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From the Scholars:

Which experiment/project did you enjoy most during CATS camp and why?
The experiment that was the most enjoyable was the mystery/solutions.
I enjoyed all of it because it was a learning process.
Cryption

What did you like best about the criminal justice presentations?
It was fun.
I liked the crime scene the best.
I liked it all (x2)
They were interesting and fun.
It was very hands on.
I liked the mystery solutions but fingerprinting lab was the best.
What I like best about the presentation is that we had the clues layed out & it was organized.
They had good effects and were interesting to me.
I enjoyed learning how to do different things like lifting fingerprints, DNA, crime scene photography and how to decode secret messages.

What would you like to see changed when we do another presentation on criminal justice?
Nothing (x4)
No.
The messy powders.
Something that will grasp the younger kids attention.
What I would like to see change is what people think of the crime scene & who was the main suspect is.
Nothin’ because they were still good to me.
I think things should be discussed in a way that every student any age will understand them.

What did you like best about the Teaching as a profession presentations?
I learned a lot.
They told you what to do.
I liked working with little kids.
I think the movie was fun.
It was nice. I like how they made you think about more into teaching.
All of it.
They were all good, but I din’t have a best thing.
It showed me a lot.
I wasn’t interested.
I thought it was nice.
Nothing.
It gave me a lot of information. It helped me out and now I am more than ever excited to become a teacher.
I think the presentations were good.
Everything.

What would you like to see changed when we do another presentation on Teaching as a profession?
The slideshow went on a longtime.
Nothing (x7)
The amount of kids that we teach. I want more kids to come.
Can it be longer?
More than teaching.
Everything was ok.
Nothing real.
The messy stuff.
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What did you like best about the Teaching strategies presentations?
I don’t know.
I wish that they were a little more hands on.
Nothing (x2)
It was good advice.
How they taught.
Nothing, it was boring.
Teaching was fun.
I really wasn’t interested because I don’t want to be a teacher.
All of it.
I liked when we got to pick our jobs and brochures.
I thought it was helpful and will help me grow as a teacher.
It was great.
Everything.

What would you like to see changed when we do more presentations on Teaching strategies?
Nothing (x7)
I wish they were more hands on.
No.
The people.
Make it less boring.
Even though I don’t want to be a teacher it should be more fun.
I wouldn’t like to see anything change.
None.

Did you learn anything new about computers? Discuss what you’ve learned.
Yes, this was my first time using Apple Ipod laptops.
Yes, I have.
Yes, you can make movies.

What did you like best about the presentations on technology skills?
I liked learning about websites.
I like how we made the web page.
Nothing (x2)
That we didn’t have to do any work.
That we got to learn more things. I think that the presentation was very helpful!

What would you like to see changed when we do other presentations on technology skills?
I wish to make it harder.
Nothing (x3)
They were boring.
I would not like to see anything change. Everything is OK.

What did you like best about the study skills presentations?
I liked the website.
My mom was giving it.
I like everything. I had a tutor.
They were interesting.
The effects.
It showed that the kids paid attention these couple of weeks.
That we can get messages from anybody to help us.

What would you like to see changed when we do more presentations on study skills?
More people around me.
Nothing (x3)
More exciting.
I would like to see the kids more prepared.
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What new thing did you learn about math or science?
Nothing.

What did you like best about the science labs?
I liked how prepared everyone was. I liked how they were patient & excited about the subjects they taught. Blood falling.
They were fun but there could’ve been more. My favorite part was the DNA lab.
DNA
They were fun (x2)
The tools.
All of it.
They kept me awake.
They were different from each other and very interesting.
I thought it was a good experience.
I liked the hands-on parts of them all. I enjoyed it.
It was nice.
Everything.

What would you like to see changed when we do more science labs?
I’d like appropriate age groups so that people could learn on a level suitable to them.
Higher dropping.
The labs. More labs!
Less messier.
Keep it the way it is; kids like it.
The handouts.
Nothing (x5)
Do more creative activities.
I would like too see the messyness change.
That directions and instructions be told better. Try to excite us and be easier to understand.

