



Youth Forum Newsletter

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Dear Newsletter readers,

this is the last newsletter before the 2009 IDEA Youth Forum starts! You will be receiving updates from us though throughout the YF and you can follow us on the [YF website](#). There will be daily updates on activities and debates in the form of vidoes, photos, logs and reports. We are also going to be live on the BiH national TV on July 27 from 2-4 pm, so tune yourselves in!



This issue of the Newsletter features:

One more trip added to the list of the whole day trips!

More information on arrival pick-up

Before you walk out of the door...

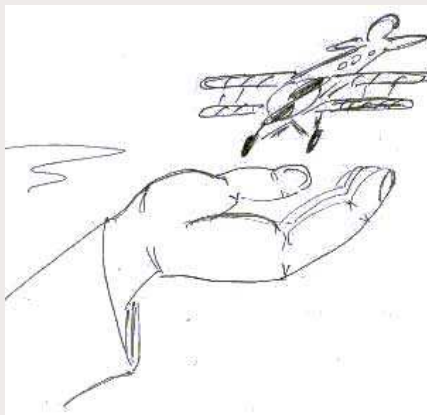
Trips planned for the August 1 - We have added one more trip for you to choose from:

1. ROMANIJA TOUR; Tourist guide: YES; Travel time: 25 min; Price: 15€

Would you like to capture the energy of mountain of Romanija? Are you brave enough to explore tight cave passages? Or do you wish to go on a good hike, pick some fresh fruits, taste fresh spring water and visit some caves? If your answer to these questions is yes than this trip is perfect for you!

The slopes of mountain Romanija are a great challenge to the world alpinists, and we are offering to you to try the challenge yourself! But do not worry the professional mountain climbers will be guiding all along! If you decide to attend this trip you will also get a unique opportunity to visit two caves: Orlovaca cave is one of the best known caves in Europe and its beauties are still unexplored. It is well known that some endangered and also undiscovered species live there. Who knows, you may even discover some yourself! Novak's cave was named after the outlaw Novak. He was famous for protecting the villagers from the raiders. His enemies tried to find his haven but never managed to do so. If you wish to escape the debate hassle, this trip is the best solution.

Check the complete list of options and full description on the [YF website!](#)



First information on arrival pick-up

All participants will be picked-up from their point of arrival (Sarajevo airport, train/bus station). The primary contact for pick-up information is **Anesa**: anesa.vilic@efsa.unsa.ba and her phone number is **+387 61 715 17**. She will be present at the airport of Sarajevo on the arrival days: July 21 and 23 and will help you with any issues that may arise.

Within the upcoming few days you will receive an email with the arrivals table. You can also find it [here](#). This table will include your name, your arrival time and the time of departure of the bus to Jahorina. In case your arrival information isn't correct please contact [Veronika](#) and [Anesa](#) right away!

Before you walk out of the door remember to take these with you:

- **passport, tickets**
- **money (EUR, BAM or bank card to withdraw money on spot - there is an ATM machine in Jahorina, but I recommend withdrawing the money on the airport**
- **forms for the borders (for minors only!)**
- **consent forms from your parents or signed by yourself (if you are over 18)**
- **phone numbers of the host: Veronika - 0031619074358 and Anesa - +387 61 715 17**
- **debate cases - it would be a pity if you had to create everything from scratch on the spot**
- **medical supplies - your regular medications**

Other reminders:

- as the Finals of the KPDC will take place in the Parliament building of BiH and will be broadcasted by the national TV appropriate we require that you dress appropriately ([smart casual](#)) or in your national costumes. Please do not forget to bring the flag of your country!
- traditional clothing, materials to display and/or items that will be consumed by the participants at the [cultural expo night](#)
- items/clothing that you might need for [talent night, themed parties or the electives night](#)
- please notice that there will be 2 extended and 4 limited preparation debates at the KPDC. see the motions [here](#)
- there are also new articles and lesson plans in the resources section. [read them now!](#)
- there are some changes and updates to the schedule - [check them out](#)
- if you are staying in Sarajevo before or after the YF and need accommodation here are some tips on [hotels and taxi services](#)
- all participants of the YF are covered by the Travel health insurance offered by the company CareMed. As BiH has bilateral agreements with some countries regarding medical treatment, do not forget to bring your insurance card from your home country too (eg the international pass for EU countries - blue pass)

Do not forget that the [resource section](#) features a lot of useful materials (Reviewed articles and papers, Lesson plans, Debatepedia, RSS feed) to help you with the preparation for the Youth Forum tournaments!

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