to the data. However, this group does not know your child's name since this is not used in the survey. Others will see only reports of the information combined for groups of youth in the study or all youth at a Club. No reports will be shared that show your child's individual answers on the survey.

Your child will get no benefit right away from taking part in the survey. The results of this survey will help your child and other members of Boys & Girls Clubs in the future by assisting all national Boys & Girls Clubs to develop programming that best meets members' needs. We would like all members at our Club to take part in the survey, but the survey is voluntary. No action will be taken against the Club, you, or your child if he/she does not take part. Additionally, survey participants can skip any questions they do not wish to answer and may stop participating in the survey at any point without penalty. If you would like to see the survey, a copy is available \_\_\_\_\_. You may review the survey at the Club during regular Club hours between \_\_\_\_\_.

Please return this form only if you do NOT want your child to take part in the survey. If you do not want your child to participate check the box above, fill in the above information, sign this form, and return it to the Club by \_\_\_\_\_. If you do not return this form \_\_\_\_\_ assumes that you have granted permission for your child to participate.

If you have any questions about the survey, please call \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_. For questions or concerns about your child's rights as a research participant contact 3C Institute's Institutional Review Board at IRB\_Chair@3cisd.com. For questions regarding the NYOI metrics, validity, and sampling, please contact [measurement@BGCA.org](mailto:measurement@BGCA.org).