What did you like best about the mystery solutions lab?
I liked it best because it was fun to mix all types of chemicals.
I like when we mixed the chemicals & they turned different colors.
The nice pretty colors when you mix solutions together.
I liked how the chemicals mixed.
We mixed chemicals in the lab.
What I like best is putting the drops on the table.
The colors changing.

What would you like to see changed about the mystery solutions lab?
Nothing (x2)
The colors of the mixed chemicals. (x2)
I would like to see some more colors when you mix solutions together.
It needs to be excellent.
That it would be not so messy.
Nothing. Perfect!

What did you like best about the DNA lab?
I liked smashing strawberries the best.
I think it’s really neat to see the DNA rise, and then be able to pull it out with the straw.
I like the DNA because it was fun to do. I also would want to do it with other fruit.
I like it all the same way.
Everything.
What I liked best about this lab is that we got to see the DNA of strawberries and we got to “smush” strawberries.
It was fun and yummy (x2)
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What would you like to see changed about the DNA lab?
The fruit.
The amount of ethanol.
That it should be more interesting.
I would change the fruit up every once in a while.
Strawberries to raspberries (x3)
What I would like to see change in this lab is us using different fruits. Different fruits like bananas, apples, grapes, etc.
Strawberries into grapes.

What did you like best about the fingerprint lab?
I like how you can find fingerprints.
Nothing.
I like to put my fingerprints on stuff.
I didn’t like the lab because it was messy.
The fingerprints come out cool.
You get to see your fingerprints.
What I liked best about this lab is that we got to experience criminal prints.
It was just fun.
I thought the lifting of the prints was fun. When we did it with Ron. I thought figuring out what print is what was neat.

What would you like to see changed about the fingerprint lab?
The dust that we used.
Nothing (x3)
I would like to see more of the fingerprint when you put it on the surface.
It needed to be cleaner.
It to be cleaner.
Everything because it needs to be cleaner.
What I would like to see change is the messy powder.

What did you like best about the hair analysis lab?
I liked the hair.
I liked looking at the hair through the microscope.

What would you like to see changed about the hair analysis lab?
Nothing.
I think you should change it to make it more interesting.

What did you like best about the blood lab?
It was fun taking blood samples and measuring [them].
I liked dropping the blood.
It’s fun and pretty neat. I think if the kids did it, they’d feel like detectives.

What would you like to see changed about the blood lab?
Nothing (x3)

What did you like best about lunch?
It served a large meal.
Nothin’
The break.
The pizza party.
I thought that it was good.
The cafeteria.
Nothing it was mostly the same meal.
The pizza was good.
It was okay.
All of it.
The pizza.
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I got to mangle with everyone and made friends through it.
I like when we got to sit down and talk with our friends. I also likes some of the foods we received.
They need to have different varieties of food.
Everything.

What would you like to see changed when we do more lunches?
I’d like the option of buying food. I want the food to come on time & to the correct place.
Less walking.
The food (x2)
The type of pizza.
They should change the menu a lot because some don’t it.
Mix up the menu.
Nothing (x3)
Much better food.
The menu should be different every day.
I would like to see them cook other foods that we like and can choose from.
Not much.
Something different.

What did you like best about the tours?
I liked Ines’ tour because I got to be by the cadavor.
The different buildings
The first college; the little train.
Nothing.
I thought that there fun.
I thought that it was fun and I learned a lot.
What we saw.
Nothing; I didn’t want to have them.
Now I know a lot about the university.
The sites and views of everything was beautiful.
All of it.
The plants.
I think that it was fun and educational.
I liked it.
Everything.
I thought it was okay. I tried walking off my food, but it was informational.

