

EVALUATION OF THE 1985 VIRGINIA TECH ALL-SPORTS CAMP

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INTRODUCTION

The camp director, his staff of counselors, and the campers all play major roles in the success of the camp. The camp director who has had several years of experience may be considered as a person who has proven in some form or another that he/she is capable of getting the job done (Ford and Rodney, 1971).

There are several types of sports camps available for campers during the summer months. There are sports camps for recreational purposes and for skill development. General camps, which may offer sports activities for campers are also available during the summer months (Kraus and Scanlin, 1983; Lansing, Levy and Goldsmith, 1983).

Sports camps may be located at various sites, but it is not uncommon to find colleges and universities offering some type of sports camp during the summer. Sports camps that are held at colleges and universities tend to be sports specific. Sports specific camps are referred to as specialized or coaching camps. These camps tend to be short term and the focus is on one specific sport (Mann cited in Vendien, 1980).

A camper and the camper's parent should consider several things before attending or sending their child to a specialized sports camp. Since most specialized sports camps tend to be very competitive, the camper and his/her parents must decide if the camper is ready for a competitive sport. A number of the specialized sports camps will spend several hours each day on one sport. For example, a specialized sports

camp may spend hours practicing on skill development, drills, competing, and watching films of that particular sport all in one day (Lansing, Levy and Goldsmith, 1983).

The Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp is located in Blacksburg, Virginia, on the campus of Virginia Tech. The camp first opened in 1970. During the first year, camp director Chuck Rohe offered 10 sports activities to an all male camp. The following year the camp added female campers. Rohe served as camp director until 1973. Russ Whitenack then took over as the director of the Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp (Personal interview with Russ Whitenack, November 11, 1985).

All campers who attend the three week Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp choose the specific sport he/she desires to claim as a major, and two minor sports. The major sport lasts two hours a day, and each minor sport lasts one hour each day. Minor sports activities may be changed by the camper at the end of each week so that the camper will have an opportunity to gain experiences and skills in several sports (Personal interview with Russ Whitenack, November 11, 1985).

All the counselors at the Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp are hired by the camp director. Counselors are hired after the application deadline for campers. This allows the camp director to hire the appropriate type and number of counselors for each activity based upon the campers major selections. The majority of the counselors are college students, most of whom have an athletic background in the sport they instruct (Personal interview with Russ Whitenack, November 11, 1985).

Evaluation refers to the process of systematically judging or measuring the worth or quality of a program or another form of professional service (Kraus and Scanlin, 1983). Evaluation can also be used to determine the value of an activity to the camper (Ford and Rodney, 1971). To date an evaluation of the Virginia Tech campers' future athletic involvement has not been conducted. Such an evaluation could be useful in future planning of the camp.

Purpose

The purpose of this study was, by the use of the questionnaire, to acquire information: regarding campers' athletic background, athletic interest, athletic desire, the camp's success of teaching athletic skills, and the success of the Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp.

Delimitations

The following limitations were inherent to the design of this study: the sample consisted only of those campers who resided in the United States and those campers who attended the 1985 Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp.

Limitations

The following limitation was inherent to the design of this study: each camper was given a total of four weeks to return the questionnaire after the first mail out date.

Basic Assumptions

This investigation was based upon the following assumptions:

(1) That the campers would return the questionnaire, (2) that the campers who returned the questionnaire would give honest replies.

Research Question

1. What were the three most popular activities for the American campers who attended the 1985 Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp?

2. In what sports activities are the American campers, who attended the 1985 Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp, still active?

3. What percentage of the American campers who attended the 1985 Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp improved their athletic skills in their major sport?

4. What percentage of the American campers who attended the 1985 Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp are planning on trying out for a school athletic team or organized athletic league?

5. What percentage of the American campers who attended the 1985 Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp have tried out for a school athletic team or organized athletic league since attending the camp?

6. What percentage of the American campers who attended the 1985 Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp have become members of a school athletic team or organized athletic league since attending the camp?

7. What percentage of the American campers who attended the 1985 Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp had been a member of a school athletic

team or organized athletic league before attending the Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp?

8. What percentage of the American campers who attended the 1985 Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp were satisfied with their camp experiences?

9. What percentage of the American campers who attended the 1985 Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp would send a son/daughter to the Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp if they were parents?

10. What week duration of camp would the American campers prefer who attended the 1985 Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp?

Subjects

The subjects for this study consisted of 363 American campers who attended the 1985 Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp.

Instrument

The data collection instrument for this study was a questionnaire mailed to each American camper who attended the 1985 Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp (Appendix A).

Procedures

The following are the procedures that took place during the study.

1. The mail out date for the questionnaires and information letter was January 29, 1986 (Appendix B)

2. A follow-up letter was mailed out to those campers who had not returned their questionnaire on February 13, 1986 (Appendix C).

3. The cut-off date for questionnaire return was February 27, 1986. No questionnaires were used in the study that were not at the researcher's disposal at this date.

Data Analysis

A frequency distribution was conducted on each of the questions on the questionnaire.

Summary

The Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp is a three-week sports camp in which campers are given the opportunity for adventure, new friends, team spirit, new skills, and competition. This study was designed to focus on the campers' athletic experiences, athletic background, and overall camp success. A questionnaire was used to acquire this information.

RESULTS

A total of 363 questionnaires were mailed to the American campers who attended the 1985 Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp. A total of 272 of the 363 (74.93%) questionnaires were returned within the appropriate time for this study. A total of 165 out of the 236 male campers (69.91%) returned their questionnaires and 107 out of the 127 female campers (84.25%) returned their questionnaires. Campers could check more than one sport for research question 2, research question 4, research question 5, and research question 6. Questions were void if the respondents did not follow the appropriate directions for each specific question.

