



Dear Parent/Guardian,

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 an Engineering Design Process to create their own innovations, and share their discoveries and creative thinking by using Adobe Spark for Education to create a multimedia design poster.

Please help your child register for the Challenge, if they haven't already, so that they may begin work as soon as possible. Go to the <https://opsparc.gsfc.nasa.gov> website and click the "Register or Sign in with PRIVO" button located on the mission pages. 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 Adobe Spark. 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 <https://opsparc.gsfc.nasa.gov>



Why do you need Parent Permission?

The US Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA) requires that operators of websites, apps and other online services must first obtain a parent’s VERIFIABLE permission before they are allowed to collect from a child 12 or under any personal identifiable information (PII). The EU’s General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) has set the age of consent at 16, meaning users 15 years and younger need parent consent where applicable.

PII might be necessary to engage in the OPSPARC activities such as creating their submission in Adobe Spark and opting in to receive NASA OPSPARC communications and alerts. In addition, there are other student and privacy laws requiring minors under 18 in general to obtain parent/guardian permission when collecting and sharing PII.

How do I provide “Verifiable Parental Consent”?

For kids registering, OPSPARC requires users to provide a parent/guardian’s email address in order to notify the parent that his/her child has registered with a request to provide consent and verify 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?

Visit: <https://opsparc.gsfc.nasa.gov/faqs/>

or

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