

ISR QUESTIONNAIRE REVIEW OF 1975 RETREAT
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Like any summary or questionnaire, the final conclusions are of course the opinions of the reader or compiler, subject to close scrutiny and debate. This survey is not complete nor totally representative of the camp, it can only serve as a general guide and indicator of the mood of various campers.

Of the approximate 80 full time campers, 41 questionnaires were completed and handed back. This is roughly 50% of the campers. We have no indications of the 1) age, 2) Area or church that the campers came from or, 3) whether full time, part-time, first time camper, etc.

For quantitative purposes, the answers were separated into four general areas, 1) favorable 2) questionable 3) unfavorable and 4) no comment. The most difficult area was questionable. These were the comments that either contained both good and bad comments or were unspecific as to what their view was.

The questionnaire itself contained 12 questions printed on green paper. Answers were extremely variable. Some were very short, some filled out only a few answers, others gave long comprehensive answers.

Question One- How was your overall view of camp?

1-Favorable	33	81%
2-Questionable	2	5%
3-Unfavorable	3	7%
4-No Comment	3	7%

Favorable comments included items like:

"LSR has been one of my best experiences..."

"Really together, the best of 5 years, close friendship..."

"It was one of the best camps I've gone to..."

Unfavorable comments were very short:

"Dead" or "Too strict..."

Question Two- What was your opinion of the curfew?

1-Favorable	20	49%
2-Questionable	9	22%
3-Unfavorable	10	24%
4-No comment	2	5%

Unfavorable comments were again short:

"Too strict" "Too early" Several persons wanted the lake to be open all night for the last day.

Question Three- What was your opinion of morning watch and evening vespers?

1-Favorable	27	66%
2-Questionable	6	15%
3-Unfavorable	5	12%
4-No comment	3	7%

Questionable comments included:

"I thought they were pretty good except that we always sang the same songs"

"Pretty good except that I never got the message..."

"Evening vespers- why not have this a little longer and include a 15 minute talk by one of the pastors?"

"I thought it was alright but I think they should let people pick songs they wanna sing..."

Question Four- What was your opinion of having more than one speaker?

1-Favorable	30	73%
2-Questionable	4	10%
3-Unfavorable	5	12%
4-No comment	2	5%

Questionable comments included:

"There was more a variety but some weren't that good..."
"For this week it didn't work. None were on the topic..."

Question Five- In your opinion, would it be worthwhile to publish a "yearbook."

1-Favorable	24	58%
2-Questionable	4	10%
3-Unfavorable	9	22%
4-No comment	4	10%

Apparently there was alot of questions concerning the contents and the cost of such a publication. Would everyone have to buy one? What pictures if any? Etc.

Question Six- In your estimation- how did you think interest groups went?"

1-Favorable	15	36%
2-Questionable	9	22%
3-Unfavorable	17	32%
4-No comment	4	10%

Questionable comments included:

"Pretty good- I never went..."
"O.K. could've been better organized in sports and games..."
"...too much volleyball..."
"why not have a (seperate) Bible study..."

Question Seven- Any suggestions for any other interest groups? Organized Recreations?

1-Yes	15	37%
2-No	26	63%

Suggestions included the following...

Folksinging group to perform at services...
More variety in sports and games.. was all volleyball...
Volleyball was too competative, wasn't advantageous to fellowship
Softball, water sports, dancing, horse back riding...
leather crafts, guitar workshop, longer tournaments,
swimming...

Camp cleanup - Bathrooms - lake ecology
Japanese Pottery - some K.
and folksinging, sports games
Sealboats - some K. limited
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Question Eight-Any suggestions for possible theme and speaker?

1-Yes	11	27%
2-No	30	73%

Grant Kagiya and Edison Uno were mentioned several times.
Rev. Corson from Bakersfield
Ron Ritchey

"Peace, Hope, and Love"
"Be with the Lord"

Question Nine-What is your opinion of the cabinet. Please be specific.

1-Favorable	21	51%
2-Questionable	6	15%
3-Unfavorable	5	12%
4-No comment	9	22%

Comments included the following...

"They may have been strict on curfew, but I guess they did what they thought was best..."

"PR was bad, I had to make two long distance phone calls to get a reg form..."

"It seems that the same people run the whole thing...new people mean new ideas..."

"Overall they did a good job...a couple of members did not take their responsibilities seriously though and waited until the last few weeks to cram in a year-full of organization. It never works cause the campers can always tell..."

Question Ten- What is your opinion of your counselors, Please be specific.

1-Favorable	32	78%
2-Questionable	4	10%
3-Unfavorable	0	0%
4-No comment	5	12%

The only major concern was that some counselors were too strict while some were too lenient....

Question Eleven- Do you think that your stay at LSR was worthwhile?

1-Favorable	37	90%
2-Questionable	0	0%
3-Unfavorable	2	5%
4-No comment	2	5%

"Yes, a thousand times yes..."
"Very, thank you cabinet..."

Question Twelve..., Any Suggestions or complaints, good or bad?

1-Favorable	4	10%
2-Questionable	3	7%
3-Unfavorable	20	49%
4-No comment	14	34%

One comment was detailed...

"I understand the problems and the reasons for the strict ways, but I feel that the attitude can be better, the way people treated us was as if we were prisoners, which forced us to regard the counselors, etc. as prison guards..., in other words I feel that people can get more out of camp by being given responsibilities and trust, by being allowed to make mistakes and learn from them...

A majority of the complaints were about the;

- 1-showers
- 2-rest rooms in general
- 3-bunks- lack of springs, etc.
- 4-food
- 5- condition of the lake

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