

Thursday, March 3, 2011

Dear Potential Learning Games Lab Consultants:

We are offering summer *Think Tank* sessions where you may have the opportunity to play and evaluate computer and video games. Selected consultants will play and design games, develop their writing, interpersonal and computer skills. They will work with game developers to explore careers in game development, and investigate ways games can be used in education and to increase physical activity.

We're offering four different sessions for students **entering middle school (grades 6-8)**. Only youth entering grades 6-8 in the fall 2011 are eligible to apply. 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 as soon as possible. Each two-week session starts at 8:30 each morning and includes a snack. Participants will be done at noon. Selected participants will be asked to pay \$40 each. If you have questions about this fee, please contact Michelle Garza at [migarza@nmsu.edu](mailto:migarza@nmsu.edu) or at 646-3646.

Summer 2011 Games Lab Sessions	
<b>Session 1: Middle School Students ONLY</b> Tuesday, May 31 – Friday, June 3 & Monday, June 6 – Friday, June 10	8:30am-12:00pm
<b>Session 2: Adults ONLY</b> Monday, June 13 – Friday, June 17	8:30am-1:00pm
<b>Session 3: Middle School Students ONLY</b> Monday, June 20 – Friday, June 24 & Monday, June 27 – Friday, July 1	8:30am-12:00pm
<b>Session 4: Middle School Students ONLY</b> Tuesday, July 5 – Friday, July 8 & Monday, July 11 – Friday, July 15	8:30am-12:00pm
<b>Session 5: Middle School Students ONLY</b> Monday, July 18 – Friday, July 22 & Monday, July 25 – Friday, July 29	8:30am-12:00pm

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If you would like to participate, please review the attached *Learning Games Think Tank Application Form* (with parents), and complete **ALL** sections. If selected, we expect you to attend each day during your session. Payment is due on the first day of the session. **DO NOT mail/turn in any payments BEFORE you have been notified of selection. We cannot accept early payments.** Selection is based in part on our research needs and on the potential of the applicants to contribute.

Sincerely,

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# Learning Games Lab Think Tank Application Form

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Learning Games Lab Consultants work with game developers to review games and create new ones. 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 the beginning of May.

<b>Summer 2011 Games Lab Sessions</b> Check the sessions you can attend, if selected		
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Entering Fall 2011: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender:  Male  Female Parent's/Guardian's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's/Guardian's Daytime Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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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.

By signing this form, I agree to participate every day during the session I am selected for.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student/Consultant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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Return applications to **Michelle Garza** in **Gerald Thomas Hall, Room 286**, email PDFs of **signed** forms to **migarza@nmsu.edu** OR mail to:

**Michelle Garza**  
**NMSU Media Productions**  
**Learning Games Lab**  
**PO Box 30003, MSC 3AI**  
**Las Cruces, New Mexico 88003-8003**

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.



## Allergy/Physical Activity Information

*(To Be Completed by Parent/Guardian)*

Consultant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any **food allergies**? If so, please describe...

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The Learning Games Lab has several games and activities **that require physical activity** such as dancing, jumping, waving arms and increasing aerobic activity. **Do you have any physical or balance-related issues that you think we should know about? Please explain.**

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Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Model Release for On-Camera Appearance

**Participant's name** (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

### Agreement:

I hereby give New Mexico State University irrevocable rights and permission to use, publish, and retain copyright to any and all images, photographs, video, audio, and other likenesses of me, as named above, for all media and all forms. I may withdraw this permission at any time and, if I choose to withdraw this permission, no images, photographs, video, audio, and other likenesses of me will be used from the date of withdrawal.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Participant)

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent/Guardian)

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Name of Production: \_\_\_\_\_

