

# 2007 State Leadership Conference – Evaluation Results

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**1. What is your involvement in 4-H?**

- 5. 4-H Member (78%)
- 4. 4-H Volunteer Leader (19%)
- 3. 4-H Staff (3%)

**2. What is your ethnicity?**

- 5. White (81%)
- 4. Black (3%)
- 3. American Indian (2%)
- 2. Hispanic (10%)
- 1. Asian/Pacific Islander (3%)

**3. How many 4-H State Leadership Conferences have you attended?**

- 5. Five or more (8%)
- 4. Four conferences (6%)
- 3. Three conferences (9%)
- 2. Two conferences (27%)
- 1. Just this year (50%)

**4. I am satisfied with the 2007 4-H State Leadership Conference.**

Average: 3.9      SD: 0.9

- 5. Strongly Agree (25%), 4. Agree (50%), 3. Neutral (18%), 2. Disagree (5%), 1. Strongly Disagree (2%)

**5. I want to attend the 4-H State Leadership Conference again.**

Average: 4.3      SD: 0.8

- 5. Strongly Agree (49%), 4. Agree (33%), 3. Neutral (15%), 2. Disagree (2%), 1. Strongly Disagree (1%)

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

Average: 4.4      SD: 0.8

- 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: 4.2      SD: 1.1

- 5. Strongly Agree (50%), 4. Agree (28%), 3. Neutral (12%), 2. Disagree (6%), 1. Strongly Disagree (4%)

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

Average: 4.0      SD: 1.1

- 5. Strongly Agree (38%), 4. Agree (39%), 3. Neutral (11%), 2. Disagree (6%), 1. Strongly Disagree (5%)

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

Average: 4.0      SD: 1.1

- 5. Strongly Agree (43%), 4. Agree (31%), 3. Neutral (14%), 2. Disagree (8%), 1. Strongly Disagree (3%)

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

Average: 4.3      SD: 0.9

- 5. Strongly Agree (50%), 4. Agree (36%), 3. Neutral (10%), 2. Disagree (2%), 1. Strongly Disagree (3%)

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

Average: 3.9      SD: 1.2

- 5. Strongly Agree (40%), 4. Agree (23%), 3. Neutral (23%), 2. Disagree (8%), 1. Strongly Disagree (5%)

- 12. I gained information that I will be able to use to develop my personal leadership skills.**  
Average: 4.2      SD: 0.9  
5. Strongly Agree (47%), 4. Agree (34%), 3. Neutral (15%), 2. Disagree (2%), 1. Strongly Disagree (2%)
- 13. I have new resources, materials, and/or skills to aid in my personal growth.**  
Average: 4.2      SD: 0.9  
5. Strongly Agree (44%), 4. Agree (36%), 3. Neutral (16%), 2. Disagree (3%), 1. Strongly Disagree (1%)
- 14. I am satisfied with the Sunday morning community service faire.**  
Average: 3.2      SD: 1.2  
5. Strongly Agree (12%), 4. Agree (30%), 3. Neutral (32%), 2. Disagree (15%), 1. Strongly Disagree (11%)
- 15. I am satisfied with the UC Davis campus.**  
Average: 4.0      SD: 1.0  
5. Strongly Agree (40%), 4. Agree (33%), 3. Neutral (21%), 2. Disagree (3%), 1. Strongly Disagree (3%)
- 16. When should future State Leadership Conferences take place?**  
5. Early July (9%)  
4. Mid-July (7%)  
3. Late July (21%)  
2. Early August (52%)  
1. Mid-August (11%)
- 17. How long should future 4-H State Leadership Conferences last?**  
5. Five days long (44%)  
4. Four days long (36%)  
3. Three days long (14%)  
2. Just a weekend (5%)  
1. One day (1%)
- 18. What is the most valuable aspect of the 4-H State Leadership Conference?**  
5. Education (23%)  
4. Keynote Speakers (31%)  
3. Recreation (10%)  
2. Networking/Friends (31%)  
1. Learning about Statewide 4-H (6%)
- 19. What was the most important reason for you to attend the State Leadership Conference?**  
5. Learning Experience (51%)  
4. Friends (16%)  
3. Fun (20%)  
2. Had to Go/Role Obligation (8%)  
1. Getting Away (5%)
- 20. What prevents more people from your county from attending the State Leadership Conference?**  
5. Other activities (fair, camp, etc.) (23%)  
4. Too Expensive (30%)  
3. Distance/Travel (6%)  
2. Lack of Awareness (28%)  
1. Other (12%)
- 21. My county had a pre-conference orientation.**  
5. Yes (59%)      4. No (26%)      3. I'm not sure. (12%)

