

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Your son or daughter is participating in B.L.A.D.E. (*Beginners Learning Alternative Designs for Energy*), which is an after-school club at Taylor High School / Legacy where students apply science and engineering to design and build alternative energy projects.

This year, we are working on an exciting project to install a solar-powered lighting system in the Taylor city park. The students will be installing the system themselves at the picnic pavilion in Bull Branch Park. This community service project is being undertaken to illustrate the practical benefits of small scale solar.

As part of the project, students will be working with tools, lifting materials, and briefly climbing a ladder. Safety is of course our number one concern. At all times during work, your child will be supervised by one or more experienced mentors and your child will be instructed in the safe use of all tools and equipment.

We wanted to bring this exciting project to your attention and ask that you formally grant permission for your son or daughter to participate.

Also, a fair amount of publicity is expected surrounding this project, as it will probably attract interest of local news such as the Taylor Daily Press.

Sincerely,

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I, _____ (parent / guardian full name), authorize my child, _____ (child full name) to participate in the BLADE club activities. I release Taylor ISD, City of Taylor, and THS-BLADE club and their staff / mentors from liability. I further grant Taylor ISD, the City of Taylor, and THS-BLADE permission to photograph / interview my child for use in news releases and promotional materials.

_____ (Sign) _____ (Date).

_____ (Telephone #).