

**SURVEY of SPORTS VISITORS PARTICIPANTS**  
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Q1. In what year did you participate in the Sports Visitors Program?

A1. Drop-down list: 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009

Q2. What was the primary sport you played, coached or administrated when you participated in the Sports Visitors Program? *Please select one box.*

Sport	✓
Basketball	
Baseball	
Soccer (football)	
Track & field	
Other (Please write in):	

Q3. Did you participate as an athlete, coach or sports program administrator? *Please select one box.*

Position	✓
Athlete	
Coach	
Sports program administrator	

Q4. Exchange programs provide participants with many important opportunities for learning and engaging people from other countries. In the table below, please identify the **three** most important accomplishments resulting from your participation in the Sports Visitors Program.

	✓
Improved my playing skills and techniques	
Improved my coaching skills and knowledge	
Improved my ability to organize, plan and manage sports teams and programs	
Learned about the American approach to sports	
Expanded my network of professional contacts	
Built relationships with other players and coaches from the U.S.	
Built relationships with other players and coaches from my country and around the world	
Shared my culture with others	
Learned how sports can be used to address problems faced by youth	
Other (Please write in):	

Q5. How much did the Sports Visitors Program meet your expectations? *Please select one box.*

Did not meet any of my expectations	Did not meet most of my expectations	Met some of my expectations	Met most of my expectations	Met all of my expectations

Q6. What is your most important accomplishment or achievement that is a direct result of your participation in the Sports Visitors Program?

A6. Open-ended response

Q7. Thinking back, to what extent did the Sports Visitors Program improve your knowledge and skills in the following areas? *Please select one box in each row.*

	Not at All	To a Small Extent	To a Good Extent	To a Great Extent	Not Applicable
Playing and practicing techniques					
Coaching techniques and methods					
Strength and conditioning					
Nutrition and fitness					
Teamwork and team building					
Leadership skills					
Conflict resolution skills					
Sports management and administration					

Q8. In addition to the above list in Question 7, were there any other topics that were an important part of what you learned during your exchange program?

A8. Open-ended response

Q9. Have you been able to apply the skills and techniques that you learned during the program since your return home? *Please select one box in each row.*

	Yes	No
Playing and practicing techniques		
Coaching techniques and methods		
Strength and conditioning		
Nutrition and fitness		
Teamwork and team building		
Leadership skills		
Conflict resolution skills		
Sports management and administration		

Q10. How has the Sports Visitors Program affected your skills and abilities as a player, coach or manager of sports programs?

A10. Open-ended response

Q11. Has your self-confidence changed as a result of your exchange experience? *Please select one box.*

Decreased Greatly	Decreased Somewhat	Stayed the Same	Increased Somewhat	Increased Greatly

Q12. As a direct result of your participation in the Sports Visitors Program, have you done or received any of the following in school/university, at work or in your community? *Please select one box in each row.*

	Yes	No
Higher level of responsibilities or leadership at school /university		
Organized or initiated new activities or projects at school/ university		
Established a new organization, club or team at school/university		
Became more focused on my education		
Obtained a sports scholarship for school/university		
Higher level of responsibilities or leadership in the same job		
Organized or initiated new activities or projects in the same job		
New job with more responsibilities		
Increased salary/wages		
Assumed a leadership role or position in my community		
Organized or initiated new activities and projects in my community		
Established a new organization, club or team in my community		
Set new goals for myself		

Q13. How has your participation in the Sports Visitors program affected you personally?

A13. Open-ended response

Q14. Thinking back, what was your level of knowledge about the following aspects of the United States **before** participating in the Sports Visitors Program? *Please select one box in each row.*

	No Knowledge	Limited Knowledge	Moderate Knowledge	Extensive Knowledge
Daily life in the United States				
American sports				
Religious diversity in the United States				
Ethnic diversity in the United States				
The U.S. political system				
The U.S. economy				
The U.S. legal system				
Education in the United States				
American arts and culture				
Freedom of speech and the press in the United States				
Voluntary community services and philanthropy in the United States				
American history				
American popular culture				
The United States overall				

Q15. Thinking back, what was your level of knowledge about the following aspects of the United States **after** participating in the Sports Visitors Program? *Please select one box in each row.*

