YOUTH ASSENT FORM (Ages 13-17)

We are conducting a research project to improve opportunities for American Indian students in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), and we are asking you to participate in this research. You will be asked to complete surveys about your interests and experiences in the program. If you don't want to participate, return this form unsigned. Please talk to your parents. If you choose to participate, your parents must sign a permission letter of their own. If at any time during the data collection process you decide not to participate just let me know. Please ask any questions you have now, before deciding whether or not to be a part of the research.

Information for long-term evaluation of the program

To find out whether our program is effective, we would like to find out whether participants enroll in college and get STEM degrees. To be able to track down that information in the future, we would only need your birth date. If you are willing to allow us access to that information, please write down your birth date:

birth date (mm/dd/yyyy)_____

Permission to use photographs.

We may be taking photographs. Please indicate if photographs of you or reproductions of your likeness may be used in program materials, including a Sunday Academy website (without names).

☐ Yes ☐ No

Voluntary Participation and Withdrawal from the Study

Your participation is voluntary and you can quit any time. Your decision whether or not to participate will not affect your participation in future Sunday Academy Programs or Summer Camps, or any other benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. You are free to discontinue your participation at any time. Your parent(s) or legal guardian(s) will receive a copy of this form to keep.

If you or your parent(s) or guardian(s) have questions later, you may contact Dr. Scott Hanson, the ND EPSCoR Tribal Colleges & Universities Liaison and NATURE Manager, at (701) 231-8606 or scott.martin.hanson@ndsu.edu. If you have questions about the rights of human research participants, or wish to report a research-related problem or inquiry, contact the NDSU IRB Office at (701) 231-8995, toll free at 1-855-800-6717 or ndsu.irb@ndsu.edu.

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Youth's printed name (last, middle, first) Signature Date

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Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s)

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Researcher Obtaining Assent Signature Date