Research Question 1

In regard to research question 1, 48 out of the 272 campers who returned their questionnaire (17.65%) had this question voided because they did not follow the appropriate directions. A total of 28 of the 165 male campers (16.97%) had this question voided and 20 of the 107 female campers (18.69%) had this question voided.

Based upon the campers' responses in regard to their favorite sport offered by the camp, 26 of the 137 male respondents (18.98%) selected soccer as their favorite sport (Table 1) whereas 25 of the 87 female respondents (28.74%) selected tennis as their favorite sport (Table 1). Based upon total camper responses in regard to their favorite sport, 42

TABLE 1
Male/Female Favorite Sport

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>%</u>
Soccer	26	18.98	Tennis	25	28.74
Basketball	22	16.06	Gymnastics	18	20.69
Baseball	19	13.87	Horseback Riding	11	12.64
Lacrosse	17	12.41	Swimming	10	11.49
Tennis	17	12.41	Soccer	7	8.05
Track & Field	9	6.57	Basketball	4	4.60
Football	7	5.11	Dance & Rhythm	3	3.45
Canoeing	6	4.38	Track & Field	3	1.15
Golf	4	2.92	Canoeing	1	1.15
Swimming	4	2.92	Golf, Hiking &	1	1.15
Wrestling	4	2.92	Lacrosse		
Gymnastics	2	1.46	Softball &	1	1.15
			Volleyball		

N = 137

N = 87

of the 224 respondents (18.75%) selected tennis as their favorite sport (Table 2).

Based upon the campers' responses in regard to their second favorite sport, 22 of the 137 male respondents (16.06%) selected basketball as their second favorite sport (Table 3) whereas 16 of the 87 female respondents (18.39%) selected canoeing and gymnastics as their second favorite sport (Table 3). Based upon total camper responses in regard to their second favorite sport, 29 of the 224 respondents (12.95%) selected tennis as their second favorite sport (Table 4).

Based upon the campers' responses in regard to their third favorite sport, 19 of the 137 male respondents (13.87%) selected soccer as their third favorite sport (Table 5). Whereas 16 of the 87 female respondents (18.39%) selected gymnastics as their third favorite sport (Table 5). Based upon total camper responses, 28 of the 224 respondents (12.51%) selected soccer as their third favorite sport (Table 6). When all the responses for each sport were added together for favorite, second, third sport responses, 86 or 42.86% campers had selected tennis, 83 or 37.05% campers had selected soccer, and 67 or 29.91% campers had selected basketball (Table 7). It should be noted that this table could be misleading as all sports marked have been included regardless of how ranked.

TABLE 2
Total Camper Favorite Sport

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Total Camper Response</u>	<u>%</u>
Tennis	42	18.75
Soccer	33	14.73
Basketball	26	11.61
Gymnastics	20	8.93
Baseball	19	8.48
Lacrosse	18	8.04
Swimming	14	6.25
Track & Field	12	5.36
Horseback Riding	11	4.91
Canoeing	7	3.13
Football	7	3.13
Golf	5	2.23
Wrestling	4	1.79
Dance & Rhythm	3	1.34
Hiking	1	.45
Softball	1	.45
Volleyball	1	.45

N = 224

TABLE 3

Male/Female Second Favorite Sport

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>%</u>
Basketball	22	16.06	Canoeing	16	18.39
Lacrosse	21	15.33	Gymnastics	16	18.39
Tennis	19	13.87	Tennis	10	11.49
Soccer	13	9.49	Dance & Rhythm	9	10.34
Canoeing	11	8.03	Soccer	9	10.34
Football	10	7.30	Swimming	8	9.20
Wrestling	9	6.57	Basketball	4	4.60
Baseball	7	5.11	Lacrosse	3	3.45
Golf	7	5.11	Track & Field	3	3.45
Gymnastics	6	4.38	Golf	2	2.30
Track & Field	6	4.38	Hiking	2	2.30
Swimming	2	1.46	Horseback Riding	2	2.30
Weightlifting	2	1.46	Volleyball	2	2.30
Dance & Rhythm	1	.73	Softball	1	1.15
Hiking	1	.73			

N = 137

N = 87

TABLE 4
Total Camper Second Favorite Sport

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Total Camper Responses</u>	<u>%</u>
Tennis	29	12.95
Canoeing	27	12.05
Basketball	26	11.61
Lacrosse	24	10.71
Gymnastics	22	9.82
Soccer	22	9.82
Dance & Rhythm	10	4.46
Football	10	4.46
Swimming	10	4.46
Golf	9	4.46
Track & Field	9	4.02
Wrestling	9	4.02
Baseball	7	3.13
Hiking	3	1.34
Horseback Riding	2	.89
Volleyball	2	.89
Weightlifting	2	.89
Softball	1	.45

N = 224

TABLE 5
Male/Female Third Favorite Sport

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>%</u>
Soccer	19	13.87	Gymnastics	16	18.39
Baseball	14	10.22	Tennis	12	13.79
Lacrosse	14	10.22	Canoeing	11	12.64
Football	13	9.49	Swimming	11	12.34
Tennis	13	9.49	Soccer	9	10.34
Basketball	12	8.76	Dance & Rhythm	7	8.05
Wrestling	12	8.76	Lacrosse	6	6.90
Golf	10	7.30	Track & Field	5	5.75
Gymnastics	8	5.84	Volleyball	5	5.75
Track & Field	8	5.84	Basketball	3	3.45
Canoeing	6	4.38	Softball	2	2.30
Weightlifting	3	2.19			
Hiking	2	1.46			
Swimming	2	1.46			
Volleyball	1	.73			