## Written Comments

- **4-H Volunteer, Five or more conferences:** This year to me really had a lack of spirit and personal Ambassador interaction. They seemed to lack organization and confidence and didn't put out enough effort to make themselves known to the general delegation like years past. All in all the conference and speakers are wonderful and I will continue to attend each year. Thursday nights rec was both fun, safe and well setup and made a big impact on delegates I talked to. A+ Thursday night ideas: prior to rec: scavenger hunt, mock amazing race, fear factor. I think this would be helpful to get Ambassador staff and delegate interaction started and will help with more interaction in icebreakers.
- **4-H Volunteer, Two conferences:** Thank you for all of your hard work in planning and managing SLC. This was my 2<sup>nd</sup> conference, so it was inevitable that I would find myself comparing my experience with SLC 2006 in San Diego. The culture of this conference (2007) was very different. The rules were more rigid and, in my view, at times ineffective and unnecessarily conservative. The dress code was emphasized and re-emphasized this year in a way that it was not last year. This alienated delegates and created, in my opinion, unnecessary conflicts over trivial issues such as exposed bra straps. The Ambassadors and other youth volunteers (such as floor staff) were very grim, unsmiling (not all, but many). I found that this was so prevalent that I attribute it to the culture of the planning committee. The facilities are worn and in need of renovation. The staff at the cafeteria contributed to a negative, authoritarian atmosphere. Finally, our session on Sunday where we were given an opportunity to voice concerns and give input to next year's SLC was very disappointing. Our delegations input was rejected by the Ambassador and shouted down by the other counties present. As a result, I left questioning the value of the SLC experience for my county. I'm sorry to say that because we loved SLC 2006 in SD.
- **4-H staff, First year:** I am very glad I attended SLC!!! The Ambassador officers take on a lot of work and responsibility in putting on SLC. I commend them on their efforts and respect them for the amount of stress, lack of rest, and composure they provide. With that said there are always ways to improve, my youth said that they were not always respected. I know it is a two way street and our fellow up meeting we will go over respect and neutrality with rational thought. The outgoing meeting (in Wellman) was very heated and unnecessarily one sided. I love the youth in governance method. I would like to suggest getting more information to the counties early on or right after this to allow the youth to decide what should be at SLC 2008. Workshops/dress code. I know CA 4-H respects diversity, but it doesn't resonate when we repeatedly hear "well that is how it has always been." I know a lot of changes have been made my county is ready to see more – A huge thank you to the SLC staff.
- **4-H Volunteer, first year:** Some of the stuff we do needs to have more interaction with getting to know other kids from their region. I know some regions have special learning camps/conferences but we as a group should get to know that person at the opening of the region.
- **4-H member, 2<sup>nd</sup> conference:** Very cool I had a great time.
- **4-H volunteer, five or more conferences:** Great conference. More diverse cultural music needs to be at dance (latin, pop, rap, etc.). Workshops need to start/end on time. Some requested to come to workshops earlier because morning assembly went over time. This would require the person to go to a different lunch – if everyone did than the dining room would be too crowded – which it was for dinner – we had to wait to enter. One workshop got out late – holding county groups up for the walk back to dorms. Chaperone meetings in evenings too long. Not time for county meetings and rushed dinner. Dress code not enforced consistently.