

PRE/POST SURVEY ADMINISTRATION

Please contact Marc Stern (mjstern@vt.edu) or Bob Powell (rbp@clemsn.edu) prior to administering this survey.

1. These surveys were designed to be given to students prior to the start of an EE program and at its conclusion. These surveys are not appropriate for programs that only last a few hours. Rather, they are ideal for residential or overnight experiences.
2. It is imperative for anyone wishing to use the survey for evaluation purposes to be consistent in the timing of survey administration across programs. Comparing responses across programs is only valid if the survey is given at the same relative time to each participant in each program. For example, if you are using the surveys to evaluate five instances of a residential camp program, you might administer the survey when students arrive on site, and again when they are about to leave. Alternatively, you might decide to administer the survey a week before arrival, immediately before students leave the site, and again three months later (using the post-experience survey twice). Whatever decision you make, the **timing must be held consistent** across all programs. If you would like to be able to compare your program to the programs of other organizations, **please get in touch with us**, so we can help standardize the timing of these surveys.
3. Be sure to select a relatively quiet place and provide students with hard surfaces and pencils.
4. A consistent script (see below) should be read to all participants. Do not vary from the script.

Pre-experience survey:

“In an effort to make our programs the best they can be, we are asking each of you to complete a survey that should take less than 10 minutes. The survey asks for your opinions only. Answer choices range from zero to ten. For most responses, you probably won’t answer at the extreme ends of the scale. It is perfectly okay if you have different answers for each question, and your answers may be different from your neighbors.

The survey is optional. You will not receive a grade, and your names will not be recorded or linked to your answers.

Please answer each question fully, and don't talk to your classmates while you respond. At any time, if you have any questions or concerns please raise your hand. We really appreciate your participation. When you are finished, I will collect your surveys.”

Post-experience survey:

“In an effort to make our programs the best they can be, we are asking each of you to complete a survey that will take approximately 10 minutes. The survey asks for your opinions about how today’s program has influenced you. Answer choices range from no influence to an extreme amount. For most responses, you probably won’t answer at the extreme ends of the scale. It is perfectly okay if you have different answers for each question, and your answers may be different from your neighbors.

The survey is optional. You will not receive a grade, and your names will not be recorded or linked to your answers.

Before you start, I'd like to go over #5 on the survey, as it is a little different from the rest. In this question, we are asking you to remember your opinions before attending this program in the first column, and in the second column, to write down your opinions now. Again, your answers may not be the same for each response for a single question and that is okay.

Please answer each question fully, and don't talk to your classmates while you respond. At any time, if you have any questions or concerns please raise your hand. We really appreciate your participation. When you are finished, I will collect your surveys."

5. Data entry and analysis. If you are interested in having your data analyzed professionally and compared to other programs for your own learning purposes, **please get in touch with us.**