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Visitors to our Web site under age 13 are for the most part free to access the various features our site offers without disclosing any personal information. From time to time, however, we offer interactive programs and activities that may require children to disclose personal information in order to participate. We may also request personal information for demographic interests and research to help us provide for our parents and children. Children will not be required to disclose any more personal information than is reasonably necessary to participate in a program or activity. The information required may include the child's Name, email address, age, mailing address, along with other personal data.

Before children under age 13 will be permitted to disclose personal information to participate in any programs or activities, we require consent from a parent or legal guardian. In order to do this, we will ask the child to provide his or her first and last name and email address, as well as the email address of a parent or legal guardian. With this information, we will email the parent or legal guardian and request consent for the collection and use of the child's personal information. Parents or legal guardians may give their consent by completing an attached consent form and returning it by mail or facsimile. Parents or legal guardians may also choose to give consent simply by emailing us directly. If parents or legal guardians choose this option, we will verify

their emailed consent by follow up letter, telephone call, or email. Once consent is given, the child will be permitted to participate.

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