

Summer in "Orlyonok"





Dear friends,
Last summer I spend three unforgettable weeks
in children's summer camp "Orlyonok".
Now I want to tell you a few words about this
wonderful place.



**The Russian children's center
"Orlyonok"
(which means an Eaglet)
was created by the decision
of Soviet Government
in 1960.**

**"Orlyonok" today it is a complex of seven
children's camps, situated in the area
of 244 hectares of the beautiful
Black Sea coast. The camps, named "Stremitelniy",
"Solnechniy", "Dozorniy",
"Olimpiyskiy", "Shtormovoy", "Zvezdnyy" and
"Komsomolskiy" are a real paradise for children.**



The best forty teams, the winners of the tenth All-Russia action at a regional level "I am a citizen of Russia", were awarded with a trip to "Orlyonok". Delegations from different regions of our country arrived to the camp "Komsomolskiy" in August 2010.



In spite of a very hot weather we had a lot of things to do: registration, meeting with our leaders, moving into the houses.

“Komsomolskiy” is a very unusual and original camp.

All teenagers aged 11 to 16 lived in the houses called “barrels”, because of their form.





Our leaders were very initiative, kind and well informed. They showed us the main sights of "Orlyonok" : the Bridge of Compliments, the Square of Tears, the Bridge of Silence. We were told some unforgettable legends about these unusual places.

It took us many days to see
all sights of "Orlyonok".
While we were walking
around the camp,
we saw many unusual
trees and bushes.
Many of them
had been planted
by famous people
during their visit
to "Orlyonok".



There are a lot of beautiful buildings in "Orlyonok". One of them is the Palace of Culture and Sports, which has a large swimming pool, a concert hall, an Internet room and a camp library with thousands of books and children's magazines.



