

2006 State Leadership Conference – Evaluation Results

Total Surveys Returned: 350

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1. What is your involvement in 4-H?

- 5. 4-H Member (81%)
- 4. 4-H Volunteer Leader (17%)
- 3. 4-H Staff (2%)

2. What is your ethnicity?

- 5. White (89%)
- 4. Black (1%)
- 3. American Indian (1%)
- 2. Hispanic (4%)
- 1. Asian/Pacific Islander (4%)

3. How many State Leadership Conferences have you attended?

- 5. Five or more (7%)
- 4. Four conferences (4%)
- 3. Three conferences (10%)
- 2. Two conferences (23%)
- 1. Just this year (57%)

4. I am satisfied with the 2005 4-H State Leadership Conference.

Average: 4.2

- 5. Strongly Agree (42%), 4. Agree (41%), 3. Neutral (14%), 2. Disagree (3%), 1. Strongly Disagree (0%)

5. I want to attend the State Leadership Conference again.

Average: 4.3

- 5. Strongly Agree (53%), 4. Agree (31%), 3. Neutral (12%), 2. Disagree (2%), 1. Strongly Disagree (1%)

6. I will recommend the State Leadership Conference to other 4-H members in my area.

Average: 4.5

- 5. Strongly Agree (62%), 4. Agree (25%), 3. Neutral (10%), 2. Disagree (2%), 1. Strongly Disagree (1%)

7. I was treated with respect by the adult chaperones.

Average: 4.4

- 5. Strongly Agree (57%), 4. Agree (30%), 3. Neutral (10%), 2. Disagree (3%), 1. Strongly Disagree (1%)

8. I was treated with respect by the youth delegates.

Average: 4.4

- 5. Strongly Agree (51%), 4. Agree (36%), 3. Neutral (10%), 2. Disagree (2%), 1. Strongly Disagree (1%)

9. I was treated with respect by the conference staff.

Average: 4.4

- 5. Strongly Agree (59%), 4. Agree (29%), 3. Neutral (8%), 2. Disagree (2%), 1. Strongly Disagree (1%)

10. I plan to use my new skills and knowledge in my club and county.

Average: 4.4

- 5. Strongly Agree (54%), 4. Agree (32%), 3. Neutral (11%), 2. Disagree (1%), 1. Strongly Disagree (1%)

11. I met at least three 4-H members outside my county with whom I will keep in contact.

Average: 3.8

- 5. Strongly Agree (41%), 4. Agree (23%), 3. Neutral (23%), 2. Disagree (8%), 1. Strongly Disagree (6%)

- 12. I gained information that I will be able to use to develop my personal leadership skills.**
Average: 4.3
5. Strongly Agree (47%), 4. Agree (39%), 3. Neutral (10%), 2. Disagree (3%), 1. Strongly Disagree (1%)
- 13. I have new resources, materials, and/or skills to aid in my personal growth.**
Average: 4.2
5. Strongly Agree (42%), 4. Agree (39%), 3. Neutral (16%), 2. Disagree (2%), 1. Strongly Disagree (1%)
- 14. I am satisfied with the Sunday morning activities.**
Average: 3.5
5. Strongly Agree (28%), 4. Agree (26%), 3. Neutral (24%), 2. Disagree (13%), 1. Strongly Disagree (9%)
- 15. I am satisfied with the UC San Diego campus.**
Average: 3.9
5. Strongly Agree (38%), 4. Agree (32%), 3. Neutral (19%), 2. Disagree (8%), 1. Strongly Disagree (3%)
- 16. When should future State Leadership Conferences take place?**
5. Early July (9%)
4. Mid-July (8%)
3. Late July (16%)
2. Early August (44%)
1. Mid-August (24%)
- 17. How long should future State Leadership Conferences last?**
5. Five days long (37%)
4. Four days long (36%)
3. Three days long (20%)
2. Just a weekend (6%)
1. One day (1%)
- 18. What is the most valuable aspect of the State Leadership Conference?**
5. Education (27%)
4. Keynote Speakers (14%)
3. Recreation (14%)
2. Networking/Friends (34%)
1. Learning about Statewide 4-H (11%)
- 19. What was the most important reason for you to attend the State Leadership Conference?**
5. Learning Experience (47%)
4. Friends (17%)
3. Fun (20%)
2. Had to Go/Role Obligation (12%)
1. Getting Away (5%)
- 20. What prevents more people from your county from attending the State Leadership Conference?**
5. Other activities (fair, camp, etc.) (21%)
4. Too Expensive (32%)
3. Distance/Travel (15%)
2. Lack of Awareness (24%)
1. Other (8%)
- 21. My county had a pre-conference orientation.**
5. Yes (70%) 4. No (19%) 3. I'm not sure. (9%)

