

Areerat Soongsomsakul 2014: Leisure Participation Patterns of People in the Northeast Provinces. Master of Science (Recreation), Major Field: Recreation, Department of Physical Education. Thesis Advisor: Associate Professor Suvimol Tangsujjapoj, Ph.D. 78 pages.

The purposes of this survey research were to study: -1) leisure participation patterns of people in the northeast provinces, and 2) barriers to leisure participation of people in the northeast provinces. Subjects were 1,111, including 568 males (51.13%) and 543 females (48.87%) who were selected by multi-stage sampling from population in the northeast provinces.

The research instrument was a self-administered questionnaire. The content validity was approved by 3 leisure experts. The Index of Congruence were 0.67 – 1.0. The Alpha coefficient correlation by Conbach method was .78. Data were analyzed by frequency, mean and percentage.

Findings were found that : -1) the most frequent leisure activity that people participated mostly in the last 3 months were once / 3 month; patterns of leisure participation that people prefer mostly were family (31.52%), friends (30.85%), and alone (29.94%) respectively; and three priority activities that people participated mostly were watching television/video (95.86%), reading books (95.59%) and listening to music (88.21%); and 2) three most barriers to leisure participation of people were lack of time (35.46%), lack of knowledge/skills (25.29%), and lack of money (23.13%)

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