National Conference of Vychovnyky & Bulavni in Canberra

All participants outside St. Wolodymyr's church after liturgy.

On the weekend of 23/24 May 2009, 22 vychovnyky from all over Australia met in Canberra to learn about being a vychovnyk. We discussed the basics of vychovannia, our vychovna prohrama, discipline, engagement of our yunatstvo and the abundance of materials that we can access on CYM net.

All vychovnyky worked together to create new and innovative programmes based on our pravylnyk that will work on engaging our yunatstvo and making CYMivski schodyny more fun and creative.

We had a number of highly interactive discussions that looked at trying to foster relationships between yunatstvo and vychovnyky. We discussed the importance of relevance in our hutirky and significance of the motto that CYM holds highly – Boh i Ukraina (God & Ukraine) and the values that our motto instills.

It was most refreshing to see that most of the participants present were between the ages of 15 and 22. Both 'older' vychovnyky and new vychovnyky learnt from each other and used the insights shared to further enhance the knowledge we already

One group presenting some information to all vykhovnyky

Bulavni also participated in an interesting discussion that motivated and inspired a number of new and innovative programmes focusing on 'ratnyky' 'kulturnyky' and the other druzhyny of CYM.

Great job Katerina Kobryn our Holovna Bulavna Krayovoyi Upravy!

A response from the appraisal: "I have participated in many Kursy Vychovnykiv which have always been beneficial and very good, but today's conference was excellent and different. It had a gentle approach and a lot of active participation. The workshops were useful and they will have a positive result- I believe everyone had a very good day and achieved what was meant to be achieved."

Here we are enjoying dinner together!

Comments from one participant: "A worthwhile learning experience for me after many years away from CYM! Thanks for organizing the day."

And another participant says: "Lots of good info. Makes me feel more motivated to do more for CYM…