N = 137

N = 87

TABLE 6
Total Camper Third Favorite Sport

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Total Camper Response</u>	<u>%</u>
Soccer	28	12.50
Tennis	25	11.16
Gymnastics	24	10.71
Lacrosse	20	8.93
Canoeing	17	7.59
Basketball	15	6.70
Baseball	14	6.25
Football	13	5.80
Track & Field	13	5.80
Swimming	13	5.80
Wrestling	12	5.36
Golf	10	4.46
Dance & Rhythm	7	3.13
Volleyball	6	2.68
Weightlifting	3	1.34
Hiking	2	.89
Softball	2	.89

N = 224

TABLE 7

Combined Summary of Favorite, Second, Third Favorite Sport

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Total Responses</u>	<u>%</u>
Tennis	96	42.86
Soccer	83	37.05
Basketball	67	29.91
Gymnastics	66	29.46
Lacrosse	62	27.68
Canoeing	51	22.77
Baseball	40	17.86
Swimming	37	16.52
Track & Field	34	15.18
Football	30	13.39
Wrestling	25	11.16
Golf	24	10.17
Dance & Rhythm	20	8.93
Horseback Riding	13	5.80
Volleyball	9	4.02
Hiking	6	2.68
Weightlifting	5	2.68
Softball	4	1.79

N = 224

Research Question 2

In regard to research question 2, 13 of the 272 campers who returned their questionnaire (4.7%) did not answer the question. A total of 9 of the 165 male campers (5.45%) did not answer the question and 4 of the 107 female campers (3.74%) did not answer the question.

Based upon the campers' responses in regard to the sport of sports they still participate in, 101 of the 156 male respondents (67.74%) still participate in basketball. A total of 83 of the 156 male respondents (53.21%) still participate in soccer, 70 of the 156 male respondents (44.87%) still participate in tennis (Table 8) whereas 48 of the 103 female respondents (46.60%) still participate in swimming and 48 of the 103 female respondents (46.60%) still participate in tennis. A total of 33 of the 103 female respondents (32.04%) still participate in basketball (Table 8). Based upon total camper responses in regard to the sport of sports they still participate in, 134 of the 259 respondents (51.74%) still participate in basketball, 118 of the 259 respondents (45.56%) still participate in tennis, and 109 of the 259 respondents (42.08%) still participate in soccer (Table 9). A total of 59 of the 156 male respondents (37.82%) still participate in more than four sports, and 32 out of the 103 female respondents (31.07%) still participate in more than four sports (Table 10). Based upon total camper responses, 91 of the 259 respondents (35.14%) still participate in more than four sports (Table 11).

TABLE 8

Male/Female Current Sport Participation

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>%</u>
Basketball	101	64.74	Swimming	48	46.60
Soccer	83	53.21	Tennis	48	46.60
Tennis	70	44.87	Basketball	33	32.04
Football	67	42.95	Gymnastics	31	30.10
Baseball	59	37.82	Soccer	26	25.24
Swimming	47	30.13	Dance & Rhythm	22	21.36
Golf	37	23.72	Track & Field	21	20.39
Track	32	20.51	Volleyball	20	19.42
Wrestling	31	19.87	Softball	17	16.50
Weightlifting	29	18.59	Horseback Riding	15	14.56
Lacrosse	22	14.10	Canoeing	8	7.77
Volleyball	19	12.18	Hiking	7	6.80
Canoeing	16	10.26	Golf	6	5.83
Hiking	11	7.05	Lacrosse	5	4.85
Gymnastics	6	3.85	Weightlifting	3	2.91
Horseback Riding	5	3.21	Baseball	2	1.94
Softball	5	3.21	Football	2	1.94
Dance & Rhythm	1	.64			

N = 156

N = 103

TABLE 9
Total Camper Sport Participation

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Total Camper Responses</u>	<u>%</u>
Basketball	134	51.74
Tennis	118	45.56
Soccer	109	42.08
Swimming	95	36.68
Football	69	26.64
Baseball	61	23.55
Track & Field	53	20.46
Golf	43	16.60
Volleyball	39	15.06
Gymnastics	37	14.29
Weightlifting	32	12.36
Wrestling	31	11.97
Lacrosse	27	10.42
Canoeing	24	9.27
Dance & Rhythm	23	8.88
Softball	22	8.49
Horseback Riding	20	7.72
Hiking	18	6.95

N = 259

TABLE 10
Summary Sport Participation Male/Female

<u>No. of Sports</u>	<u>Male Camper Responses</u>	<u>%</u>
One	14	8.97
Two	28	17.95
Three	31	19.87
Four	24	15.38
More than Four	59	37.82

N = 156

<u>No. of Sports</u>	<u>Female Camper Responses</u>	<u>%</u>
One	24	23.30
Two	27	26.21
Three	16	15.53
Four	4	3.88
More than Four	32	31.07

N = 103

TABLE 11
Summary Sport Participation

<u>No. of Sports</u>	<u>Total Camper Responses</u>	<u>%</u>
One	38	14.67
Two	55	21.24
Three	47	18.15
Four	28	10.81
More than Four	91	35.14

N = 259

Research Question 3

In regard to research question 3, 19 out of the 272 campers who returned their questionnaire (6.99%) had this question voided because they did not follow the appropriate directions. A total of 6 of the 165 male campers (3.64%) had this question voided and 8 of the 107 female campers (7.58%) had this question voided.

