



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area
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Thousand Oaks, California 91360-4223

Dear SAMO Participant,

You are receiving this letter because we would like for you to complete a survey before you start the **SAMO Youth Employment** program at the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area.

For your convenience we have an on-line version of the survey that you can access by copying and pasting the following URL into your browser <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QXZBGKM>. This link will take you directly to the survey. If you prefer a paper version of the survey, please contact Antonio Solorio **SAMO Youth Employment** program manager at (805)370-2363 or via antonio_solorio@nps.gov (e-mail); and one will be mailed to you with a pre-addressed return envelope. It should take you about 20 minutes to complete the survey. We appreciate your participation in this process. As participants in the program, your perspectives are important to us.

All information collected will be securely stored. Only researchers working with the study will review the data. This research is conducted under stringent university and U.S. government regulations governing the collection of information.

If you have any questions regarding this survey, please contact: Antonio Solorio at (805)370-2363 or via antonio_solorio@nps.gov (e-mail).

Sincerely,

Antonio Solorio,

OMB Control Number 1024-XXXX
Current Expiration Date: XX/XX/XXXX

SAMO Youth Pre-Program Student Survey

Name: _____ Date: _____

Dear Student,

Thank you for answering these questions about your upcoming participation in the SAMO Youth program. This survey should take about 20 minutes to complete.

1. How often do you and your family visit parks in the Santa Monica Mountains?

- More than 10 times per year
- 6-10 times per year
- 1-5 times per year
- Never

2. How often do you and your family visit historic/cultural heritage sites (for example, museums, missions, Placita Olvera, etc.)?

- More than 10 times per year
- 6-10 times per year
- 1-5 times per year
- Never

3. How often do you and your family spend time out in natural areas (parks, beaches, mountains, lakes, etc.)?

- More than 10 times per year
- 6-10 times per year
- 1-5 times per year
- Never

4. Have you and your family visited national parks in California or in other states (for example, Yosemite, Yellowstone, Grand Canyon)?

- Yes
- No
- I'm not sure.

5. Have you ever considered an environmental career?

- Yes
- No

6. Do you think you might like to work for the National Park Service someday?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

7. How did you learn about the SAMO Youth program?

- Career Counselor
- Flyer or announcement
- Teacher
- Park Service employee
- Other students
- Previous SAMO Youth participant
- Other: _____

8. Why were you interested in applying for the SAMO Youth program?

(Check all that apply)

- Needed paying job
- Interested in outdoor recreation
- Interested in nature and resources management
- Interested in cultural resource management
- Like working outdoors
- Interested in Park Service career
- Like working with people
- Other: _____

For each statement below, please tell us how true you feel each statement is.

	Very True	Sort of True	Neutral	Not Very True	Not at All True
1. I understand how to be an effective team member.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. Environmental protection is important to me.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. I like working outdoors.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. I believe young people can persuade others to do things to improve the environment.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
5. I understand the importance of preserving historical places.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6. I am comfortable expressing myself to people who are different from me, in terms of age, culture, or interests.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
7. I feel like I could be an important part of the National Park Service-SAMO staff.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
8. Humans can have a big influence on the natural environment.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
9. I will use what I learn in SAMO Youth at college and/or my next job.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
10. National parks are only important for people who work in or visit them.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
11. Getting good grades in school is important for my career goals.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
12. It is important for people to understand scientific and environmental concepts.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Very True	Sort of True	Neutral	Not Very True	Not at All True
13. I enjoy learning about science and the environment.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
14. I like working with other people on shared projects.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
15. I like hiking and other outdoor activities in natural areas.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
16. I have access to natural areas near my house where I can hike and participate in outdoor activities.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
17. I feel comfortable leading a group of students on work/school activities.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
18. I know about the National Park Service's natural and cultural Interpretation.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
19. I would enjoy providing an interpretive hike to park visitors.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
20. I know why it's important to do habitat restoration work at national parks.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
21. I expect to enjoy doing habitat restoration work at Santa Monica Mountains and other national parks.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
22. I have good communication skills.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
23. I am comfortable leading discussions.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
24. I know how to write a good résumé.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
25. I know about the natural history of the Santa Monica Mountains.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
26. I know about the cultural heritage of the Santa Monica Mountains.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please answer the following questions

1. What is the main purpose of the national parks?

2. In your opinion, why are national parks important?

Postsecondary Education

Do you plan on continuing your education after graduating high school?

Yes / No

Please check any schools/programs you plan to attend:

- Community College
- University
- Technical/Vocational School
- Certificate Program
- None of the above

If applicable, what do you plan to study or specialize in?

What career(s) are you considering after graduating high school or college?

Please check which National Park Service job(s) you are interested in.

- Administration
- Human Resources
- Natural Resources (Ecologist, Plant Biologist, Wildlife Biologist)
- Cultural Resources (Museum Management, Anthropologist, Historian)
- Archeology
- Physical Sciences
- Biological Sciences
- Architecture / Landscape Architecture
- Engineering
- Contracting

- Maintenance and Facility Management (Roads & Trails; Building & Utilities)
- Environmental Education
- Interpretive Park Ranger (Naturalist, Park Guide, Community Outreach)
- Firefighting
- Emergency Medical Services
- Health and Safety
- Law Enforcement (Park Police)
- Information Technology
- Graphic Design
- Geographer (Geographic Information Systems)

Now tell us a little about yourself

1. Are you male or female?

- Male
- Female

2. How old are you?

- 16 years old
- 17 years old
- 18 years old (or older than 18)

3. What is the highest school grade you have completed?

- 11th
- 12th

Are you Hispanic or Latino?

- Yes
- No

4. Please select your race (check as many as apply):

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- Black or African American
- White

5. My first language is English.

- Yes
- No – Please indicate your first language: _____

6. My parents highest education level is:

- Not a high school graduate
- High school graduate
- Some college
- College graduate
- Graduate school

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