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Dear Dr. Swanson:

In the few weeks that have passed since I completed the 1972 flintworking session I have hardly had time to fully consider all aspects of the experience or even completely appreciate what I learned and accomplished. I expect, in fact, I will be thinking about these two points for some time to come. At this time, with the experience still fresh, I can think of no negative comments on any aspect of the program. In terms of planning, administration and execution, the session went very well. The surroundings were at the same time pleasant and very conducive to intimate contact with problems of archeology and flintworking. Students must have the work area and resources close at hand and I think that communal living allowed for easy discussion of problems and ideas.

Learning any skill is not accomplished verbally so that I think Don's "learning-by-doing" approach is ideally suited to the school. A problem for me and other students, however, was simply knowing where to begin. We all soon discovered problems that intrigued us and devoted the bulk of our time to these while trying our hands at other techniques Don showed us. In the future then, I think that students should bring with them specific archeological problems which they wish to work on during the course. Fatigue and boredom will force students away from the specific problem but a problem orientation will offer enough structure for each student to efficiently use Don's knowledge and the short time available.

The functional experiments we tried this summer were fun and informative although I think that properly rigorous functional studies require more time than we had to spare. I would thus suggest that they be kept to a minimum in future sessions.

Finally I would like to say that much of the credit for this year's successful school should go to Chris Lorgren. Besides being a charming addition to group life, she drew the lion's share of the responsibility for operating the camp and she did a fine job for which she should be commended.

I will close by thanking you and the Idaho State University Museum for conducting an excellent program. The summer flintworking schools are performing a real service to archeology and I consider myself lucky to have been able to take part in the program.

Yours truly,

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