

EARTHWATCH POST-EXPEDITION QUESTIONNAIRE

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Dear Earthwatch Participant,

By now you've returned from your 1998 Earthwatch Expedition. You'll recall that you were chosen as part of a select group of Earthwatch volunteers to tell us about your opinions and attitudes concerning various types of activism. You filled out a pre-trip questionnaire. Now we need you to complete and return this post-trip questionnaire (return postage is included).

In taking just a few minutes to complete the following, you will be included in a drawing for a free one-year 1999 membership to Earthwatch. More importantly, you will be making your voice heard, giving people at Earthwatch information vital to the achievement of their ultimate goal: to make the world a better place.

This research has been approved by the Virginia Tech Institutional Board for Research Involving Human Subjects, a governing board that insists upon and guarantees your complete confidentiality. Your name will be used only for the drawing for the free one-year membership and to assure the receipt of the post-trip questionnaire.

As you complete the questionnaire, you will notice that some of the questions are familiar from the pre-trip survey. Nevertheless, please answer each of the questions carefully and to the best of your knowledge, as your responses on *both* of the surveys are important. If you have questions regarding the questionnaire or the research being conducted, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address, phone number, or e-mail listed below. To receive a summary of this research upon its completion, please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with your completed survey.

Your participation in this research is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

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Q1. Name of expedition taken: _____ starting date: _____

Q2. Did the trip meet or exceed your expectations of an Earthwatch expedition (circle number that applies)?

1 YES 2 NO

Q3. On your Earthwatch expedition, you probably interacted with a number of different groups of people. Rank 1) the *quantity* of time you estimate you spent with each of the following groups, then 2) the *quality* of time spent with each group of people, using 1 as the most time spent, 2 as the second most time spent, etc.. Use each rank only once for each.

	<u>Rank</u>		<u>Rank</u>			
			<u>Time Quantity</u>		<u>Time Quality</u>	<u>Here</u>
			<u>Here</u>			
Other volunteers in your Expedition	___		___		___	
Researchers (the primary investigator)	___		___		___	
Assistant's to the primary investigator.....	___		___		___	
Members of local communities who worked alongside you	___		___		___	
Members of local communities who were political leaders	___		___		___	
Individuals affiliated with non-governmental organizations (NGO's)	___		___		___	
Other (explain)	___		___		___	

Q5. What do you consider to be the three biggest social problems in the United States today?

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

Q6. Using the letters below, tell us how you feel about the following statements:

SS = Strongly Agree
 A = Agree
 D = Disagree
 SD = Strongly Disagree
Circle One

	<u>Agree</u>		<u>Disagree</u>	
As a direct result of an Earthwatch expedition,				
1 I established relationships with individuals I consider "mentors"	SA	A	D	SD
2 I became a "mentor" for another expedition participant	SA	A	D	SD
3 I met other expedition participants who share similar interests, values, and goals	SA	A	D	SD
4 I plan to maintain contact with some of the other volunteers I met on the Earthwatch expedition	SA	A	D	SD
5 I learned that I am able to overcome obstacles I once found impossible	SA	A	D	SD
6 I look forward to future challenges	SA	A	D	SD
7 I met other expedition participants who can help me with information, ideas, and/or resources for social movement organization activities at home	SA	A	D	SD
8 I feel more competent in everyday life	SA	A	D	SD

Q7. The questions below ask about your support for people participating in activities, not your actual participation. Using the letters below, please tell us how you feel about the following activities:

SS = Strongly Support
 S = Support
 O = Oppose
 SO = Strongly Oppose

	<u>Circle One</u>			
	Support		Oppose	
1 Volunteering for a political campaign.....	SS	S	O	SO
2 Attending political meetings, rallies	SS	S	O	SO
3 Displaying campaign buttons, bumper stickers.....	SS	S	O	SO
4 Making campaign contributions.....	SS	S	O	SO
5 Letter-writing to political officials.....	SS	S	O	SO
6 Letters to newspaper/magazine editors.....	SS	S	O	SO
7 Voting.....	SS	S	O	SO
8 Boycotts.....	SS	S	O	SO
9 Conducting legal protests.....	SS	S	O	SO
10 Disobeying a law as a form of protest.....	SS	S	O	SO
11 Making efforts to stop government operations as a form of protest.....	SS	S	O	SO

For the purposes of this survey, "social movement organizations" (SMO's) are any local, regional, national or international organizations independent of government that work to change some aspect of society. Causes may include—but are not limited to—environmental or cultural preservation, pro-life or pro-choice, social justice, labor, animal rights, women's rights, or gay rights. Please answer the following questions with your participation in social movement organizations in mind.