**There are many beautiful fountains
in “Orlyonok”.**



**Some of them are really wonderful!
You can see some fish swimming
in the clear water.**

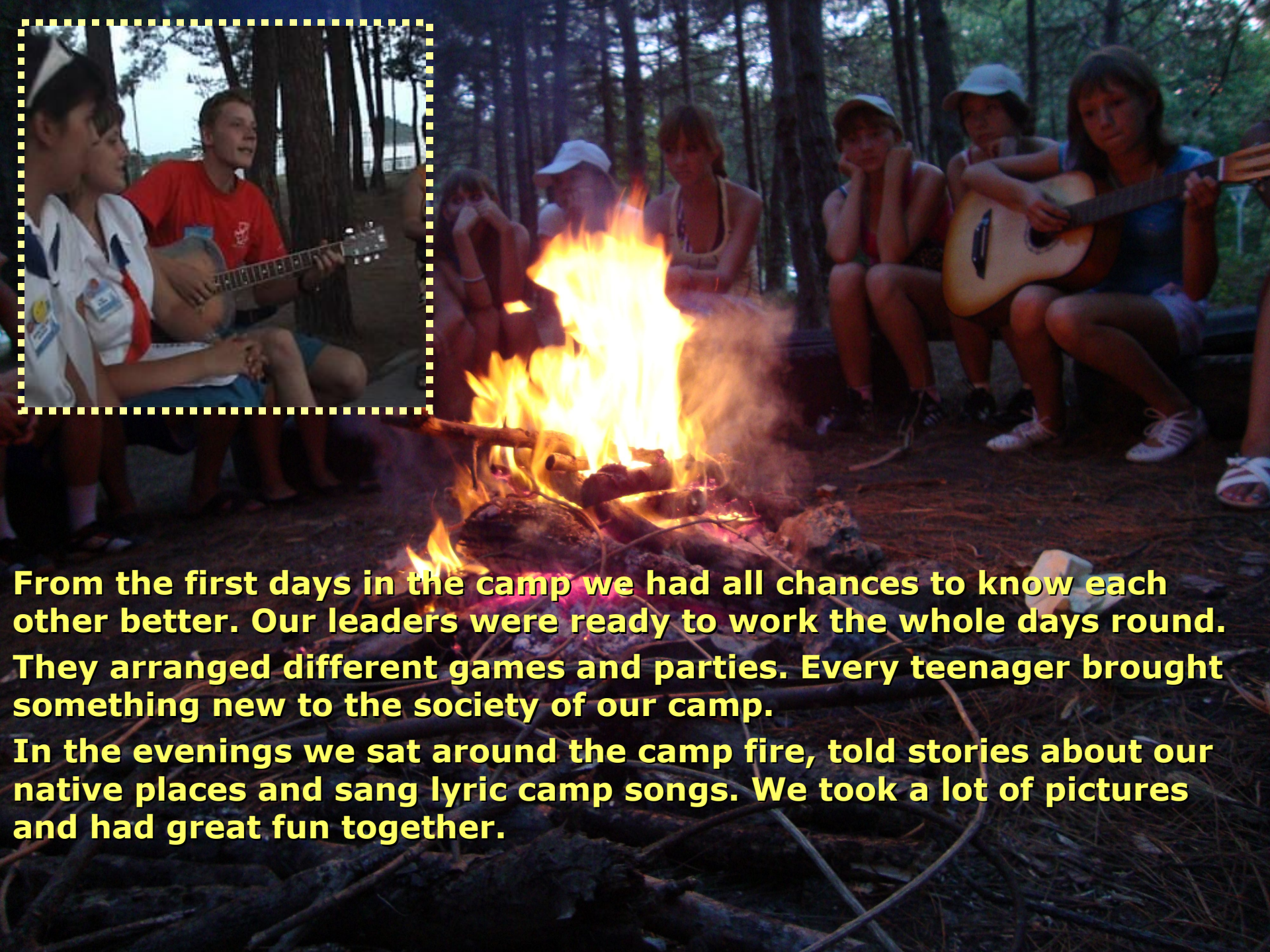


Different concerts, festivals, exhibitions and competitions took place in "Orlyonok" every day. The children had a chance to meet famous writers, composers, actors and sportsmen.





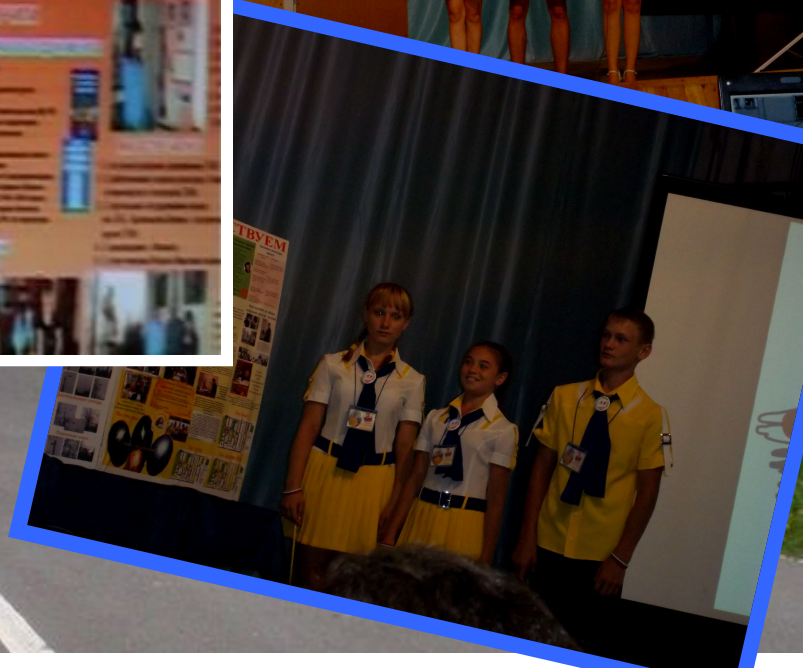
The camp is an excellent place for different sport competitions, plays and shows.



From the first days in the camp we had all chances to know each other better. Our leaders were ready to work the whole days round. They arranged different games and parties. Every teenager brought something new to the society of our camp.

In the evenings we sat around the camp fire, told stories about our native places and sang lyric camp songs. We took a lot of pictures and had great fun together.

The camp "Komsomolskiy" today is a place for friends from the Russian and foreign children's associations and the organizations. Already for ten years Children have had a possibility to take part in the final action «I am a citizen of Russia». Teams from different regions represented their projects of solving some important social problems of their native cities and villages.



The aim of the action "I am a citizen of Russia" is to help young people to realize their full potential. Teenagers develop such life skills as: teamwork, leadership, initiative, confidence and decision making.



A round table and a practical conference devoted to the analysis of the work of teams took place in "Orlyonok" after three day's competition. Specialists from The USA, Germany, Bulgaria, Mongolia, Kazakhstan and Armenia discussed the main questions and named the good sides if the action. Hundreds of projects were finished. The tenth anniversary festival showed that.



Foreign guests, representatives of Mass Media and the children of all seven camps visited our exhibition of stands. The participants of the action "I am a citizen of Russia" explained in details their work.



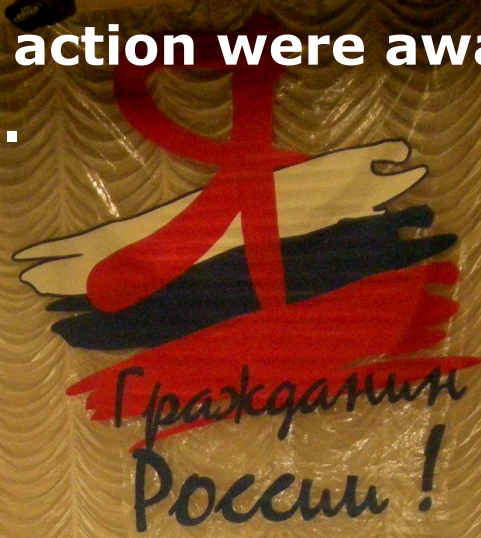


In the camp “Komsomolskiy” teenagers had an opportunity to learn from one another how to make their social life at home more interesting, how to organize school festivals and sport competitions. Each of us realized there our creative abilities.

In the hard competition our project took the first place in the nomination of "Ecology" We were very happy. We did it!



All participants of the final action were awarded by diplomas and presents.





Each teenager took from "Orlyonok"
unforgettable memories of its sky,
its sun and its sea.
"Orlyonok" is a place where boys
and girls want to be again
and again!





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