**BROWN UNIVERSITY**

**CHILD ASSENT FOR RESEARCH**

Research Study Title: The Effects of the Moon’s Phases on Young Waterbenders’ Abilities

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This paper talks about a study researchers are doing at Brown University. This paper describes what will happen in the study so you can decide if you want to be in it. You can ask the researchers any questions you want about the study before making your decision about whether or not you want to participate.

**What is this research study about?**

With this study, researchers hope to learn more about how the Full Moon might strengthen a waterbender’s abilities. Researchers also hope to learn how the New Moon might weaken a waterbender’s abilities.

**Why are you asking me to be in this study?**

You are being asked to be in this study because you are between the ages of 13 and 17, and are a waterbender.

**What will happen if I join this research study?**

If you decide to be in the study and your parents give their permission, you will:

* Be given a time slot between 10:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. on the night of a Full Moon and New Moon for 3 months. This will be a total of 6 nights.
* Perform the same bending shown in a waterbending scroll each night. This will be one waterbending sequence that will last 1 minute.
* Your waterbending will be video-recorded so that researchers can look at and understand your waterbending during the Full Moon and New Moon.
* Talk to a researcher after you waterbend each night about how you feel. This will take 10 minutes.
* You will be audio-recorded while talking with a researcher. The recording is needed so that researchers can listen to it and compare it with your other interviews over the 3 months.
* In total, you will participate in this study on 6 separate nights. This will be 2 nights each month for the next 3 months. Each activity should last no more than 15 minutes.

**What are the risks of being in this study?**

Sometimes there are risks of participating in research studies. The main risks for this study include:

* You might feel very tired after waterbending
* It may be harder to waterbend on the night of the New Moon

Researchers will do their best to make sure you are comfortable during the study. They will not share what you say or do with anyone that is not part of the study team. When they are finished doing this study, they will write a report about what they learned. The report will not list your name. No one will know you were in the study unless you tell them.

**Could this research help me?**

This research may not help you. Researchers hope that the things they learn from this research study might someday help other kids who waterbend.

**Will I be paid to be in this study?**

If you are in the study, you will be paid 2 silver pieces for every night you participate in the study. In total you can earn 12 silver pieces. You will receive payment after each study visit.

**Do I have to be in this research study?**

You don’t have to be in this study if you don’t want to be. It is okay to say you want to be in the study now, but change your mind later. If you want to stop, you can just tell someone on the study team. You won’t get in trouble if you say no or want to stop being in the study.

**What do I do if I have a question?**

You can ask questions at any time. The researchers want you to understand what you will be doing as part of this study and they want to answer all of your questions. If you think of a question later, you or your parents can contact the research study team and they can answer your questions then.

**Who can I call with my questions?**

If you have any questions about this research study, you can call Master Pakku at 401-863-XXXX or email XXX@brown.edu.

If you have questions about your rights as a research participant, you can contact Brown University’s Human Research Protection Program at 401-863-3050 or email them at [IRB@brown.edu](mailto:IRB@brown.edu).

**How do I join the study?**

1. Can you tell me what this study is about?
2. What is something that you will be asked to do in the study?
3. Can you tell me one of the risks of the study?
4. Will this study help you?
5. Will the researchers ever tell someone you were in this study?
6. Do you have to be in this study?

By signing below, you agree to volunteer to be in this research study. You have read this form and understand what you will be asked to do as part of the study. If there is anything you don’t understand, you can ask questions at any time. Even after signing your name below, you can change your mind at any time and stop being in the study.

You will be given a copy of this form.

Printed Name of Participant Signature of Participant

Printed Name of Researcher Signature of Researcher

Date and Time