Written Comments

- Too much walking; poor organization; lame activities; need work on classes
- This year's SLC was a very enjoyable time. The sessions were okay. The Advanced Web Design was horrible. Other than that this was great. Like the speeches; the distance was a little long; we drove seven hours; next year will be better; UC Davis rocks; great food.
- It was a good camp but needs more things to do; more organized during dance; also classes need to be closer because half the time you walking back and forth; more slow dances and better food
- Very fun; food was bad; rooms were nice; good conference
- Great conference; good food; nice speakers and chaperones; great job Ambassadors; can't wait for next year
- I would have the evening events either start earlier or be .5 hour – 1 hour shorter. No one was getting enough sleep (including me!) and many of us have long drives ahead of us. The security on the Friday night recreation was insufficient – GPS kids should have had chaperones – I recommend using facilities which have a better defined perimeter for better supervision. Everyone one was super friendly to us (we had a delegation of 1 youth and 1 adult) and we really appreciated being included by the larger delegation. Minor point – but protocol dictates that the flag of one country is not displayed above the flag of another country – as was the case with the Canadian flag (flown below US flag) during the Saturday assembly. Thank you so much for your hard work.
- Some sessions were really bad, such as they were pointless, like “30 seconds”
- First day tracks were too long. If you had something you didn't want it made for a long day. Don't change schedule so much. Too long of a walk between scheduled classes. Hopefully this will be closer together next year. All Stars should have one night or afternoon for them. Made for too late of nights. Floor meetings impossible. Information has been hard to receive and distribute. Some of the volunteer staff was very unprofessional.
- I found track names very misleading. Healthy food choices would be great. I found morning assemblies boring and too long. Curfew was too late. Tracks and such were too far from dorms, I was late a lot. I met no one outside the county because we were in separate dorms. I could hear cafeteria music, nice chairs. Dance shouldn't have been formal. Movies were bad. Hypnotist should have done more appropriate things. Lots of people till cussed. Not enough water was available. Alarm clocks would help. Separate lunches/dinners stunk. Floor meetings were too late. Recreation was great.
- The Ambassador speeches were amazing, but should have been spread-out. Dance was beautiful, but Friday night was lame. CC members were quite helpful. Conference staff was unfriendly and cliquy.
- This was the best conference I've been to. All in all, I have no negative comments about this conference. Most of the delegates were respectful to everyone. Also the track and workshops I attended were awesome. Additionally, the activities were fun (especially the soccer game). Thank you all of the Ambassadors, Collegiate 4-Hers, Computer Corps, and everyone else who made this conference possible and so much fun. I really appreciate the time and effort you contributed to making this a successful conference. The guest speakers were awesome.
- Many of us leaders missed having a leaders breakfast or lunch. The after-hours events for All Stars was an interesting experiment with some positive aspects, however, I heard some of the All Star chaperones express real concern about driving home safely in light of the additional sleep deprivation. A longer time between lunch and the start of workshop B would have helped delegates arrive on time. It's harder to be on time when coming from lunch than from an assembly. Great job.
- The dance needs to go to 11:00pm and lights out should be at 12:00 to give kids time to take a shower.
- Please separate the boy's dorms from the girls (across the quad). Chaperones should have access to all floors because of problems at night on other floors. More water available during the day. I liked the dance outside! At UC Davis this could be done also.
- It was really nice being in San Diego and the campus and dorms were really nice. Some of the sessions and tracks were really boring, but I'll just get my apps in earlier next year. I loved the speech by Dan Holdridge. Overall, the conference went really well and the location was awesome and I'll definitely come back next year.
- Need more sleep.

