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Dear Research Participants,

I am a graduate student at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale Illinois studying Outdoor Recreation. I have created a survey that will collect data from surrounding community members relating to the benefits of outdoor recreation in a community setting. The study involves research and the purpose of the research is to find out the benefits of outdoor recreation relating to Lake Metroparks Outdoor Skills Center. The purpose of the study is to see the overall outcomes of past outdoor recreation programming relating to spiritual, psychological, emotional, and physical benefits. The survey will determine what types of programs will be beneficial and implemented at The Outdoor Skills Center under the supervision of Lake Metroparks.

Each participant taking part in the survey will set aside 20-30 minutes to take part in the survey. Each member of the community that is willing to participate will go on to lakemetroparks.com and click the link that is posted on the homepage of the website. The survey will introduction will introduce what is involved with the Outdoor Skills Survey and what to expect with the results from the survey. The survey consists of 38 questions relating to how often Lake Metroparks facilities are visited and what the benefits of a new outdoor recreational facility would be to the community affiliated with Lake Metroparks. The subject selection is completely random and the study results will consist of those individuals who visit The Lake Metroparks' Website. The subjects must be over 18 years old and are interested members of the Lake Metroparks community.

The survey is completely voluntary and the results will remain confidential. Completion and return of this survey indicates voluntary consent to participate in this particular study. The study will not acquire name or personal information relating to or describing particular individuals taking part in the study. As the researcher I will certify that all results of the study relating to individual backgrounds will remain completely confidential. If questions arise before, during, or after the completion of the survey feel free to contact the research, Mr. Ryan Noble (student) at 440-488-9652 or email Noblerj5@yahoo.com. Feel free to contact the committee chair Dr. Whitney Ward (Professor) at 618-453-1868 or email wward@siu.edu.

This project has been reviewed and approved by the SIUC Human Subjects Committee. Questions concerning your rights as a participant in this research may be addressed to the Committee Chairperson, Office of Research Development and Administration, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL 62901-4709. Phone (618) 453-4533. Email siuhsc@siu.edu