

## *CYM Melbourne participates in CYM Australia National Leadership Training Forum PERTH - 2009*

Over the Easter weekend, Perth hosted a Leadership course for all CYMivtsi aged 15 - 21 from around Australia. Participants represented the Sydney, Melbourne, Geelong and Perth oseredky. It was a course to improve our leadership skills and to learn how to help improve our community back home.

It was Friday morning when our course began. As we walked in the door and took our seats we had no idea what to expect out of this experience. We discussed the meaning of leadership and talked about the different personalities that we may face when being a leader. We also learned about CYM's history, culture and uniform which broadened our knowledge of the meaning of CYM. Further into the course we were given an opportunity to organise an activity for our own oseredky and learned all the different steps into organising an activity.

After our daily courses, we were invited to some of the host family's homes to catch up with old friends or be given an opportunity to make new ones. There were other outings to the city, beach, a river cruise on the Swan River, and Fremantle which gave us an opportunity to see Perth and its surrounds and bond more with the other CYMivtsi.

The Gang from Melbourne...

Andrew Bell  
Andrew Laba  
Emilia Lech  
Ilias Paraskevakis  
Michael Popowycz  
Matt Sikora  
Zenon Werbiuk

...encourages all those who couldn't make it to Perth to attend other Leadership courses that may be planned in the future. Our trip to Perth was a worthwhile experience, and we came home knowing new friends and having more knowledge about leadership, the CYM culture and community.

**Emilia Lech**



*Waiting to board the boat for the River Cruise*

**Front Row (L – R):** Zenon Werbiuk, Michael Kuzyk (Geel), Adam Jartym (Geel), Emilia Lech, Melanie Berehovy (NSW), Kasiana Mandeczewsky (WA), Olenka Mandeczewsky (WA)

**Middle Row (L – R):** Steven Wityk (WA), Andrew Bell, Taisa Mandeczewsky (WA), Daniel Tkaczuk (Geel), Michael Popowycz

**Back Row (L – R):** Andrew Laba, Matthew Sikora, Alex Tkaczuk (Geel), Ivan Wityk (WA)

Some people were running late including..... Ilias Paraskevakis