

Museum Youth Club



San Bernardino County Museum 2010-2011 Museum Youth Club Member Application

Part I: Student Information (Please answer every question. PRINT NEATLY.)

Student's Name:	
Address:	Home Phone: ()
City, Zip:	Cell(s): ()
Student's email:	Date of birth:
Name of School:	Current Grade Level:

ATTENDANCE:

Joining the Museum Youth Club is a **big commitment!** We expect you to attend our regular weekly meetings faithfully. If you cannot attend a meeting because you are sick or have a doctor's appointment, we will excuse you for that meeting if you call us ahead of time. If you have **three (3) unexcused absences** (such as, "I forgot," "I didn't feel like coming," etc.), you will be dropped from the Museum Youth Club and someone else will get your spot.

Please fill in the following agreement:

I (PRINT YOUR NAME), _____ agree to attend the Museum Youth Club meeting each week. I promise to call the Museum when I'm sick and can't attend. I know that my membership in the Club will end if I have three (3) unexcused absences.

Signed: _____
student signature
parent signature

Please list any of your regular commitments such as sports, lessons, church, etc., and the days of the week that these occur.

Please list sports, drama, music, or other activities in which you plan to participate in the winter or spring of this year.

VOLUNTEERING:

One of the commitments you make when you join the Museum Youth Club is that you will volunteer at the Museum, talking to visitors, leading activities, and helping at events like Family Fun Days, Adobe Days, Train Days, Insectival, etc.

Please fill in the following agreement:

I (PRINT YOUR NAME), _____ agree to volunteer at least 15 (fifteen) hours at Museum activities this year. My parent has agreed to provide transportation when I volunteer.

Signed: _____
student signature
parent signature

****Turn in this application at the MYC Orientation that you attend. See back page for dates!****

Part II: Student Questionnaire

The purpose of this questionnaire is to help us get to know you and why you want to join the Museum Youth Club. There are no right or wrong answers – just think about each question and then answer it completely. This section is to be filled out by student. Please answer every question and PRINT neatly.

1. Why do you want to join the Museum Youth Club?

2. List at least two things about the Museum or items at the Museum that you would like to learn more about. Explain why you want to learn about them.

3. What do you like to do after school and on weekends?

4. Our Museum has four main areas that we focus on in MYC. In **geology**, you will learn about rocks and minerals, fossils, earthquakes and other earth science topics. In **history**, you will discover people and how they lived in our area in the past 200 years. **Anthropology** and archaeology focus on how prehistoric people and Native Americans lived here. **Biology** is the study of living things, including plants and animals. Of these four areas (geology, history, anthropology, or biology), which do you think will be your favorite topic and why?

5. What qualities do you have that will make you a great Museum Youth Club member?

Requirements for MYC Membership

1. Students who join the Museum Youth Club really want to learn more about anthropology/archaeology, biology, geology, and history in 7th and 8th grades.
2. MYC members enjoy learning things through hands-on activities and experiences, and know how to get along with other students.
3. MYC members volunteer at Museum events. They like to volunteer, they are patient with younger children, and they are polite to adults.
4. MYC members attend their weekly meetings regularly, and phone when they have to miss a meeting.
5. MYC members act appropriately and take responsibility for their own actions.
6. Parents of MYC members work with other parents to provide reliable transportation for members.
7. Parent or guardian and prospective member must attend **one** of the MYC Orientation meetings:
 - If you plan to join Wednesday MYC, attend the September 15 **OR** September 22 meeting at 5:45 p.m.
 - If you plan to join Thursday MYC, attend the September 16 **OR** September 23 meeting at 5:45 p.m.
8. Turn in completed application at the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands, at the evening MYC Orientation meeting.

Parent Information and Consent

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Part III: Parent Information (To be filled out and signed by the parent/guardian.)

Student's Name:	
Parent (or Guardian) name:	
Address:	Occupation:
	Home phone:
	Work or Cell phone:
Parent (or Guardian) email address:	
Other Parent (or Guardian) name:	
Address:	Occupation:
	Home phone:
	Work or Cell phone:

Museum Youth Club (MYC) members will occasionally be invited to participate in events off the San Bernardino County Museum grounds (for example, visits to other museums, etc.). The students will be given advance notice of such events and have the option of participating or not. Transportation will always be arranged by MYC staff. This may include a chartered bus, a car driven by a MYC parent, or a vehicle driven by a Museum staff person. At all times, Museum staff will maintain their usual care and supervision. Your signature here authorizes consent for your child to participate and absolves the San Bernardino County Museum from any responsibility in case of accident.

Parent or Guardian's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

As a member of the Museum Youth Club, your child will be required to attend regular club meetings, to volunteer at Museum activities, and to keep current emergency and medical information on file. If an emergency occurs, the Museum will make every effort to contact you and/or the persons you have indicated on the Emergency Release form. If you cannot be reached, your signature here indicates consent to obtain medical treatment for your child.

