



MEDIA PRODUCTIONS, LEARNING GAMES LAB

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Dear Game Players and Parents:

Our Learning Games Lab is offering summer *Think Tank* sessions in which youth consultants will have the opportunity to play and evaluate computer and video games. They will also help game designers test new games being developed at NMSU, and learn about careers related to game development.

We're offering 5 different sessions. Game players entering 6th, 7th and 8th grades will be eligible for Sessions 1 to 4. Game players entering 4th or 5th grade may participate in Session 5. All sessions include snacks and drinks. Apply for any of the applicable sessions as soon as possible. **Application does not guarantee admission, but forms should be turned in as soon as possible. Selected consultants will be notified by May 16, and will be asked to sign a consent form and pay \$40.**

| Summer 2008 Games Lab Session and dates | Time |
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| Session 1: Monday, June 2 – Friday, June 6 & Monday, June 9 – Friday, June 13 | 8:30am-12:00pm |
| Session 2: Monday, June 16 – Friday, June 20 & Monday, June 23 – Friday, June 27 | 8:30am-12:00pm |
| Session 3: Monday, July 7 – Friday July 11 and Monday, July 14 – Friday, July 18 | 8:30am-12:00pm |
| Session 4: Monday, July 21 – Friday, July 25 and Monday, July 28 – Friday, August 1 | 8:30am-12:00pm |
| Session 5: (4th and 5th Graders ONLY) Monday, July 28 – Friday, August 1 Monday, August 4– Friday, August 8 | 1:00 pm-5:00pm |

If you would like to participate, please review the attached *Learning Games Think Tank Application Form* with your parents, and complete **ALL** sections. If selected, we expect you to attend each day during your session.

If selected, signed consent forms and payment is due on the first day of the session. **DO NOT mail/turn in any payments BEFORE you have been notified of selection. Early payments DO NOT guarantee admission into any of the sessions as selection is based on our research needs and on the potential of the applicants to contribute. We will NOT be liable for any payments turned in before notification.**

Sincerely,

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Learning Games Lab Think Tank Application Form

(To be completed by the Student)

Learning Games Lab Consultants work with game developers to review games and create new ones. Though consultants aren't *creating* the games, their recommendations on characters, game play and stories help developers make games. Consultants will play games, write about their experiences, create videos, and make presentations on game design recommendations to developers. Consultants should be good at communicating with others, and do not have to be active game players. Consultants will be selected based on their application, and on the needs of researchers, ensuring a balance of ages and genders in each session. Selected applicants will be notified by May 1.

Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Gender: Male Female Parent's/Guardian's Name: _____

Home Phone Number: _____ Parent's/Guardian's Daytime Number: _____

Email address (for consultant or parent, if this is a good way to contact you...) _____

1. Describe your favorite game. What do you like about it? Why is it better than others?

2. Why do you want to participate in the Learning Games Think Tank? What do you think you have to offer?

Review these dates with your parents, then check all sessions you are *able* to attend. If you are selected, it will only be for *one session*. If you are selected, you will be asked to sign a consent form, and pay a \$40 fee.

| Summer 2008 Games Lab Sessions Check the sessions you can attend, if selected | | |
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By signing this form, I agree to participate *every day* during the session I am selected for.

 Student Signature

 Date

 Parent/Guardian Signature

 Date

Return applications to Rachel Gallagher in **Gerald Thomas Hall, Room 286** or mail to:

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If selected, both student and parent will be asked to sign the Learning Games Lab consent form, and pay a \$40 fee to help with lab expenses