



IN REPLY REFER TO:

United States Department of the Interior

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

Dear SAMO Youth Alumni,

You are receiving this letter because you were a past participant in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area SAMO Youth Employment program. We would like to ask you to fill out a survey regarding your experience with the Program.

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

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SAMO Youth Alumni Survey

Name: _____ Date: _____

Dear SAMO Youth Alumni,

Thank you for answering these questions about your participation in the SAMO Youth program. We would like to get your feedback about the SAMO Youth program and your work experience. This should take about 20 minutes to complete.

1. What year(s) did you participate in the SAMO Youth high school summer program?

2. Did you participate in the SAMO Youth program at the college level?

Yes – If so, for how long? _____

No

3. Did you attend college after participating in the SAMO Youth program?

Yes – Please tell us what college you attended, major and degree.

No

4. Are you currently working for the National Park Service or other government agency?

Yes – Please indicate agency and job title _____

No

5. Have you considered a career in the National Park Service?

Yes

No

6. Have you considered an environmental related career?

Yes

No

7. Since completing the SAMO Youth program do you continue to visit the Santa Monica National Recreation Area?

Yes

No

8. Have you visited any other national parks with your friends and/or family since your SAMO Youth experience?

Yes

No

9. How did you learn about the SAMO Youth Program? (Check all that apply)

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

10. 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 a National Park Service career
- Like working with people
- Other: _____

11. Did you feel the Rangers were effective in communicating with you and the other SAMO Youth students?

- Yes
- No
- Somewhat – Please explain:

12. Did you feel comfortable expressing your concerns about job situations to the Supervising Rangers?

- Yes
- No
- Somewhat – Please explain:

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

Through participating in SAMO Youth I learned:	Very True	Sort of True	Neutral	Not Very True	Not True at All
1. How to be an effective team member.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2. That environmental protection is important.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. That I like working outdoors.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. That 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. The importance of preserving historical places.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
6. How to better express 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. That national parks are created to protect natural and cultural resources.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
8. That 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. Career/work related skills I was able to use in college, other jobs, or other areas of my life.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
10. That 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. That getting good grades in school is important.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
12. Scientific and environmental concepts.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Through participating in SAMO Youth I learned:	Very True	Sort of True	Neutral	Not Very True	Not True at All
13. How to work with other people on shared projects.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
14. Communication skills.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
15. How to lead discussions.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
16. How to write a good résumé.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
17. About the natural history of the Santa Monica Mountains.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
18. About the cultural heritage of the Santa Monica Mountains.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Thinking about your experiences as a SAMO Youth participant, to what extent do you agree with each of the following statements.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I became more aware of the importance of protecting cultural and historic places.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I felt that the Park Service regular employees were glad to have my help.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I was able to participate in outdoor recreation activities that I had never or very seldom done before.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
This job provided an important income source for me.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I became more interested in pursuing a career in government or public service.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I expect to be more active in conservation activities in the future than I probably would have been without this experience.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I better understand the purpose and responsibilities of the National Park Service.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I became more confident in my ability to interact with different kinds of people, including people older than me or with different viewpoints.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I felt like I made an important contribution to the Park Service.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I expect to participate more in various outdoor activities in natural areas than I probably would have without this experience.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I feel my SAMO Youth work provided a valuable public service.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I learned a lot about job site safety.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I learned a lot about planning for fieldwork.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am now more interested in exploring natural areas and sharing experiences with friends and family.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I would feel comfortable leading a group of	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
students on work/school activities.					
I know about National Park Service natural and cultural Interpretation.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
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"/>
I enjoyed doing habitat restoration work at Santa Monica Mountains.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I would enjoy doing habitat restoration work in my community.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Through participating in SAMO Youth I became more interested in pursuing a career in: Check all that apply

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- Public service
 - Teaching
 - Working with children
 - Environmental conservation
 - Administration
 - Resource conservation
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SAMO Youth Program Reflections

1. What are your most memorable moments from participating in the SAMO Youth program?
2. What work projects did you most enjoy? Why?
3. What work projects were the most challenging? Why?
4. What were the most important work/career related skills you gained during your SAMO Youth experience?

Now tell us a little about yourself

1. Are you male or female?

- Male
- Female

2. How old are you?

- 18-21 years old
- 22-34 years old
- 35-44 years old

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

4. My first language is English.

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

5. My parents highest education level is:

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

Thank you for telling us what you think.

You are DONE!

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