# PIONEERS

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### HISTORY

• THE VLADIMIR LENIN ALL-UNION PIONEER ORGANIZATION (RUSSIAN: ВСЕСОЮ́ЗНАЯ ПИОНЕ́РСКАЯ ОРГАНИЗА́ЦИЯ И́МЕНИ В. И. ЛЕ́НИНА, TR. VSESOYÚZNAYA PIONÉRSKAYA ORGANIZÁTSIYA ÍMENI V. I. LÉNINA, IPA: [FSi□S□J'UZNƏJƏ PI□Nİ'ERSKƏJƏ □R□ƏNİ□'ZATSİJƏ 'IMi□Ni□"VE I Lİ'ENİ□NƏ] (LISTEN), LIT. THE ALL-UNION PIONEER ORGANIZATION NAMED AFTER V. I. LENIN), ABBREVIATED AS OR THE YOUNG PIONEERS, WAS A MASS YOUTH ORGANIZATION OF THE SOVIET UNIONFOR CHILDREN OF AGE 9–15 THAT EXISTED BETWEEN 1922 AND 1991. SIMILAR TO THE SCOUTINGORGANISATIONS OF THE WESTERN WORLD, PIONEERS LEARNED SKILLS OF SOCIAL COOPERATION AND ATTENDED PUBLICLY FUNDED SUMMER CAMPS

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After the October Revolution of 1917, some Scouts took the Bolsheviks' side, which would later lead to the establishment of ideologically altered Scoutlike organizations, such as NK(Nhhie Kommyhucmhi, or young communists; pronounced as yook) and others. During the Russian Civil War from 1917 to 1921, most of the Scoutmasters and many Scouts fought in the ranks of the White Armyand interventionists against the Red Army. Those Scouts who did not wish to accept the new Soviet system either left Russia for good (like Oleg Pantyukhov and others) or went underground.





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## PRESENT OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE SOVIET UNION IN 1991,

THE ORGANIZATION HAD TO DISBAND. RUSSIA, UKRAINE, MOLDOVA,

AND BELARUS ARE THE ONLY REPUBLICS WHERE THE RESTORED PIONEER

ORGANIZATIONS ARE LOCATED AND ACTIVE.[5]



#### **STRUCTURE**

- •THERE WAS ALSO AN AGE-SCALE STRUCTURE: CHILDREN OF 10–11 YEARS WERE CALLED YOUNG PIONEERS OF THE FIRST STAGE; 11–12 YEARS WERE YOUNG PIONEERS OF THE SECOND STAGE; 13–15 YEARS WERE YOUNG PIONEERS OF THE THIRD STAGE. AT AGE 15, YOUNG PIONEERS COULD JOIN KOMSOMOL, WITH A RECOMMENDATION FROM THEIR YOUNG PIONEER GROUP.
- THE MAIN GOVERNING BODY WAS THE CENTRAL SOVIET OF THE YOUNG PIONEER ORGANIZATION OF THE SOVIET UNION, WHICH WORKED UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE MAIN GOVERNING BODY OF KOMSOMOL.







### **RULES**

- •Pioneer is a young builder of communism, labors for the welfare of the Motherland, prepares to become its defender.
- •Pioneer is an active fighter for peace, a friend to Young Pioneers and workers' children of all countries.
- •Pioneer follows the communists' example, prepares to become a <u>Komsomol</u> member, leads the <u>Little</u> <u>Octobrists</u>.
- •Pioneer upholds the organization's honour, strengthens its authority by deeds and actions.
- •Pioneer is a reliable comrade, respects the elders, looks after younger people, always acts according to conscience.
- •Pioneer has a right to elect and be elected to Young Pioneer self-government institutions, to discuss the functioning of the Young Pioneer organization on Young Pioneer gatherings, meetings, gatherings of Soviets of Young Pioneer detachments and Young Pioneer groups, in the press; to criticize shortcomings; to submit a proposal to any Soviet of the Young Pioneer organization, including the Central Soviet of the V. I. Lenin All-Union Pioneer Organization; to ask for a recommendation of the Soviet of Young Pioneer group to join the <a href="VLKSM">VLKSM</a> when on the right age to join.

