
Hitler Youth

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When was it established?

The Hitler Youth was established on July 4th, 1926.

What were the ages of the members?

The boys and girls in the Hitler Youth were 10 to 18 years old.

What did they do at meetings?

Since the overall goal of the Hitler Youth was to prepare to become part of the Nazi Party, the boys organization was based off of military training. They did activities like marching, grenade throwing, pistol shooting, and more. Girls did physical activities like long marching, running, and walking to “prepare” for motherhood.

Other Info

- The Hitler Youth was first voluntary, but then became required for all Nazi youth movements in 1936.
- In 1933, there were only 100,000 members. 3 years later, the member count went up to 4 million.
- The Hitler Youth leader, Baldur von Schirach, planned to have every child 10 years old or above in Germany to be enrolled in the Hitler Youth for Hitler's 47th birthday.

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The BDM: An Explanation

The BDM, or Bund Deutsche Mädel, is the girls' organization of the Hitler Youth. The goal of the BDM was to ensure that each girl is "fit" enough to be a wife. Each girl would do hard physical activity and be taught about domestic issues. They'd help out on the battlefield too, like working at hospitals and train stations, bringing clothing to the people who lost theirs during raids, and making paper into fuel.

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