

Linnaean Games Task Force Student Survey Text

The ESA Governing Board has tasked the Linnaean Games Task Force with gathering member input on the name of the Linnaean Games competition. Because students are the primary participants in the Linnaean Games, it is especially important for the task force to gather student perspectives.

The task force is sending this survey to all 2017 and 2018 ESA student members to give students an opportunity to weigh in with their thoughts on the Linnaean Games and its name. The survey will take approximately 5 minutes to complete. We thank you in advance for your time and your honest opinions.

- 1. Are you familiar with the Entomological Society of America's Linnaean Games competition?**
 - a. Yes <if yes, skip to Q2>
 - b. No <if no, skip to thank-you page>

- 2. Have you participated in the Linnaean Games as a contestant?**
 - a. Yes <if yes, skip to Q3>
 - b. No <if no, skip to Q5>

- 3. Did you participate at the Branch level, the National level, or both?**
 - a. Branch only
 - b. National only
 - c. Both Branch and National

- 4. Why did you participate? Select as many answers as you wish:**
 - a. To learn more about entomology
 - b. To be part of a team representing my university
 - c. Because I enjoy competition
 - d. To make connections with other entomologists
 - e. Other <text response box>

- 5. Why haven't you participated? Select as many answers as you wish:**
 - a. I was not aware of the Linnaean Games
 - b. I did not feel welcome
 - c. The format of the games did not look enjoyable to me
 - d. My university did not have a team
 - e. My university had no spots left on its team
 - f. I did not have time to participate
 - g. Other <text response box>

- 6. Have you attended a Linnaean Games competition at the Branch or National level?**
 - a. Yes <if yes, skip to Q8>
 - b. No <if no, skip to Q7>

- 7. Why haven't you attended a Linnaean Games competition? Select as many answers as you wish:**
- a. I was not aware of the Linnaean Games
 - b. I have not attended an ESA Branch or National meeting
 - c. I did not have time in my schedule
 - d. I did not feel welcome
 - e. The Linnaean Games did not look enjoyable to watch
 - f. Other <text response box>
- 8. Indicate your agreement with the following statements on a scale of 1-5, with 1 being strongly disagree and 5 being strongly agree.**
- a. The Linnaean Games are open to all students interested in participating.
 - b. The Linnaean Games provide a welcoming environment for all students.
 - c. The name of the Linnaean Games is appropriate and representative of the ideals of the Entomological Society of America.
 - d. The Linnaean Games are a valuable learning experience for students.
 - e. Participants in the Linnaean Games make valuable connections with other students and entomologists.
 - f. It is fun to watch the Linnaean Games.
- 9. Is the image associated with the Linnaean Games (Linnaeus examining a louse under a magnifying glass) appropriate to represent the Games?**
- a. Yes
 - b. No
- 10. Please share any other comments you have about the Linnaean Games or the name of the Linnaean Games.** <text response box>
- 11. Would you be willing to be interviewed by a member of the Linnaean Games Task Force about your responses to this survey? If yes, please enter your email address here.**

Thank you very much for your time and feedback. The Linnaean Games Task Force will be reviewing all responses to this survey and taking your input into account in their final report to the Governing Board.