- Had lots of fun for the first time!
- Not bad...but I could have used a little more sleep.
- Missed hearing the spirit points at each morning assembly – encourages delegates to work towards getting more points. Saw some deviation of clothing rules. Speaker on Saturday the best. Community service activity Sunday morning great idea.
- Get better speakers.
- The conference was wonderful experience. There are just a couple of things I want to mention. The distance between the dorms and activities was really too far. The All Stars should have maybe just one special night instead of every night. They were absolutely exhausted and could have enjoyed it more with more rest. I am very impressed with the quality of the conference. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication.
- What prevents other from attending: bad experiences, rumors. The conference should be a 3-4 day event, it should include a syllabus for the classes. There should be more structured organized activities that keeps kids moving with no loitering or dead time in activity. All Star events another try at special events for them that aren't at different bed times. Too awkward closer classes that are learning experienced with an outline. Nat 4-H Conference should have been shared with all the delegations. Assembly could be done in evenings with keynotes with a wind-down activity before lunch or dinner. Speakers very good.
- I did not like the hypnotist. He used offensive language and the activity is offensive to my religion. Some of the tracks seemed pointless...”fun” not leadership skills. The campus was beautiful; food was good. The people on the floor above us made so much noise! No paper towels or antibacterial soap in the bathroom.
- Too much walking but otherwise it was super sweet.
- All star sessions were great but were scheduled too late. 3 nights until midnight is too much. A night and a day session might be better. I would like more of an introduction (bio of Ambassadors) in the first session. Food was great. Dorms and meetings rooms were great. The dance outside was great and the kids really seemed to enjoy preparing for the formal. Having the dance a formal occasion made it more special. The dress exchange was a good idea.
- Include workshop room location map in red book. Many younger members had difficulty finding locations.
- Dorms too far from activity locations. I was separated from my county delegates and other chaperone in dorm. Too much walking, this could have added more workshops to conference. Seem unorganized this year – activities on Saturday night – too hot in gym – location for soccer game far away. Throwing items unnecessary, delegates could get hurt. Davis is best location so far.
- The All Star after hours was great but I think it would be better as an All Star track session or one night After Hours. Each night was harder and both the members and chaperones were tired. It was difficult to be up late and still be in charge of more energetic, well rested youth. The All Stars that were up late were a bit moodier as they got more tired.
- Conference was great. Rules should be enforced a little better. A clearer understanding of the consequences would be helpful for us to keep the kids focused. Example counties walking to and from recreation and assembly chaperones no where to be found. What should be done if chaperones are breaching rules? Or allowing rules to be broke?
- Dress code – it either needs to be enforced for everyone or just don't have one.
- It was kind of hard to meet new people. Like may be have more ice breakers to meet new people? Thank you so much for a great time.
- I would recommend keeping the late night activities but giving the kids an extra hour for sleep in the morning (8am breakfast instead of 7am). Teens are night owls! But we need them awake at sessions.
- Wow, this was rather disappointing. I did not get enough sleep. We need 9 hours of sleep. We're teenagers. Too much walking. Choose better locations. Too many ridiculous rules. I feel the adults overpowered this conference with their rules and disrespected the youth of today by not placing any trust or confidence in us. The assemblies were terrible. Slow, way too long and unnecessary. Poor speakers that were cliché and off topic. They were also biased and very conservative. I would hope the speakers could at least keep politics out of the “inspirational speakers” Bah humbug! You need some

quality control on the classes. Some were excellent (MOVE and Peace Corps), others were simply ridiculous (gender differences). Pool party should happen. Not lame sports night.

