

YN PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Welcome to the Michigan State Numismatic Young Numismatist Program! Our organization has hosted a very successful Young Numismatist (YN) Program for over 40 years. Many of our YNs have attended this program, have expanded their interests in the hobby and are now very successful convention exhibitors, collectors and dealers!

Our program is geared to the YN's. We encourage all youth who are interested in "coin collecting and numismatic material" to attend our YN Program held on Saturday at 11:30 a.m. of any of our conventions. It is encouraged that adults leave their YN's with the program coordinators and return to pick them up at the conclusion of the program (approximately 12:30). We will ask that parents who are uncomfortable leaving their children in the education room with relative "strangers", to take a seat in the designated adult seating area, as a non-responsive audience. Please allow the YNs take part in this program as the young adults they are. Adult assistance to youths in answering questions will be strongly discouraged, as it is very disruptive to the program, educators and youths who are participating who have a genuine interest in learning more about the exciting hobby of numismatics.

In an effort to continue the success of our program and to discourage abuses that have been detrimental to the YNs, we would like to remind our parents and youth of some general guidelines:

- 1) This is an educational program to teach our YNs about our history through numismatics. Our educational volunteers are there to reach out and encourage the hobby with the YNs. Program questions are directed to the YNs, not the adults. Answers should be provided only by the YNs, not the adults wishing to “feed” answers to their children;
- 2) This program is for the youth of our organization – those individuals who are old enough who have a comfort level to function without a parent holding their hand at all times;
- 3) The material, food and beverage provided is provided for our YNs who participate in our program. It is not intended for adults, convention workers and pages who wish to just eat or the general public who just want to take advantage of “free stuff”.
- 4) Materials are provided for the YNs for their beginning collections, not those of adults. Only YNs should be going through the material provided.

Let’s all work together to make this YN program the best that it can be!

Thank you for your interest and taking the time to help enhance the learning experience of our YNs. We look forward to seeing you at our next convention!

YN Program Coordinators