

**STUDENT EVALUATION**  
**American Independence Foundation**  
of Colonial Virginia

**YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

Nov 13-16, 2008

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<b>FORMAT:</b>	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCEL	AVG
1 Courses		3	19	10	3.2
2 Leadership Challenges			9	23	3.7
3 Historic Tours		2	20	10	3.3
4 Conference Notebook	1	2	15	14	3.3
5 Class Schedule & Time Allocation		10	14	8	2.9
<b>FACULTY:</b>					
6 Knowledge		1	11	20	3.6
7 Preparation		1	15	16	3.5
8 Question / Answer Sessions			18	14	3.4
9 Overall Quality of Presentations		1	13	18	3.5
10 <b>My Overall Speaker's Rating</b>		2	14	16	3.4
<b>FACILITIES:</b>					
11 Classrooms		2	21	9	3.2
12 Cabins	4	10	16	2	2.5
13 Dining Room & Food / Service	1	4	14	13	3.2
<b>CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES:</b>					
14 Improvement in my leadership skills		1	11	20	3.6
15 Improvement in my knowledge of US History		5	13	14	3.3
16 Increase in my pride in America		3	13	16	3.4
17 Improvement in my knowledge of the Free Enterprise System ----->		3	14	15	3.4
18 Met Conference objectives?		1	15	16	3.5
<b>MY OVERALL CONFERENCE RATING &gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;&gt;</b>			14	18	3.56

Please write any personal comments or constructive criticisms on the reverse.

PLEASE PLACE ANY COMMENTS ON REVERSE

**STUDENT COMMENTS**      **Nov 13-16, 2008**

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**SPEAKERS**

3.15

**TOURS**

3.37

Jamestown Settlement

2

13

13

3.4

Yorktown Victory Center

3

10

15

3.4

Colonial Williamsburg

1

2

13

12

3.3

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## STUDENT CRITIQUE COMMENTS

"All The speakers / tour guides need to be reminded of the amount of time allotted for their presentation / tour. Some questions on the Colonial Trivia should be retaught because I did not remember being taught some of these answers."

*From AIFCV - we are not measuring what you may have been taught during this YLC, but rather what your group might already know, and how (and with whom) you agree on the answer you all write down.*

"The program overall was very good. We could have had a little better cabins. Some of the speakers could have worked harder to keep our attention."

"Spread out the classroom events and challenges so it is not a long period of one type of activity."

"The cabins were very cramped- there was a lot of noise, a lot of light, and not enough time to sleep."

"The cabins were a little dirty. The classroom needs to be brightened up, and the stage is a little rough."

"Good program. Very educational & helpful. Topics that were discussed were extremely relevant."

"Please don't make the days so long, the bedtime is too late."

"I think that everything was good. It was both entertaining and insightful. Thank you for all your services."

"The conference was really good, but on some I feel the speakers could have done something better to keep our attention longer."

"We need more time to be free and interact with one another on our own."

"I recommend that you take away time from the breaks to make them 5 minutes apiece and give less of them on every day except the last day - give them an hour or so for free time for the kids to get to know each other better."

"more time to sleep, speakers need to be more entertaining"

"The conference was really a new experience. I loved it, except the cabins. Other than that everything was great. I wish to come again."

"I believe this was an outstanding conference and would attend it again if offered."

"Standing up to ask questions seemed unlike a true American classroom setting and was somewhat annoying."

"Exercises / challenges were fun. Enjoyed the interaction w/ everyone. Some of the speaker were rather boring."

"Colonial Williamsburg - would have liked time to shop in the colonial city. MS. McCoy - loved the way she conducted the session. Dr. Emerson - truly an innovative look at the Constitution; enjoyed having an opportunity to create own amendment; need pretty much 3 hours for more questions / discussion.

"Sports time needs to be designated as a specific time. I recommend 30 minutes after breakfast every day." Tours were uncoordinated and sloppy. The fault of this as far as I could see, lay with the guides. Also I was disappointed that we were unable to do more memento shopping."

From AIFCV" Our insurance does not allow us to have organized sports time.

I enjoyed the tours, however, I think we should have more time to explore the museums and shops. I would also like a bit more time to play team games outside."

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"Gator' was really entertaining and my favorite speaker. The tours were a bit lengthy and we had no time to explore the museums or memento shopping."

"I suggest this (conference) to all young leaders of America. 5 stars, or should I say 50 stars...."

"As an overall view, we need energetic people to keep us awake, because I almost fell asleep during most of the presentations."

"Gator' and 'John Rolfe' were awesome!!!"

"less boring lectures"

I think the conference has a good message, but I believe some of the speakers were uncalled for and should be replaced with team building games. 'GATOR' IS THE MAN.

"Flag should not be flown in the rain. Instructors for challenges should be better briefed on the timing."

"It's good overall, but could use some improvements - more games that incorporate teamwork into them. More leadership challenges."

"I really enjoyed the format of the conference. I didn't like the lectures all the time, but they were informative. I wish we were not up so late, We were allowed to bond and make friendships, which was great. I am seriously considering coming back."

"Overall good program. The tours were a little drawn out."

"There are not many things I would change, but an some speakers, I felt that they could have related to us a little more."

"Some of the speakers were a little boring. They need to do something active and not be monotone."

" I like presentations with humor; some people did it and were excellent while others were serious and this made the presentation boring."

*From AIFCV - The length and amount of rain was the worst we'd ever experienced. That directly inhibited outdoors time. We will increase memento shopping time in our next conference. The "boring" speakers will probably not be invited back, but of those who have been with us for any length of time, their scores vary from class to class, as do the side of the bed they and you wake up on any given morning. We're always glad you like the games / challenges and the suggestion to spread them out more has some appeal to us.*

*Additionally, our Youth Leadership Conferences are designed to place the students under a bit of stress and discomfort for the purpose of determining leaders who will strive to succeed under such taxing conditions.*