Based upon the campers' responses in regard to whether they felt the camp helped improve their athletic skills in their major, 149 of the 159 male respondents (93.71%) stated they believed the camp did help improve their athletic skills in their major (Table 12) whereas 98 of the 99 female respondents (98.99%) stated they believed the camp did help improve their athletic skills in their major (Table 12). Based upon total camper responses, 247 of the 248 respondents (95.74%) stated they felt the camp helped improve their athletic skills in their major (Table 13).

Research Question 4

In regard to research question 4, 17 out of the 272 campers who returned their questionnaires (6.25%) had this question voided because they did not follow the appropriate directions. A total of 8 of the 165 male campers (4.85%) had this question voided and 9 of the 107 female campers (8.41%) had this question voided.

Based upon the campers' responses in regard to whether they plan on trying out for a school athletic team or organized athletic league in the future, 238 out of the 255 campers (93.33%) stated they plan on

TABLE 12
Male/Female Improve Athletic Skills

<u>Male Camper Response</u>	<u>%</u>
10 No	6.29
149 Yes	93.71

N = 159

<u>Female Camper Responses</u>	<u>%</u>
1 No	1.01
98 Yes	98.99

N = 99

TABLE 13
Summary Improve Athletic Skills

<u>Total Camper Responses</u>	<u>%</u>
11 No	4.26
247 Yes	95.74

N = 258

TABLE 14
Summary Future Athletic Plans

<u>Total Camper Responses</u>	<u>%</u>
17 No	6.67
238 Yes	93.33

N = 255

trying out for an athletic team or athletic league (Table 15). Out of these 151 male campers who planned on trying out, 46 or 30.46% of these males planned on trying out for two athletic teams or athletic leagues (Table 16).

A total of 87 of the 98 female respondents (88.78%) stated that they planned on trying out for an athletic team or athletic league (Table 15). Out of these 87 female campers who planned on trying out, 26 or 29.89% of these females planned on trying out for two athletic teams or athletic leagues (Table 16). Out of the male and female campers who stated they planned on trying out for an athletic team or athletic league in the future, 72 or 30.25% planned on trying out for two athletic teams or athletic leagues (Table 17).

The sports that the 151 male campers planned on trying out for the most were soccer, 67 responses or 44.37%, male campers, basketball, 64 responses or 42.38%, male campers, and football, 52 responses or 34.44%, male campers (Table 18). The 87 female campers planned on trying out for tennis, 31 responses or 35.63%, female campers, basketball, 23 responses or 26.44%, female campers, and soccer, 20 responses or 22.99%, female campers (Table 18). The total camper response indicates that 87 of the 238 campers (36.55%) planned on trying out for basketball, 87 of the 238 campers (36.55%) for soccer, and 53 of the 238 campers (22.27%) planned on trying out for football (Table 19).

TABLE 15
Male/Female Future Athletic Plans

Male Camper Responses

	<u>%</u>
6 No	3.82
151 Yes	96.18

N = 157

Female Camper Responses

	<u>%</u>
11 No	11.22
87 Yes	88.78

N = 98

TABLE 16

Number Teams Involved in Male/Female Athletic Plans

<u>No. of School Athletic Teams of Organized Athletic Leagues</u>	<u>Male Camper Responses</u>	<u>%</u>
One	40	26.49
Two	46	30.46
Three	35	23.18
Four	18	11.92
More than Four	12	7.95

N = 151

<u>No. of School Athletic Teams or Organized Athletic Leagues</u>	<u>Female Camper Responses</u>	<u>%</u>
One	35	40.23
Two	26	29.89
Three	19	21.84
Four	5	5.75
More than Four	2	2.30

N = 87

TABLE 17

Summary Number Teams Involved in Future Athletic Plans

<u>No. of School Athletic Teams or Organized Athletic Leagues</u>	<u>Total Camper Responses</u>	<u>%</u>
One	75	31.51
Two	72	30.25
Three	54	22.69
Four	23	9.66
More than Four	14	5.88

N = 238

TABLE 18
Male/Female Future Sports Try Out

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>%</u>
Soccer	67	44.37	Tennis	31	35.63
Basketball	64	42.38	Basketball	23	26.44
Football	52	34.44	Soccer	20	22.99
Baseball	47	31.13	Swimming	19	21.84
Tennis	39	25.83	Gymnastics	16	18.39
Track & Field	27	17.88	Others	16	18.39
Wrestling	25	16.56	Track & Field	15	17.24
Swimming	16	10.60	Softball	14	16.09
Lacrosse	15	9.93	Volleyball	11	12.64
Golf	13	8.61	Golf	4	4.60
Others	6	3.97	Horseback Riding	4	4.60
Weightlifting	6	3.97	Lacrosse	3	3.45
Gymnastics	2	1.32	Baseball	1	1.15
Horseback Riding	2	1.32	Football	1	1.15
Softball	2	1.32			
Canoeing	1	.66			
Hiking	1	.66			
Volleyball	1	.66			

N = 151

N = 87

TABLE 19
Summary Future Sports Try Out

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Total Camper Responses</u>	<u>%</u>
Basketball	87	36.55
Soccer	87	36.55
Football	53	22.27
Baseball	48	20.17
Track & Field	42	17.65
Tennis	40	16.81
Swimming	35	14.71
Wrestling	25	10.50
Others	22	9.24
Gymnastics	18	7.56
Lacrosse	18	7.56
Golf	17	7.14
Softball	16	6.72
Volleyball	12	5.04
Horseback Riding	6	2.52
Weightlifting	6	2.52
Hiking	1	.42

N = 238

Research Question 5

In regard to research question 5, 16 out of the 272 campers who returned their questionnaire (5.88%) had this question voided because they did not follow the appropriate directions. A total of 8 of the 165 male campers (4.85%) had this question voided and 8 of the 107 female campers (7.48%) had this question voided.

