



2022 Toolik Undergraduate, Graduate Student & Postdoc Update

**Student and Postdoc
Representatives**

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2022 Student and Postdoc Survey Results

- 14 number of responses
 - 7 Undergraduates
 - 5 Graduates
 - 2 Postdocs
- Decided to include undergraduates in the survey this year, and they made up half of the responses!

Remote Access

- 12 responses
 - Three said they would continue to use remote access
 - Half said they might use it
 - Post doc responses all stated they would *not* use remote access in 2023
- One grad student stated: “EDC remote access substantially helped me this summer.”
- **Ways to improve remote access**
 - “it would be helpful to have guidelines or “best examples” on what sort of protocol/information format EDC technicians would like for support requests.”

Undergraduate Experience – Positives

- Spent a large amount of time at Toolik
 - 2 – 70ish days

General	Social Experience	Camp Experience
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overall, a great experience for all participates• Appreciated being exposed to different types of research and people	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participated in a multitude of social events at camp• “I thought it was a great way to meet people and feel more at home.”	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food was great• Enjoyed having their own room• “There was a bonfire that was great and appreciated the inclusivity”



Undergraduate Experience – Improvements

- No negative feedback, but some areas for improvements

General	Camp Experience
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social activities focused on undergraduates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quieter heaters• Better black out curtains

Graduate Experience – Positives

- Spent a large amount of time at Toolik
 - 2 weeks to >100 days

General	Social Experience	Camp Experience
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overall, a great experience for all participates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participated in a multitude of social events at camp• “The social aspect of Toolik is arguably the best part”• Mini-golf was well liked	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food was great• Enjoyed having their own room



Graduate Experience – Improvements

- Again, no negative comments, but a few places for potential improvements

General

- Dedicated computer workspace

Camp Experience

- Better lab inventories so items are not double bought
- Better wireless internet connectivity

Post Doc responses & Transportation

Post Doc Survey

- Only 2 responses
- Overall, a positive experience
- No improvements listed

Transportation at Toolik

- No issues from any survey participants
- “Travelling went just fine. Very easy system.”



Overall Camp Improvements

- Quieter heaters and black-out curtains for living spaces
- Social events that cater more toward undergraduates
- Better inventory of lab spaces
 - Some items that already existed at camp were bought or brought up

Camp positives

- Survey results were positive across the board
- Participants felt like Toolik did a great job making the field station feel like a second home
- Food received high praise
 - “Many to list, but the cooks for sure as they do the most important work for us! We are out of the station for most of the day and their food and the abundance of it helps us get through our 12+ hrs of work daily!”
 - “Meals were great! Too good in fact.”

Camp Staff

- EDC and GIS office were both helpful
 - “Randy and Rowan were INCREDIBLY helpful in navigating the BLM permit process.”
 - “Yes, we used some stuff from the GIS office and Randy and his crew are always very happy (hopefully in the future too :p) to help us!”
 - “EDC and GIS centers were great!!”
 - “I used the herbarium, borrowed microscopes from the EDC, and briefly received help locating plots from the GIS team. All experiences were great!”

TFS Code of Conduct Training

- People thought it was useful and did not have any ideas on how to improve it
- “I thought the TFS code of conduct training was useful and cannot think of any changes that could be made to it.”
- “I liked being made aware of the resources and procedure even if I never needed to use them.”

Questions, comments, or concerns?

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