

## The Colorado Springs' Society of Young Magicians (S.Y.M.)

**Harry Houdini** helped organize the Society of American Magicians (S.A.M.) in 1902, the oldest magic group devoted to learning and performing the art of magic. In an effort to teach a new generation of magicians, the S.A.M. sponsors the Colorado Springs S.Y.M., Assembly Y103, which was formed in 1993. All who have an interest in magic are welcome to join us. **Members are ages 8 to 17.**

We meet on the **1st Friday of each month** from 6:30 to ~8 pm at:

Sand Creek Police Station  
4125 Center Park  
Colorado Springs, CO 80916  
(1 block east of the Academy/Fountain intersection off of Academy Park Loop).

**Membership** - There are no local dues, but members of the Colorado Springs S.Y.M. are required to join the International S.Y.M. under the Society of American Magicians. Children may attend several meetings to ensure their interest and commitment to the group before joining the International S.Y.M. Dues for S.Y.M. are only \$20 per year. Members receive a membership card, membership pin and a monthly publication, The Magic SYMbol. Written especially for young magicians, it features news about the youth program and articles by well-known magicians, including David Copperfield and Lance Burton. Also included are easy-to-perform magic tricks and advice on how to grow and become proficient in the Art of Magic.

**Sponsoring Organization** - Our local sponsor organization is the Pikes Peak Prestidigitators (PPP), Assembly 170, a local group of magicians formed under charter with the S.A.M.. Members of the adult club serve as adult leaders, guest lecturers, and mentors to the S.Y.M. members. The S.Y.M. Assembly Leaders are Dick Bowman and Dave Wintermute.

**Meetings** - The young magicians learn new magic tricks and get tutored by adult magicians on how to perform magic. Parents are welcomed to attend with their child. The young magicians are requested to purchase the Mark Wilson Course in Magic, which is used as a textbook, it is available on the web or through the group. The adult group, the Pikes Peak Prestidigitators, is open to interested adults from 18 and up, and follows the S.Y.M. meeting at 7:15 pm. See [www.170sam.org/](http://www.170sam.org/)

**For More information** - Call Dick Bowman at 527-0678 or email to [professor1@higginsmagic.com](mailto:professor1@higginsmagic.com) for more information. For more information on our national S.Y.M., go to: <http://www.magicsym.com/>

**The Society of Young Magicians (S.Y.M.),** sponsored by The Society of American Magicians, is a world-wide organization for youth, ages 7 to 17. The

purpose of S.Y.M. is to promote interest in magic as a wholesome hobby that will help develop self-confidence and skill, the ability to speak in public, discipline that comes from learning, practicing and performing magic, and a sense of service to others through helping others learn magic and by performing magic at charitable events. The Society of Young Magicians has nearly 100 local chapters, called Assemblies, around the world. Adult supervision and instruction are provided by qualified members of The Society of American Magicians, one of the most prestigious world-wide organizations of its kind.

*Lance Burton, World Champion Magician... "I started my career in magic as a young boy. What was a fun hobby became my passion and led me to the world championship in magic. The magic you learn with the Society of Young Magicians will help you throughout your life!"*

S.Y.M. assemblies provide a curriculum of magic that includes instruction in stage presence and elocution, the history of magic, and many different areas of magic (such as rope magic, silk magic, productions, pocket tricks, coin and card magic, and even stage illusions). Many local assemblies put on one or more public shows a year, providing any member who wishes an opportunity to perform. Children who do not live near an S.Y.M. assembly develop a sense of membership through a monthly newsletter and are encouraged to attend the S.A.M. National Convention, which features many youth activities.

**The Magic SYMbol**, is an online monthly newsletter that provides news about S.Y.M. members, feature articles about successful young professional magicians, advice on developing routines and acts, new tricks, performance tips and other items of interest. Find this at: <http://www.magicsym.com/>

**Parents** – The Society of Young Magicians provides a great opportunity for your child. Why not encourage your child to join today!

**Membership Information** - To become a member of the Society of Young Magicians, youngsters must read and sign the pledge. All applicant information should be filled in, and a parent or guardian must sign his or her consent. For the application, go to:

<http://magicssam.site-ym.com/?SYMYouthProgram>

**The Colorado Springs Assembly is number Y103**

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