Based upon the campers' responses in regard to whether they have tried out for a school athletic team or organized athletic league since attending the 1985 Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp, 199 out of the 256 campers (77.73%) stated they had tried out for an athletic team or athletic league (Table 20). A total of 141 of the 157 male respondents (89.81%) stated they had tried out for an athletic team or athletic league (Table 21). Out of these 141 male campers who had tried out, 43 or 30.50% of these males had tried out for two athletic teams or athletic leagues (Table 22).

A total of 68 of the 99 female respondents (68.69%) stated they had tried out for an athletic team or athletic league since attending camp (Table 20). Out of these 68 female campers who had tried out, 24 or 35.29% of these females had tried out for two athletic teams or athletic leagues (Table 22). Out of the male and female campers who stated they had tried out for an athletic team or athletic league since attending camp, 64 or 32.16% had tried out for two athletic teams or athletic leagues (Table 23).

TABLE 20
Summary Number Tried Out For Team

<u>Total Camper Responses</u>	<u>%</u>
57 No	22.27
199 Yes	77.73

N = 256

TABLE 21
Male/Female Tried Out For Team

<u>Male Camper Responses</u>	<u>%</u>
26 No	16.56
131 Yes	83.44

N = 157

<u>Female Camper Responses</u>	<u>%</u>
31 No	31.31
68 Yes	68.69

N = 99

TABLE 22
Male/Female Number Teams Tried Out

<u>No. of School Athletic Teams or Organized Athletic Leagues</u>	<u>Male Camper Responses</u>	<u>%</u>
One	62	47.33
Two	40	30.53
Three	23	17.56
Four	2	1.53
More than Four	4	3.05

N = 131

<u>No. of School Athletic Teams or Organized Athletic Leagues</u>	<u>Female Camper Responses</u>	<u>%</u>
One	35	52.94
Two	24	35.29
Three	7	10.29
Four	1	1.47
More than Four	0	0

N = 68

TABLE 23
Summary Number Teams Tried Out

<u>No. of School Athletic Teams or Organized Athletic Leagues</u>	<u>Total Camper Responses</u>	<u>%</u>
One	98	49.25
Two	64	32.16
Three	30	15.08
Four	3	1.51
More than Four	4	2.01

N = 199

The sports that the 131 male campers had tried out for the most were basketball, 59 responses or 45.04%, male campers, soccer, 51 responses or 38.93%, male campers, and football, 32 responses or 24.43% male campers (Table 24). The 68 female campers had tried out for basketball, 20 responses or 29.42%, female campers, others, 16 responses or 23.53%, female campers, which includes sports that were not listed on the camper questionnaire, and swimming, 14 responses or 20.59%, female campers (Table 24). The total camper responses indicates that 79 of the 199 campers (39.70%) had tried out for basketball, 60 of the 199 campers (30.15%) had tried out for soccer, and 32 of the 199 campers (16.08%) had tried out for football (Table 25).

Research Question 6

In regard to research question 6, 19 out of the 272 campers who returned their questionnaire (6.99%) had this question voided because they did not follow the appropriate directions. A total of 8 of the 165 male campers (4.85%) had this question voided and 11 of the 107 female campers (10.28%) had this question voided.

Based upon the campers' responses in regard to whether they have become members of a school athletic team or organized athletic league since attending the 1985 Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp, 195 out of the 253 campers (77.08%) stated they had become athletic team or league members (Table 26). A total of 131 of the 157 male respondents (83.44%) stated they had become athletic team or league members since attending

TABLE 24

Sports Involved in Male/Female Try Outs

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>%</u>
Basketball	59	45.04	Basketball	20	29.41
Soccer	51	38.93	Others	16	23.53
Football	32	24.43	Swimming	14	20.59
Baseball	27	20.61	Tennis	13	19.12
Tennis	15	11.45	Gymnastics	9	13.24
Wrestling	15	11.45	Soccer	9	13.24
Track & Field	13	9.92	Track & Field	8	11.76
Swimming	8	6.11	Volleyball	8	11.76
Others	7	5.34	Softball	6	8.82
Lacrosse	4	3.05	Horseback Riding	3	4.41
Weightlifting	4	3.05	Lacrosse	2	2.94
Golf	3	2.29	Baseball	1	1.47
Horseback Riding	1	.76			
Volleyball	1	.76			

N = 131

N = 68

TABLE 25
Summary Sports Involved in Try Outs

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Total Camper Responses</u>	<u>%</u>
Basketball	79	39.70
Soccer	60	30.15
Football	32	16.08
Baseball	28	14.07
Tennis	28	14.07
Others	23	11.56
Swimming	22	11.06
Track & Field	21	10.55
Wrestling	15	7.54
Gymnastics	9	4.52
Volleyball	9	4.52
Lacrosse	6	3.02
Softball	6	3.02
Horseback Riding	4	2.01
Weightlifting	4	2.01
Golf	3	1.51

N = 199

TABLE 26
Summary Made Team

Total Camper Response

58 No
195 Yes

%

22.92
77.08

N = 256

camp (Table 26). Out of these 64 female campers who had become athletic team or league members, 21 or 32.81% of these females had become members of two athletic teams or leagues (Table 28). Out of the male and female campers who stated they had become members of an athletic team or league since attending camp, 55 or 28.21% had become members of two athletic teams or leagues (Table 29).

