



Ukrainian American Youth Association

Співка Української Молоді в Америці

June 30th Branch in Yonkers • Осередок ім. 30-го червня в Йонкерс

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The Uprava and Bulava of CYM Yonkers would like to share some expectations and requirements that all parents and children should understand when becoming a member of our Oseredok (branch). We expect that children are of Ukrainian descent, have at least a working knowledge of the Ukrainian language, and are interested in learning about Ukrainian traditions, culture, history, and our organization. We highly recommend that all members also actively attend a School of Ukrainian Studies.

Children aged 2-17 are able to join and participate in CYM activities. They will have different expectations and activities based on their age groups.

- Age 2-3: Huseniata
- Age 4-5: Sumeniata
- Age 6-12: Molodshe Yunatstvo
- Age 13-17: Starshe Yunatstvo

Parents are required to register their children and pay yearly membership dues. Most activities take place on Tuesday evenings between 6-9pm. Activities can include arts and crafts, singing, dancing, sports, educational lessons based on CYM and Ukrainian culture, traditions and history.

- Each child will be placed into a group ("rij") and dance group based on their age.
- All Yunatstvo members ages 4 and above should purchase a CYMivskij odnostrij/uniform and an orange CYM t-shirt.
- At certain ages, there will be mandatory tests, which include information about our organization, Ukrainian history, culture, and traditions.
- Parents are asked to actively participate in the weekly CYM program and special events.
- Sports (soccer and volleyball) will be available based on interest and the number of participants.

There are certain branch-level events and national events throughout the year that all members are expected to participate in, including:

- Maskarada/Halloween Maskerade: A fun Halloween party with games and treats.
- "Yalynka" Christmas Program (beginning of December): A Christmas program with a program, carols, and traditional foods.
- Koliada (Christmas time): Our annual Christmas caroling fundraiser.
- Kvitna Nedilia/Palm Sunday Mass: A mass at St. Michael's Church in uniform.
- Stijka Pri Hrobi/Guarding of Jesus' Tomb (Good Friday and Holy Saturday): Yunatstvo is expected to guard Jesus' tomb in uniforms for 30 minutes.
- Den Matery/Mother's Day Program (early May): A program in honor of our mothers.
- Zlet (Memorial Day Weekend): This is a weekend event held each Memorial Day Weekend at Oselia CYM in Ellenville, NY. All active oseredky/branches participate in this event. We also help organize a portion of it.
- Ukrainian Heritage Festival (June Father's Day Weekend): This is a festival sponsored by CYM Yonkers held on the grounds of St. Michael's Church. All members are expected to volunteer for preparation, running, and clean-up of this event.
- Summer Camps at Oselia CYM: This is optional, but all active members are eligible to take part in these camps at Oselia CYM Ellenville.

For any questions, please reach out to yonkers@cym.org.