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The two participation options are (please check one):
 \$1,200: Accommodations, 3 meals a day, snacks and excursions
 \$800: 3 meals a day, snacks and excursions

Rules and Regulations

The main objective of this Forum is to get better acquainted with Armenian cultural heritage. To help the program run as smoothly as possible, please take note of the following regulations

1. Passports must be handed to the Committee. While it is not mandatory, it is highly recommended that participants also hand in the bulk of their money to the organizers for safekeeping. The passports and monies will be kept at a vault located in the hotel and a senior Forum representative will be the person with sole access to that vault. Participants will have access to the vault at set hours during the day.
2. Participants need to attend all lectures, workshops and activities organized by the Committee. Furthermore, they must respect the schedule by being present at least five minutes prior to the start of the activity.
3. No arrangements should be made to meet with relatives and friends during the times allotted for lectures, workshops and other activities. Specific times for such visits have already been scheduled throughout the duration of the Forum.
4. While we do want the participants to enjoy Yerevan's night life, staying up too late might prevent them from keeping up with the daily schedules of activities. Please note that for several events and activities taking place outside of the Forum grounds, buses will be leaving exactly at the set time without waiting for latecomers.
5. Participants must keep their rooms tidy. Clothing must either be kept in the closet or in suitcases.
6. The supervisor(s) must be informed whenever a participant needs to leave the guesthouse for a valid reason or to return later than the scheduled time. Although Yerevan is generally a safe place, it is advisable to go out in groups.
7. Prior to their departure the participants must pay for all of their local and international communications. All participants must respect these rules and regulations.

Attendance Information

Who Can Attend

Any Armenian undergraduate or graduate college or university student (age 17-24)

How To Apply

- Complete the attached Registration Form in block letters
- Read the Rules and Regulations carefully
- Sign and date
- Mail to the Committee contact member in your area

Fees

July 19 - August 4, 2014

- Full Board (US \$1,200): accommodations, 3 meals a day, snacks and excursions
- Half Board (US \$800): 3 meals a day, snacks and excursions

Early arrival and late departure fees are additional. Participants should make arrangements and pay for the extra days' accommodations along with their registration.

These fees do NOT include airfare.

Important

- We provide participants valid health insurance while in Armenia
- Participants must have all necessary travel documents
- Participants must attend all lectures and other scheduled events
- Smoking is prohibited in the dormitories

Forum Participants' Lodging

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Homeland

When I had arrived in Yerevan, only a couple of days before the start of the Forum, I didn't know what to expect from many of the people I was about to meet. It was my sixth time in Armenia, but my first time meeting over thirty Armenians living outside of the homeland. I imagined the experience to be the same as any of the other five trips to Armenia. See monuments and landmarks, eat a lot of khorovadz, and go out during the night. I was wrong. I mean, all of those things did happen, but at the same time, I became friends with people I had never even known about, and the only thing we had in common was our ethnic background. From the very first day, I realized even though I'm meeting people from Australia, Cyprus, Syria, Dubai, etc., I was never expecting them to be so similar to any of my friends back in Toronto. After the first couple of days, I already felt a certain bond with every person in the forum. That's when I started to realize why I was even here. To me, the forum is not about the sites, monuments, and amazing mountain views. Instead, it's about meeting all of these people that live away from the homeland, just like me. It is about unity. We are always told that we, the youth, are the future. This forum shows each one of us that the only way to move forward is to move together. In only two weeks, I managed to learn why I, as a member of the Armenian youth, was so important. Every one of us that are a part of Armenian youth organizations learned how there is so much we can do together to change the future of Armenia. As we approach the final days of Forum, and the final days in Armenia, we spend our last moments together, and realize what a great opportunity and experience our parents and elders have given us in these past two weeks. We will all go back with different memories, stories, and impressions of one another, but we will always remember what a difference this trip has made in our lives, and what a difference we can make if we come together and unite in our homeland, Armenia.

- Garen Hasserjian

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19 JULY - 4 AUGUST
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**It's Educational
It's Fun
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It's Our 20th Anniversary !**

For many Armenian students across the globe, the Hamazkayin Students Cultural Forum is one of the most anticipated events of the year. Since its inception in 1995, the Forum has provided an inspiring and stimulating environment for more than 750 young Armenians. During this summer event, students get the opportunity to learn about Armenian culture, discover the sights and sounds of the homeland and, most importantly, plant the seeds for incredible life-long friendships. Thought-provoking lectures, trips to historic sites and museums, enjoyable nights attending plays and concerts, dancing, and other activities are some of the Forum's highlights. In addition, interactive workshops allow the participants to express their ideas and exchange viewpoints on a variety of issues concerning the Armenian reality. It is an opportunity to take part in a remarkable venture and to join Armenian students from all parts of the world in what past participants have called "the experience of a lifetime."

