

The Survey Says...

In the spring of 2006 we surveyed 1300 grades 5-8 student participants on their experience of our one day leadership program, as well as our three-day leadership and science programs.

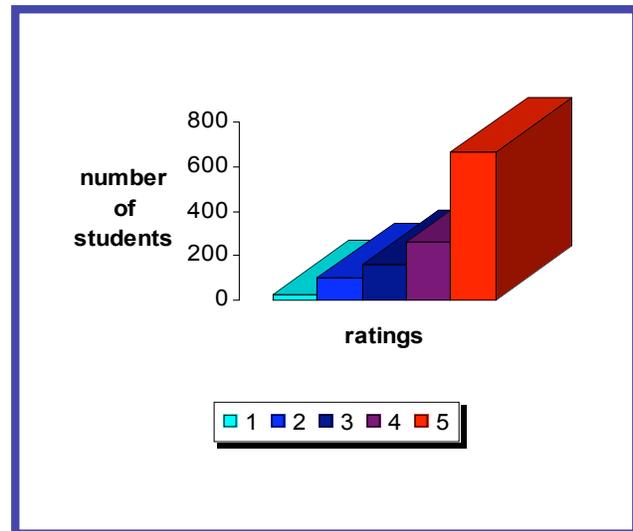
Students love the program

We asked the 1300 students to rate their enjoyment of the trip to Youth University. We received an overall mean rating of 4.2 with more than half of the students giving us a 5 out of 5 rating!

Building a strong community

When asked what they learned at Youth University, student's ratings indicate that they learned the most about group engagement. The top five ratings in order were:

1. How to work as a team
2. How to be encouraging of each other
3. How to respect each other
4. How to listen to others
5. How to get along



Learning is part of the fun

We found that student's level of program enjoyment corresponded with their level of ratings on what they learned about themselves, as well as what they learned about their group. This tells us that they not only liked the trip because they had fun, but because they learned new things as well!

The value is transferred back to the classroom

Students not only enjoyed their trip, on average they thought that their whole class would really benefit from what they learned. They also thought that they would feel better about themselves from what they had learned.

At the bottom of our survey we asked the students a few open ended questions relating to what they thought they gained from the program. We found a strong similarity within their answers. The most common answers to the following three prompts are listed below.

I learned that I could...

- be myself
- not care what other people thought of me
- make so many friends
- learn so much in 3 days

I was surprised that my class...

- worked well together
- got along
- are encouraging
- helped each other a lot

Because of what I learned at YU I think that...

- I am more confident in myself
- We will work better together
- I will love university
- We can get along better

