



Dear Parent,

As part of a classroom activity, your child will be participating in the NASA OPTIMUS PRIME Spinoff and Research Challenge (OPSPARC). The challenge requires students to research and discover NASA Spinoff technologies used in everyday life. They will use the Engineering Design Process (EDP) to create their own innovations, and share their discoveries and creative thinking through a Glogster Multimedia Design poster (Glog).

Please help your student register for the Challenge, if they haven't already, so that they may begin work as soon as possible. Go to the www.nasaopsparc.com website and click the "SIGN UP NOW" button. If you help sign your child up, make sure he/she knows their username and password. If your child signs-up on their own, they will need to provide your email to get the proper level of parental consent. All students must have parent permission. **See attached information for more details.**

Your child will then use their username and password to login at Glogster's NASA OPSPARC contest page and select the OPSPARC Glog template suited to their grade level to start their creations. If your child is working in a team, he/she still needs to register and have your consent even if they are not the Team Captain.

Be the spark and help ignite your child's creativity!

Thank you in advance,

Teacher signature

For more information about the OPSPARC, please visit the Teachers & Parents page on www.nasaopsparc.com



Why is Parent Permission Required?

When it comes to the collection of personal information from children, the Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) puts parents in control and requires their “verifiable parental consent” in order to allow their child under 13 or in some cases due to other laws, even a minor (under 18) to engage in online activities where they might share any personally identifiable information (PII). PII might be necessary to engage in the NASA OPSPARC activities such as creating and uploading different media elements to their Glog, receiving potential communication and alerts. There are different methods available to assure verifiable parental consent online, which you will see offered in the registration process. This process helps verify that the permission given is from an adult, not the child signing up.

How Do I Provide “Verifiable Parental Consent”?

OPSPARC requires students to provide a parent/guardian’s email address in order to notify the parent/guardian that they registered for NASA’s OPSPARC and obtain verifiable parental consent, which requires verifying your status as an adult in order to give the proper level of permission.

NASA OPSPARC’s registration process offers online and offline methods of adult verification. Online methods may include an adult providing a credit card number, partial social security number, driver’s license number or employer ID. We utilize third-party sources to verify this information and do not store any of this information or use it for any other purpose but for verifying your identity to establish a verified adult attribute for account creation. Offline verification methods may include phoning the customer service number, conducting an interview via VOIP, in person verification, filling out and signing a permission form, then faxing, mailing or scanning it in and emailing it back.

MORE QUESTIONS?

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