Q8. Within the next year, do you plan to be involved in any social movement organizations? (circle number)

1 YES 2 NO (if no, please skip to question Q12) =>

Q9. If yes, name them: (if you plan to be involved in more than three, list the three in which you will be most active)

SMO1) _____
 SMO2) _____
 SMO3) _____

Questions Q10 and Q11 apply to the social movement organizations (SMO's) indicated above (SMO1, SMO2, SMO3).

Q10. For each social movement organization, please check the ways you plan to participate within the next year:

	<u>SMO1</u>	<u>SMO2</u>	<u>SMO3</u>
1 Belong to an organization.....	0	0	0
2 Hold office.....	0	0	0
3 Pay dues.....	0	0	0
4 Donate money.....	0	0	0
5 Make non-monetary contributions (provide transportation, equipment, media).....	0	0	0
6 Write congress-persons or other politicians.....	0	0	0
7 March	0	0	0
8 Vote according to the organization's priorities.....	0	0	0
9 Disobey an unjust law as a form of protest.....	0	0	0
10 Make efforts to stop government operations as a form of protest.....	0	0	0
11 Organize meetings or special events.....	0	0	0
12 Receive newsletter/other publications.....	0	0	0
13 Attend meetings or special events.....	0	0	0
14 Attend annual conferences.....	0	0	0
15 Volunteer time in organization office.....	0	0	0
16 Volunteer time for projects, special events.....	0	0	0
17 Other _____	0	0	0

Q11. Who or what first encouraged or helped you to get involved in each social movement organization? (Check all that apply)

	SMO1	SMO2	SMO3
1 Spouse or partner.....	0	0	0
2 Friend(s).....	0	0	0
3 Relative(s).....	0	0	0
4 Co-worker(s).....	0	0	0
5 Fellow student(s).....	0	0	0
6 Church.....	0	0	0
7 Another organization: (name).....	0	0	0
8 Participation in an Earthwatch expedition.....	0	0	0
9 A news report or article.....	0	0	0
10 Other.....	0	0	0

=>Q12. Using the following letters, please tell us how you feel about the statements below:

SA = Strongly Agree
 A = Agree
 D = Disagree
 SD = Strongly Disagree
Circle One

	Agree	<u>Circle One</u>		Disagree
	SA	A	D	SD
1 There isn't much I can do to make a difference in the world.....	SA	A	D	SD
2 If I find out a business is doing things that contradict my ethics/values, I stop patronizing it.	SA	A	D	SD
3 I cultivate relationships with people who support my views about social issues.....	SA	A	D	SD
4 There are things I can do to help solve social problems.....	SA	A	D	SD
5 I buy and read magazines, books and newspapers whose views on social issues align with mine.....	SA	A	D	SD
6 When I'm learning something new, I give up if I'm not initially successful.....	SA	A	D	SD
7 When I travel, I take trips that reflect my views about social issues (ex.: boycott countries that commit human rights violations, exploit workers, etc.).....	SA	A	D	SD
8 I feel insecure about my ability to do things.....	SA	A	D	SD
9 I am capable of dealing with most problems that come up in my life.....	SA	A	D	SD

Q13. Using the same scale you used earlier, how do you feel about the following statements as reasons for poverty in the United States?

SA = Strongly Agree
 A = Agree
 D = Disagree
 SD = Strongly Disagree

Most people are poor because....	SA	Agree	D	<u>Circle One</u> Disagree SD
1 They lack proper money management skills.....	SA	A	D	SD
2 They lack effort.....	SA	A	D	SD
3 They lack ability and talent.....	SA	A	D	SD
4 society fails to provide good schools for many Americans.....	SA	A	D	SD
5 some businesses and industries fail to provide adequate wages.....	SA	A	D	SD
6 Failure of private industry to provide jobs.....	SA	A	D	SD

Q14. Please use the space below to write anything you want about whether the Earthwatch Expedition experience changed the way you participate and think about social change at home:

THANK YOU!

In order to be eligible for the free membership drawing, please fill out the survey and return it in the enclosed envelope.