- I am thoroughly disappointed in many different aspects of this conference. But the main reason I am frustrated is the number of rules without any logic behind them and one lack of explanation and clarity of them. It is ridiculous that a group of six girls along with two chaperones cannot return to their dorm one hour early from recreation because they are tired and need to get some sleep because of the lack of respect for a decent night's sleep. That is unacceptable. Also, the guidelines for clothing are ridiculous. Girls should not have to dress more conservatively than they do at their own high school. Assemblies were boring and uneducational. The state ambassadors were rude and did not treat their peers like peers but instead tried to overpower them. The workers were ridiculous and extremely boring. The track I attended (Peace Corps) was the only positive thing I experienced about this conference (except spending time with my friends, which I could have done at home without paying \$300). This conference was geared for 12-15 year olds. No one older should attend.
- I was very worried about the safety of our members when groups were allowed to walk the campus at different times because members decided they would prefer to be at the dorms rather than the rec activities. Farther chaperones would gather their youth and tell them they were tired and this they all had to leave. The Rec committee works very hard and their activities deserve the same respect that the education and assemblies are get. Youth should stay till the end. A track on Friday probably more than I could devote to All Stars.
- There needs to be more communication between chaperones and staff to distribute more information to the delegates (ie dance rules). More water availability for delegates. More educational tracks for leaders, adults, members on How to Reach National Conference, How to Workshops, etc.
- We had 2 eye injuries during pre-assembly times when groups were throwing balls/toys around – please don't allow tossing of items during large assemblies. Evenings ended too late – activities could be ½ hour shorter so kids aren't dragging. The night floor meetings were too cumbersome just have "suite" meetings. Sunday morning activities did not fill any need and weren't leadership oriented – may need to rethink check out time vs. how to constructively fill time on last morning. More kids were "hanging out" than participating. Overall it was obviously well planned and had been a result of countless volunteer hours. I sense the conference needs to establish the difference between "entertaining – keeping teens occupied" versus teaching responsibility, planning, time management, goals, etc. all the true nitty gritty components of leadership. It's a hard concept to get across to such a large group, but I'm confident that 4-Hers who know how to "make the best better" will rise to the occasion. Radical suggestion that might eliminate a lot of problems – a girl SLC and a boy SLC.
- Great conference! Well organized and the Ambassadors were respectful and fun. The sessions were good – the kids enjoyed them – especially the tracks! Sunday's activities were good because there was plenty of time to pack, eat, socialize, etc. Actually – the whole schedule was great! I really liked that there was good down time and not a jam-packed day. Not so overwhelming or tiring beyond the normal. Outside dance – awesome. Hypnotist – awesome. All Star After Hours – awesome idea. Maybe not so long, not so "after hours" but the idea was great. I think that the idea of getting to do something just for them is the important thing – as much as when. And it only contributed to the lack of sleep and late nights. I really liked the ambassador's speeches – it was the first year I felt like I actually knew the Ambassadors but they need to be split up. Too many in a row and the idea of the opening assembly wasn't a hype up as much as usual. I really love the speakers and seem to remember having more. Leader's orientation is hard to bear – stupid questions all over the place – but you can't help that. Also, while the kids are very respectable, some of the adults in charge have issues with power. Maybe they need the orientation. Overall A+
- The scheduling for this conference was very good. I never felt over rushed to get somewhere. Each year there is "technical" difficulties with the computer corps presentations. This needs to be fixed. However, when they do work – they're great. Having the ambassadors do speeches was great. I felt like I actually knew them. I hope you do it next year but not all at once – break it up over the assemblies. Greta keynote speakers. The outside dance was awesome. What a wonderful idea. It allowed for a 1st more involvement than any previous dance. If you can make it work in Davis – please do it again. I really like the track ideas. Thursday night activities were great – very funny. Awesome idea doing the All

Star meeting after curfew; very fun. Adults in charge of dorms are obsessive about their control and duties. As a fellow adult – I have been chosen by my county for a reason and I deserve some respect. I am a young responsible adult volunteer that is easily confused for a youth – however this does not give the dorm supervisors the right to treat me like a youth. They need to calm down and trust my adult decisions and allow me to use my authority to take care of my kids. To fix this: These adults need a lesson on what their responsibilities really are and how to treat others. It's very weird but many adults forgot how to do this. Great conference.

- For an evening activity: Have each county run a booth/table/room representing their 4-H and local history. Issue passports to everyone, everyone must visit all the counties; get their passport stamped by doing an activity at that county. At end of evening have a contest to see which section can fill in the names of the CA counties on a blank map. Each county can have a unique food, a unique stamp for passport, a unique activity, etc. gets the kids involved and busy. A human size CA map (like the huge chess games and humans) might be an ending activity for the CA counties have kids id counties by names? For a day class: baby sitting certificate classes where they learn CPR get a certificate to be a certified baby sitter. Had grave concerns about Kellogg, the hypnotist. I felt he degraded and demeaned the 4-H member and leaders in his show by advocating sexual/sensual inappropriate behavior that are not consistent with our 4-H Code of Conduct. There was a huge disconnect between what he did and the audience delighted in and what our expectations are for 4-H behavior. The girls who had to “strip tease” dance, etc. and his suggestion of being totally nude frontally were inappropriate. Please don't have this entertainment at any 4-H functions in the future. Big thanks to the staff and ambassadors. What a huge amount of work you all did. Great job! I have another idea of a puppet show I saw once that was enjoyable and hilarious. Could be a good group activity.