	No Knowledge	Limited Knowledge	Moderate Knowledge	Extensive Knowledge
Daily life in the United States				
American sports				
Religious diversity in the United States				
Ethnic diversity in the United States				
The U.S. political system				
The U.S. economy				
The U.S. legal system				
Education in the United States				
American arts and culture				
Freedom of speech and press in the United States				
Voluntary community services and philanthropy in the United States				
American history				
American popular culture				
The United States overall				

Q16. How did your views of the United States Government and the American people change as a result of your program participation? *Please select one box in each row.*

	Much less favorable	Less favorable	No change	More favorable	Much more favorable
United States Government					
American people					

Q17. What did you learn about United States during your visit that surprised you or that you did not expect?

A17. Open-ended response

Q18. Have you shared your Sports Visitors Program exchange experience in any of the following ways? *Please select all that apply.*

	√
Discussion with your family	
Discussion with your friends and community members	
Discussions with your colleagues and peers	
Interview with a media outlet (newspaper, television, radio, or Internet)	
Wrote a newspaper or magazine article, including an editorial or an opinion piece	
Post on a blog or other Internet networking space	
Demonstration of new skills or techniques	

Wrote an academic book	
Wrote a non-academic book	
Wrote a professional article for a journal or academic publication	
Formal presentation at work	
Formal presentation at a community event	
Other (Please write in):	

Q19. Do you think your family, friends and colleagues have a more favorable or less favorable opinion of the United States because of the information you shared with them? *Please select one box.*

Much less favorable	Less favorable	No change	More favorable	Much more favorable	I don't know

Q20. Have you been in contact with people you met during the Sports Visitors Program?

	✓
Yes	
No	

If yes, go to Q21.

If no, go to Q22.

Q21. Of the following people you met through your participation in the Sports Visitors Program, whom have you been in contact with since your return home? *Please select all that apply.*

	✓
American coaches	
American students and players	
American organizations, such as sports teams, sports leagues, NGOs, and schools	
Sports Visitors Program participants I met while in the United States	
Sports Visitor Program staff from AED, World Learning, or Partners for the Americas	
U.S. Department of State staff in Washington, D.C.	
U.S. Embassy/Consulate staff	
Sports Visitors Program alumni	
Alumni of other U.S. exchange programs in my country	
Other (Please write in):	

Q22. Since completing the program, have your or your organization established any linkages with the sports teams, organizations, schools or universities you met with during your exchange?

	✓
Yes	
No	

Q23. Please elaborate on these linkages with U.S. organizations.

A23. Open-ended response

Q24. Of the statements listed below, which of the following applies to you since you returned home from the Sports Visitors Program? *Please check one box in each row.*

	Yes	No
I play sports in school/university		
I play sports professionally		
I play sports in my free time		
I am a leader on my sports team		
I coach sports teams		
I manage a sports team or a community sports league		
I am involved in a different sport than the one I participated during the Sports Visitors Program		
I am no longer involved in the sport I participated in during the Sports Visitors Program		
I am no longer involved in any sports		
Other (Please write in):		

Q25. Do you follow U.S. sports players, teams, or leagues more or less today than you did before participating in the Sports Visitors Program?

A great deal less	Somewhat less	About the same	Somewhat more	A great deal more

Q26. Which forms of media do you primarily use to keep informed about American sports and culture? *Please select all that apply.*

	✓
Television	
Radio	
Film	
Books	
Newspapers	
Magazines and trade journals	
Sports websites	
News websites	
Social networking sites (for example, Facebook and Twitter)	
Internet photo and video sharing sites (for example, Flickr and YouTube)	
Other (Please write in):	

Q27. In which country do you currently live?

A27. Drop-down list (countries)

Q28. Which statement best describes the geographic location of where you currently live? *Please select one box.*

	✓
My country's capital	
Another major city in my country other than the capital	
A small city, town or rural location in my country	

Q29. What is your age?

A29. Drop-down list (numbers)

Q31. What is your gender?

	✓
Female	
Male	

Q30. If you have additional comments or suggestions for improving the Sports Visitors Program, please give details here. We value your thoughts and feedback.

A30. Open-ended response

Q31. How long did it take for you to complete this survey?

A31. Drop-down list (minutes)

Thank you for completing this survey!