The teams or leagues the males became members of the most were basketball, 62 responses or 47.33%, male campers, soccer, 51 responses or 25.95% male campers (Table 30). The 64 female campers had become athletic team or league members of basketball, 18 responses or 28.13%, female campers, others, 15 responses or 23.44%, female campers, which includes sports that were not listed on the camper questionnaire, and swimming, 14 responses or 21.88%, female campers (Table 30). The total camper response indicates that 80 of the 195 campers (41.03%) had made a basketball team or league, 59 of the 195 campers (30.26%) had made a soccer team or league, and 34 of the 195 campers (17.44%) had made a football team or league (Table 31).

Research Question 7

In regard to research question 7, 13 out of the 272 campers who returned their questionnaire (4.7%) had this question voided because they did not follow the appropriate directions. A total of 5 of the 165 male campers (3.03%) had this question voided and 8 of the 107 female campers (7.48) had this question voided.

TABLE 27
Male/Female Made Team

<u>Male Camper Response</u>	<u>%</u>
26 No	16.56
131 Yes	83.44

N = 157

<u>Female Camper Response</u>	<u>%</u>
32 No	33.33
64 Yes	66.67

N = 96

TABLE 28
Male/Female Number Teams Made

<u>No. of School Athletic Teams or Organized Athletic Leagues</u>	<u>Male Camper Response</u>	<u>%</u>
One	68	51.91
Two	34	25.95
Three	25	19.08
Four	0	0
More than Four	4	3.05

N = 131

<u>No. of School Athletic Teams or Organized Athletic Leagues</u>	<u>Female Camper Response</u>	<u>%</u>
One	36	56.25
Two	21	32.81
Three	6	9.38
Four	1	1.56
More than Four	0	0

N = 64

TABLE 29
Summary Number Teams Made

<u>No. of School Athletic Teams or Organized Athletic Leagues</u>	<u>Total Camper Response</u>	<u>%</u>
One	104	53.33
Two	55	28.21
Three	31	15.90
Four	1	.51
More than Four	4	2.05

N = 195

TABLE 30
Male/Female Specific Sports Team Made

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Sport</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>%</u>
Basketball	62	47.33	Basketball	18	28.13
Soccer	51	38.93	Others	15	23.44
Football	34	25.95	Swimming	14	21.88
Baseball	22	16.79	Tennis	12	18.75
Tennis	14	10.69	Gymnastics	8	12.50
Track & Field	14	10.69	Soccer	8	12.50
Wrestling	14	10.69	Softball	8	12.50
Swimming	5	3.82	Track & Field	7	10.94
Lacrosse	4	3.05	Volleyball	6	9.38
Others	4	3.05	Horseback Riding	3	4.69
Weightlifting	3	2.29	Baseball	1	1.56
Horseback Riding	2	1.53			

N = 131

N = 64

TABLE 31
Summary Specific Sports Team Made

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Total Camper Response</u>	<u>%</u>
Basketball	80	41.03
Soccer	59	30.26
Football	34	17.44
Tennis	26	13.33
Baseball	23	11.79
Track	21	10.77
Others	19	9.74
Swimming	19	9.74
Wrestling	14	7.18
Gymnastics	8	4.10
Softball	8	4.10
Volleyball	6	3.08
Horseback Riding	5	2.56
Lacrosse	4	2.05
Golf	3	1.54
Weightlifting	3	1.54

N = 195

TABLE 32
Male/Female Team Members Prior to Camp

<u>Male Camper Response</u>	<u>%</u>
16 No	10.00
144 Yes	90.00

N = 160

<u>Female Camper Response</u>	<u>%</u>
30 No	30.30
69 Yes	69.70

N = 99

TABLE 33
Summary Team Members Prior to Camp

<u>Total Camper Response</u>	<u>%</u>
46 No	17.76
213 Yes	82.24

N = 259

TABLE 34
Male/Female Satisfied With Camp

Male Camper Response

	<u>%</u>
6 No	3.82
151 Yes	96.18

N = 157

Female Camper Response

	<u>%</u>
0 No	0
96 Yes	100.00

N = 96

Based upon the male camper responses, 151 of the 157 male respondents (96.18%) were satisfied with their experiences at the 1985 Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp (table 34). Whereas, all 96 of the 96 female respondents (100%) were satisfied with their experiences at the 1985 Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp (Table 33).

Research Question 8

In regard to research question 8, 19 out of the 272 campers who returned their questionnaire (6.99%) had this question voided because they did not follow the appropriate directions. A total of 8 of the 165 male campers (4.85%) had this question voided and 11 of the 107 female campers (10..28%) had this question voided.

Based upon the male camper responses, 151 of the 157 male respondents (96.18%) were satisfied with their experiences at the 1985 Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp (Table 34). Whereas, all 96 of the 96 female respondents (100%) were satisfied with their experiences at the 1985 Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp (Table 34). Total camper responses indicate that 247 of the 253 respondents (97.63%) were satisfied with their experiences at the 1985 Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp (Table 35).

Research Question 9

In regard to research question 9, 13 out of the 272 campers who returned their questionnaire (4.7%) had this question voided because

TABLE 35
Summary Male/Female Satisfied With Camp

<u>Total Camper Response</u>	<u>%</u>
6 No	2.37
247 Yes	97.63

N = 253

they did not follow the appropriate directions. A total of 5 of the 165 male campers (3.03%) had this question voided and 8 of the 107 female campers (7.4%) had this question voided.

Based upon the male camper responses, 150 of the 160 male respondents (93.75%) would send a son/daughter to the Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp if they were parents (Table 36). Whereas, 98 of the 99 female respondents (98.99%) stated they would send a son/daughter to the Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp if they were parents (Table 36). Total camper responses indicate that 248 of the 259 respondents (95.75%) would send a son/daughter to the Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp (Table 37).