What would you like to see changed when we do another tour?
I’d like Inez to do all the tours!
Less talkin’
If we could go to the gym.
Nothing (x9)
Nothing and keep the fun.
Nothing should change because children should learn about their history.
Don’t have them.
I would like to see what’s inside of the building. Example: To go and see what goes on the regular basis.

What did you like best about recreation?
The teachers.
We were having fun.
I liked when we played the game where 10 people were on each team and there were 2 teams and we had
to get somewhere with only 8 body parts.
What we did.
Football (x2)
It was fun (x2)
All of it. Everything.
I had a blast with it. It was neat. I was glad to play and get to know and make friends.
I liked when we played; I enjoyed it! I also think that it was a good exercise.
It taught me a lot.
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What would you like to see changed about recreation?
Nothing (x8)
The games we played.
I want to play basketball.
I would like to see us play different sports like: basketball, soccer, track, and tennis. Also, I would like to play dodgeball.
I wouldn’t!

How important has CATS been to you?
Not important.

Who is your favorite CATS employee and why?
Ms. Ines is my favorite CATS employee because she is nice and fun to talk to.
I have no favorite; I like them all in the same way.
Steve because he’s normal.
Prof. Grim-Hunter because she was a friend to everyone and she is very nice.

What’s your favorite subject and why?
I am debating between math & science, because I really like science but I am beginning to like math.
History because it’s good.

Were the objectives of the academy clearly stated and communicated?
Somewhat (x2)
Yes.

Were learning objectives met?
Somewhat.
Yes (x2)

What were the key strengths of the academy?
The laptops.
The teamwork and the teachers’ enthusiasm.
The key strengths were the explanations, the information and the examples.

How could the program be improved?
People stop talking when not supposed to.
Some of the activities could be a little more exciting and fun.
This program can be improved by preventing all the messyness.

What will you do differently as a result of the workshop?
I do not know.
I will become a teacher.
What I would do differently is laughing and playing; I also would learn much more.

Overall, how would you rate this program experience?
I would rate this program to be a 4-4
10.
I would rate it a perfect 10.

Was the content presented in an organized and useful manner?
Somewhat.
Yes.

Please make any comments about the workshop content:
I thought it was cool. But I hope the next one will have a different topic but still fun.
I think that these workshops were fun and educational. I also think that I could teach the lessons to others and the information would be very helpful.
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Were hands-on activities helpful?
Yes (x2)

Will the information be useful in your professional or personal life?
Yes (x2)

How has CATS enhanced your educational experience?
It makes me want a laptop.

Would you recommend this workshop to others?
Yes (x2)

Describe your most memorable moments during camp?
I’ve made a lot of new friends.
My most memorable moment in this program is when we were doing the science projects.
I have made new friends.
Learning how to make fingerprints.
Does this program I have made new friends and learned new things.
My most memorable moment was when we had a chance to use the laptops.
Making new friends.
We got to use laptops.
I met a lot of new friends and a lot of interesting things.
Making new friends was my most memorable moment.
When I caught that pass at recreation.
My memorable moment is making friends. Also working with children and bonding with other students in
the program and some guides like Ines and Maria. I won’t forget the things I’ve learned.
I made new friends and got on laptops.
The making of movie and songs and stuff.
I now know how to work on laptops.

Describe the three best learning experiences that you feel proud, able to teach to others, and may use
in school.
I have learned how to use powerpoint and can show it to other little kids.
I have learned to do many different projects and I can say that I will be able to teach and perfect in
Teaching.
I have learned how to explain the blood splatter to little children.
I think that now I would know how to solve a mystery and make a power point.
I have learned how to program a computer, how to make a movie, and how to communicate with
Technology.
I learned how to make a movie and other things.
Fingerprints
I experienced how to solve a murder case by doing fingerprints & etc.
I learned the fingerprint lab.
Creating a web page.
Creating a game.
Creating a video.
One would be how to make a web page, two would be creating a game and also making my own tunes or
Music. I really enjoyed it. But my favorite one I didn’t mention is how to make a movie. I can show this to
All my friends.
I feel proud of the fingerprints.
Movie, downloading and gargoyle band.
Taking pictures, working onto a laptop, and I saw a crime scene.
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From the Staff:

What did you like best about the planning process?
I liked the fact that everyone was able to brainstorm about what should or should not be the structure of CATS. The brainstorming allowed for creativity, which made for a better program.