**Hamazkayin
Students Cultural Forum Committee**



**Ամմոռանալի
Դաստիարակչական
Հանելի 20 տարի**

Աշխարհի չորս ծագերէն բազմաթիւ հայուսանողներու համար Համագգայինի Ուսանողական Մշակութային Հաւաքը «Ֆորում»ը, Հայրենիքի մէջ, ամենէն շատ սպասուածամատ նային ծրագիրնեւէն մէկն է: Իր հիմնադրութենէն՝ 1995էն ի վեր. նախ Լիբանան. ապա Հայաստանի մէջ տարուէ տարի ալ աւելի ժողովրդականութիւն շահեցաւ իր ստեղծած ծխանդավառ մթնոլորտին եւ նոյն յայտագրին շնորհիւ: Երկու շաբթուայ ընթացքին, հայ ուսանողին առիթը կ'ընծայուի դասախօսութիւններու ընդմէջէն ծանօթանալու հայ մշակոյթիւն եւ հայրենիքի պատմական ու տեսարժան վայրերուն: Հաւաքի յայտագրին մաս կը կազմեն միտքը խթանող դասախօսութիւններ, հայ կեանքը յուզող հարցերու շուրջ գաղափարներ արտայայտելու եւ փոխանակելու պահեր. ապա գրաւոր իրենց տպաւորութիւնները արտայայտելու առիթներ: Գիշերային բազմաթիւ մշակոյթային ձեռնարկները հաւաքի տեւողութեան. անոնք ըլլան ընկերային կամ դաստիարակչական, ի մտի ունին ուսանողին ծանօթացնելու իր արմատները. գնահատելու իր ազգի մշակոյթը ու կապուելու հայրենի հողին: «Ֆորում»ը իր 16 օրերու ընթացքին յաւելեալ հարուստութիւն մը կ'ընծայէ մասնակցողներուն նոր ու մնայուն բարեկամութիւններ հաստատելու Հայաստանի, Արցախի եւ արտասահմանէն ժամանած ուսանողութեան միջեւ: Մի փախցնէք առիթը մասնակցելու այս իւրայատուկ եւ բացառիկ նախաձեռնութեան, ուր տարբեր երկիրներէ եկած Հայ երիտասարդներ կը միանան, ապրելու «կեանքի աննախընթաց փորձառութիւն մը» ինչպէս կը վկայեն «Ֆորում»ի բազմաթիւ մասնակցողներ:

**Համագգայինի
Ուսանողական Մշակութային Հաւաքի
Ցանձնախումբ**

Travel Information

Travel

- Participants are advised to make travel arrangements as early as possible in order to secure flight reservations.
- Remember July is high season and flights can be full, especially to Yerevan.
- A Hamazkayin staff member will greet all arriving participants at the respective airports, and transportation to the Forum site will be provided.
- Upon arrival at the airport, please look for the person carrying the Hamazkayin logo.

Passport & Visa

- Participants are responsible for obtaining the necessary travel documents for Armenia. They are advised to make photocopies of all their documents and identification papers.
- E-visas for Armenia may be obtained online at

<http://www.armeniaforeignministry.am/eVisa/index.htm>

Climate & Dress Code

- Yerevan is hot and humid in the summer. Comfortable and casual clothing is recommended.
- Wearing a Hamazkayin T-shirt for official visits is a must.

Don't Forget

- Plenty of jeans, T-shirts, and a sweater
- Towels and a swimsuit
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Formal attire may be necessary for certain events
- For men: a blazer, shirt and tie
- A backpack for picnics and overnight outings



Program Information

Workshops & Lectures

- Lectures and discussions covering cultural, historical, and social issues
- Examination of current issues
- Audiovisual presentations
- Publication of a periodic newsletter "Pari Louys"

Group Activities

- Visits to museums, institutions, and other sites of historical and cultural interest
- Attendance at theatrical performances and concerts
- Sightseeing
- Games and general knowledge contests
- Talent show
- Dancing

Timetable July 19-August 4, 2014

- July 19:** Orientation and official opening of the Forum
- July 19-Aug. 4:** Daily schedules including excursion to Artsakh (in progress)
- August 4:** Departures

For a list of daily schedules go to:
www.hamazkayin.com

ADMINISTRATION OF THE FORUM

GENERAL EXECUTIVES

- Dr. Lilit Galstian, Yerevan
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- The representative from Hamazkayin Central Committee

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- Hamazkayin Central Committee**



My experiences in Forum are so beautiful; surely it has been imprinted in my heart. From the first day, the ice had already been broken. It was as if I knew most of them most of them for years. So warm, gentle and friendly we all had one thing definitely in common we come from an Armenian background, and share an interest about Armenians. One last thing, it might probably be the best decision I did this year. I just wished my friends from Cyprus could join us.

- Dikran Tchilinguirian

Առաջին օրը զգացի թէ բոլորին հետ պիտի ցառողիմ յարաբերիլ: Կը սխալէի: Բոլորս ընկերացանք եւ եղանք մօտիկ բարեկամներ: Ի հարկ է ըսել թէ կարգ մը մասնակցողներու հետ եղանք շատ մօտիկ, իսկ ուրիշներու հետ ոչ այդքան, ինչ որ կարծիքովս բնական կը նկատուի... Աչքերս արցունքով լեցուն էին եւ սիրտս ուրախութեամբ: Չէի հաւատար այդքան սքանչելի բան կրնայ ըլլալ կեանքիս մէջ ու այքերուս առջեւ: Չէի ուզեր իջնել վերէն: Կ'ուզէի մնալ հոն, ժամերով, դիտել շուրջս, մայրամուտը...

- Սարլինա Քէշիշեան