Research Question 10

In regard to research question 10, 25 out of the 272 campers who returned their questionnaire (9.19%) had this question voided because they did not follow the appropriate directions. A total of 12 of the 165 male campers (7.27%) had this question voided and 13 of the 107 female campers (12.1%) had this question voided.

Based upon the male camper responses, a 3-week camp session was the most preferred as 67 of the 153 male respondents (43.79%) favored a 3-week camp (Table 38). Whereas, 39 of the 94 female respondents (41.49%) also preferred a 3-week camp (Table 38). Total camper responses indicate that 106 of the 247 respondents (42.91%) preferred a 3-week camp duration (Table 39).

TABLE 36
Male/Female Send Child to Camp

<u>Male Camper Responses</u>	<u>%</u>
10 No	6.25
150 Yes	93.75

N = 160

<u>Female Camper Responses</u>	<u>%</u>
1 No	1.01
98 Yes	98.99

N = 99

TABLE 37
Summary Send Child to Camp

<u>Total Camper Response</u>	<u>%</u>
11 No	4.25
248 Yes	95.75

N = 259

TABLE 38
Male/Female Camp Duration

<u>Weeks</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Weeks</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>%</u>
3	67	43.79	3	39	41.49
4	53	34.64	4	27	28.72
2	11	7.18	2	11	11.70
5	10	6.54	5	7	7.45
6	7	4.58	6	4	4.26
7	3	1.96	7	3	3.19
More than 7	2	1.31	More than 7	3	3.19

N = 153

N = 94

TABLE 39
Summary Camp Duration

<u>Weeks</u>	<u>Total Camper Response</u>	<u>%</u>
3	106	42.91
4	80	32.39
2	22	8.91
5	17	6.88
6	11	4.45
7	6	2.43
More than 7	5	2.03

N = 247

Based upon the male camper responses, 144 of the 160 male respondents (90%) were members of a school athletic team or organized athletic league before attending the 1985 Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp (Table 32). Whereas, 69 of the 99 female respondents (69.70%) were members of a school athletic team or organized athletic league before attending the 1985 Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp (Table 32). Total camper response indicates that 213 of the 259 respondents (82.24%) were members of a school athletic team or organized athletic league before attending the 1985 Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp (Table 33).

DISCUSSION, CONCLUSIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS

Discussion

The 1985 Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp offered its campers a variety of sports. The campers had to make a choice in regard to major and minor selection. By offering several sports the campers had an opportunity to participate in the sports they like.

Once the camp season is over, the campers may or may not continue to participate in sports. But based upon this study, the campers do tend to continue to participate in sports outside of the camp. Since the camp is a sports camp, the campers should have an interest in sports camp, the campers should have an interest in sports, and sports skills as well as other aspects of sports participation should be learned.

The campers who attended the camp did seem to show a lot of interest in sports and it was indicated not only by them attending a sports camp, but in their responses in regard to their future plans for trying out for athletic teams. The campers interest in sports outside of camp can be seen also if they try out for school athletic teams or organized athletic leagues and become members of school athletic teams or organized athletic leagues.

Campers who have been members of school athletic teams or organized athletic leagues before attending the Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp also show an interest in sports. This interest is seen not only by just attending a sports camp but also by being a member of an athletic team of league before attending camp as well.

Summer sports should offer campers more than just an opportunity for athletic skill development. The campers seemed to be pleased with all aspects of the camp, their camp experiences and the camp duration.

Conclusion

Based upon the results of the campers' responses to the questionnaire, the following conclusions have been made in regard to the 1985 Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp.

There was no difference between campers favorite and second favorite sport (tennis) but soccer received the most votes as the third favorite sport. When adding all the responses together for all the sports, tennis, soccer and basketball had the most response, and these sports were the sports the campers still continued to participate in the most.

The 1985 Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp was very successful in teaching campers athletic skills during major activities. The camper responses indicate that sports skills were taught and learned at the Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp.

The campers who attended the 1985 Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp seem to have the following characteristics in regard to athletics: they continue to participate in sports outside of camp, they tend to try out for school athletic teams or organized athletic leagues, they tend to be successful in making the school athletic teams or organized athletic leagues they try out for, they tend to be or have been members of school athletic leagues before attending the camp.

The campers tend to favor a three-week camp session very strongly. This indicates that the Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp seems to have an appropriate camp length. The results of this study on the 1985 Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp American campers tend to indicate that the campers had a high interest in sports and liked their experiences at camp.

This study was conducted prior to the spring sport season and therefore possible team membership on a spring sport is missing from the results. This lack of information could be distorting the data presented.

Recommendations

Based upon the results of this study, no changes can be recommended for camp improvement. The campers' responses indicated that the 1985 Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp was a very good camp. No negative aspects of the camp, if there are any, were revealed through this study.

Recommendations can be made regarding future camp evaluation studies, these are:

1. In the future conduct the study after team membership selection have taken place for spring sports.
2. In a future conducted study include specifics about the campers major and the instruction received in their major.
3. In a future conducted study include requested information regarding would you tell a friend about the camp?

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APPENDICES

APPENDIX A
CAMPER QUESTIONNAIRE

Camper Questionnaire

1. Please check the number of years you have attended the Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp.

_____ 1 year _____ 2 years _____ 3 years _____ 4 years
 _____ more than 4 years

2. Please rank your three favorite sports that were offered when you attended the 1985 Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp by placing a 1 beside your favorite, a 2 beside your second favorite, and a 3 beside your third favorite.