What would you like to see changed about the planning process?
Maybe planning can be done electronically, via e-mail or audio sessions in Blackboard, via Elluminate.

What did you like best about the Teaching as a profession presentations?
Students were alert, engaged and asked great questions (most of the time). The end! Students didn’t seem as interested as the previous session I gave. Time period and frame for presenter was flexible. Teamwork was helpful.

What would you like to see changed when we do more presentations on Teaching as a profession?
Different type of facility, classroom environment, if possible. Hopefully, students gained one or two tips that will be useful for them. Do not have computers in the room while the presenter is delivering; if computers are being used, give the students a break before the lecture presentation. I’d like to see the computers all facing me. We need to reflect one question at a time. We need to establish more discipline earlier.

What did you like best about the technology skills presentations?
They were fun.

What would you like to see changed when we do more technology skills presentations?
Practice will make it all flow smoother, as later classes revealed.

What did you like best about the Teaching strategies presentations?
The students were focused on the lesson and answered questions.

What would you like to see changed when we do more Teaching strategies presentations?
Children in groups by age. More time.

What did you like best about the study skills presentation?
Working with small groups allowed for individual attention in areas where the student showed weakness. Getting to know the students as individuals.

What would you like to see changed when we do more study skills presentations?
A longer time period. Insufficient time to have students do practice problems to reinforce topics presented. Know more about them academically beforehand.

What did you like best about the criminal justice presentations?
The students were able to see a mock crime scene and be able to solve a mystery. This was an ideal way for the students to be problem-solvers.

What would you like to see changed when we do more criminal justice presentations?
I think that two more classrooms may have been needed in order to set up the crime scene and work on the related labs.

What did you like best about the science labs?
The mock crime scene was a great way for students to become first hand scientists and problem solvers. Students reacted well and participated in all experiments. Unfortunately, some of them were not exposed to chemistry before, so they were partially lost. Nevertheless, the assistance from the staff made lessons successful.
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What would you like to see changed when we do more science labs?
One or two more classrooms for students to participate in lab workshops would have made setting up and cleaning easier. Also, moving from one class to another would have kept students active and awake. So, overall, I do think another classroom facility would have benefited the presentations. A little bit more time for experiments due to a different pace of students’ performance.

What did you like best about lunch?
Elegance of presentation. Fresh fruit.

What would you like to see changed when we do more lunches?
Orders were mixed up & not as assorted as indicated; food was all too often not fresh.

From the Families:

What did you like best about the family presentation?
The interaction of the students with technology. I was very pleased with the students’ presentation. The students were proud of all the projects learned and they seemed to have had an enhanced confidence from their accomplishments.
The students’ creativity, enthusiasm about their new knowledge base, and sheer enjoyment daily with CATS activities.
The creativity of each.
I loved how the students were able to incorporate technology into their learning. It was wonderful to witness the unique presentations as well as the pride each had in their work.
It was really wonderful to see that the students were required to master certain computer techniques & technology in order to complete their presentations. Also, viewing the presentations really gave me a better sense of what the students learned in the program.

What would you like to see changed when we do another family presentation?
For now, I am very pleased with this presentation and I only forsee that with more publicity & earlier., that the next presentation will be equally or better. Thanks!! For allowing my [child] to have a small taste of what's instore for future presentations.
A variety of lunches offered the students. Always include pizza!! The opportunity was awesome. Glad to see the COE involving our youths in CATS.
Keep doing what you are doing!
I would love it if the younger children had more time to create a presentation of their own.
Perhaps all the presentors could be compiled and made part of an overall PowerPoint presentation.