

Part II: Student Questionnaire

The purpose of this questionnaire is to 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, which are what we focus on in MYC. In **geology**, you will learn about rocks and minerals, fossils, earthquakes and other earth science. 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 16 OR September 23 meeting at 5:45 p.m.
 - If you plan to join Thursday MYC, attend the September 17 OR September 24 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

2009-2010 Museum Youth Club Member Application

San Bernardino County Museum

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:
Other Parent or Guardian Name:	
Address:	Occupation:
	Home phone:
	Work or cell phone:

Museum Youth Club members will occasionally be invited to participate in events off the San Bernardino County Museum grounds (i.e., 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 Museum Youth Club 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 strives to improve and respond to the needs of its members and their families. We may contact the school counselor/teacher to discuss a student's attendance, progress, and attitude, so that we can evaluate the success of our program. We also take photos of Museum Youth Club activities, so we need your permission to use your child's name and likeness to promote the Museum, Museum Youth Club, 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
(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 Museum Youth Club 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 Museum Youth Club. 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 likeness to promote the San Bernardino County Museum, the Museum Youth Club, and its activities.

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

2009 – 2010 MYC Parent Information

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 sleepovers, and volunteer at the Museum.

This year, local history and geology will be the two focus topics for the Museum Youth Club. The 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.

In 2010-11, 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.

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 ten (10) hours each year at MYC-supervised Museum activities, such as our Family Fun Days, Wildlife Art Festival, Insectival, 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 will be several 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 16 or September 23. If you wish to join the Thursday group, come to the Orientation on either Thursday, September 17 or September 24. 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.

Since the Museum Youth Club is limited in size, the museum staff will evaluate applications and all applicants will be notified of the results by October 9, including their designated meeting day. The first meetings for new seventh grade Museum Youth Club members will be either September 30th or October 1st.

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:

- **September 16, 17, 23, OR 24, 2009:** 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.
- **September 30 or October 1, 2009:** Students – attend your first Museum Youth Club meeting!