Parent or Guardian's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

The Museum Youth Club (MYC) strives to improve and respond to the needs of its members and their families. We may contact the school counselor/teacher to discuss MYC students so that we can evaluate the success of our program. We also take photos of MYC activities, so we need your permission to use your child's name and/or likeness to promote the Museum, MYC, and its activities. If you have any questions about our program, please call Nancy Kirkwood, Museum Youth Club Coordinator, San Bernardino County Museum, at 307-2669 ext. 271.

Yes, I _____ give the San Bernardino County Museum permission to photograph,
(PLEASE PRINT PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN NAME)
gather, and use the information described above about my child, _____,
(PLEASE PRINT CHILD'S NAME)

for each year in which my child is enrolled in the Museum Youth Club. I understand that all such information will be kept confidential and will be used only for legitimate purposes, and that I will have access to all annual evaluation reports on the program. I hereby give the MYC program permission to use my child's name, likeness, image, voice, and/or appearance as such may be embodied in any pictures, photos, video recordings, audiotapes, digital images, and the like, taken or made on behalf of the MYC. I agree that the Museum Youth Club has complete ownership of such pictures, etc., and may use them for any purpose consistent with their mission, which may include bulletins, exhibitions, videotapes, publications, advertisements, and any promotional or educational materials. I give my consent to the Museum Youth Club program to use my child's name and/or likeness to promote the San Bernardino County Museum, MYC, and its activities.

Parent or Guardian's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Information about the Museum Youth Club Program

Thank you for supporting your child's desire to join the San Bernardino County Museum Youth Club!

The Museum Youth Club is a group of seventh and eighth graders who get together at the Museum each week to learn more about the world and their place in it. They explore new ideas, do activities, make new friends, and have fun together while learning more about the Museum and all that it holds. MYC members attend free weekly meetings, go on field trips, have special activity evenings, and volunteer at the Museum.

This year, Museum Youth Club members will explore archaeology and anthropology together, learning about the people who lived in our area in prehistoric times. In the spring, the focus will be on biology, including animals and plants in the world around us. Among other things, MYC members will get up close and personal with the animals in the Museum's Exploration Station.

In 2011-12, local history and geology will be the two focus topics for the Museum Youth Club. MYC members will learn about earth science together through hands-on activities, including rocks, minerals, fossils, earthquakes and more. In the spring, members will "meet" some of the pioneers who settled in Southern California through photos and stories. They will find out how people lived in the 1800s through many fun activities.

While the Museum Youth Club is designed to provide students with enjoyable and valuable learning opportunities in the museum setting, it also gives them volunteer work experiences that are applicable to future pursuits. They will learn how to talk to adults as well as helping children when they volunteer. All Museum Youth Club members are expected to volunteer at least fifteen (15) hours each year at supervised Museum activities, such as our Family Fun Days, Wildlife Art Festival, Train Days, Adobe Days, and other events.

Meetings start right after school, between 3:15 and 3:30, and end at 6:00 p.m. Parents drop their students off at the Museum after school, and they need to pick up their child at 6:00 p.m. from the Museum. There may be off-site meetings during the year that parents will be notified about ahead of time.

All seventh graders and a parent/guardian must attend one MYC Member Orientation at the Museum. During the orientation, MYC staff will give a short presentation about what the Museum Youth Club is and does, expectations, and responsibilities. Parents and new members will receive a welcome letter with more details, as well as a calendar of meeting dates and other MYC activities. Parents will organize the MYC snack schedule and arrange carpools from the various school sites. Parents and kids will get a chance to talk to the MYC staff and some current MYC members, and get all of their questions answered. If you wish to join the Wednesday group, come to the orientation on either Wednesday, September 15 or September 22. If you wish to join the Thursday group, come to the orientation on either Thursday, September 16 or September 23. Everyone at each orientation has an equal opportunity of acceptance; the orientation you attend will not affect your application. Please arrive by 5:45 p.m. so we can finish everything by 7:00 p.m.

- **NOTE:** Since the Museum Youth Club is limited in size, we ask everyone to think carefully before turning
- in an application. Although we have a lot of fun in MYC, we also have high expectations and standards for
- behavior, attendance, and volunteering. Please think about this commitment before you turn in your
- application!

The first meetings for new MYC members will be either Wednesday, September 29th, or Thursday, September 30th.

PARENTS:

The Museum Youth Club meets on Wednesdays and Thursdays each week with a different group of members each day. Please indicate below which days you would prefer your child to attend. Mark #1 for your first choice and #2 for your second choice. If your child can NOT attend MYC on one of these days, please cross that day out. We expect to honor all first choices.

_____ Wednesday _____ Thursday

TIMELINE:

^a **September 15, 16, 22, OR 23, 2010:** Mandatory MYC Student and Parent Orientation Meeting at the Museum, 5:45 to 7:00 p.m. Attend ONE Orientation meeting on the MYC meeting day you plan to attend. Turn in this application at the Orientation to Nancy Kirkwood, MYC Coordinator.

^a **September 29 or 30, 2010:** Students – attend your first Museum Youth Club meeting!