_____ Basketball	_____ Track and Field
_____ Canoeing	_____ Gymnastics
_____ Dance and Rhythm	_____ Hiking
_____ Golf	_____ Soccer
_____ Swimming	_____ Wrestling
_____ Volleyball	_____ Horseback Riding
_____ Tennis	_____ Lacrosse
_____ Weightlifting	_____ Softball
_____ Football	_____ Baseball

3. From the list below, please place a check beside the sport or sports in which you still participate.

_____ Basketball	_____ Track and Field
_____ Canoeing	_____ Gymnastics
_____ Dance and Rhythm	_____ Hiking
_____ Golf	_____ Soccer
_____ Swimming	_____ Wrestling
_____ Volleyball	_____ Horseback Riding
_____ Tennis	_____ Lacrosse
_____ Weightlifting	_____ Softball
_____ Football	_____ Baseball

4. Do you feel the Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp helped you improve your athletic skills in your major? Please check your answer.

_____ No
 _____ Yes If yes, place a check beside the sport.

_____ Basketball	_____ Track and Field
_____ Canoeing	_____ Gymnastics
_____ Golf	_____ Soccer
_____ Swimming	_____ Horseback Riding
_____ Tennis	_____ Baseball
_____ Football	

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5. Do you plan on trying out for a school athletic team or organized athletic league in the future? (example: AAU, Recreational league, Country Club team, etc.) Please check your answer.

No
 Yes If yes, place a check beside the sport(s).

<input type="checkbox"/> Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming
<input type="checkbox"/> Golf	<input type="checkbox"/> Tennis
<input type="checkbox"/> Gymnastics	<input type="checkbox"/> Track and Field
<input type="checkbox"/> Soccer	<input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball
<input type="checkbox"/> Weightlifting	<input type="checkbox"/> Wrestling
<input type="checkbox"/> Lacrosse	<input type="checkbox"/> Softball
<input type="checkbox"/> Football	<input type="checkbox"/> Horseback Riding
<input type="checkbox"/> Baseball	<input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing
<input type="checkbox"/> Hiking	<input type="checkbox"/> Others

6. Since attending the 1985 Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp have you tried out for a school athletic team or organized athletic league? (example: AAU, Recreational league, Country Club team, etc.) Please check your answer.

No
 Yes If Yes, place a check beside the sport(s).

<input type="checkbox"/> Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming
<input type="checkbox"/> Golf	<input type="checkbox"/> Tennis
<input type="checkbox"/> Gymnastics	<input type="checkbox"/> Track and Field
<input type="checkbox"/> Soccer	<input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball
<input type="checkbox"/> Lacrosse	<input type="checkbox"/> Wrestling
<input type="checkbox"/> Weightlifting	<input type="checkbox"/> Softball
<input type="checkbox"/> Football	<input type="checkbox"/> Horseback Riding
<input type="checkbox"/> Baseball	<input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing
<input type="checkbox"/> Hiking	<input type="checkbox"/> Others

7. Since attending the 1985 Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp have you become a member of a school athletic team or organized athletic league? (example: AAU, Recreational league, Country Club team, etc.) Please check your answer.

No
 Yes

<input type="checkbox"/> Basketball	<input type="checkbox"/> Swimming
<input type="checkbox"/> Golf	<input type="checkbox"/> Tennis
<input type="checkbox"/> Gymnastics	<input type="checkbox"/> Track and Field
<input type="checkbox"/> Soccer	<input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball
<input type="checkbox"/> Lacrosse	<input type="checkbox"/> Wrestling
<input type="checkbox"/> Weightlifting	<input type="checkbox"/> Softball

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Football
 Baseball
 Hiking

Horseback Riding
 Canoeing
 Others

8. Before attending the Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp, had you ever been a member of a school athletic team or organized athletic league. (example: AAU, Recreational league, Country Club team, etc.) Please check your answer.

No
 Yes

9. Were you satisfied with your experience at the Virginia Tech Camp? Please check your answer.

No
 Yes

10. If you were a parent would you send your son/daughter to the Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp? Please check your answer.

No
 Yes

11. Which week duration of camp would you prefer. Please check your answer.

2 weeks 3 weeks 4 weeks
 5 weeks 6 weeks 7 weeks
 more than 7

Please return to: David Read
 Va. Tech All-Sports Camp
 P. O. Box 158
 Blacksburg, VA 24060

APPENDIX B
INFORMATION LETTER

Dear Camper and Parent/Guardian:

My name is David Read and I am currently enrolled in the graduate program at Virginia Tech. The reason for this letter and the questionnaire is because I am currently doing a follow-up study on all the American campers who attended the 1985 Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp. The questions are to be answered by the camper, not by the parent/guardian. For those younger campers who may have difficulty reading and understanding the questionnaire, I would appreciate the parent/guardian reading the question to the camper.

I have enclosed a self-addressed stamped envelope along with the questionnaire and would very much appreciate your responses as soon as possible.

Only the results of my findings will be published, not the names nor the addresses of the campers.

Sincerely,

David Read

APPENDIX C
FOLLOW-UP LETTER

Dear Camper:

My name is David Read and I am currently enrolled in the graduate program at Virginia Tech. On January 29, 1986 I sent a questionnaire to all the American campers who attended the 1985 Virginia Tech All-Sports Camp.

Currently, I have over a 50% return and would appreciate your effort in making it a 100% return. If you have already returned your questionnaire, thank you for your effort in making my study successful. If you have not returned the questionnaire, your prompt attention in doing so would be greatly appreciated.

Again, I would like to thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

David Read