



MONEY SKILLS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

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Youth Network to Bring Olympics to Singapore



High school students are taking the world by surprise with the power of social networking.

Look at Singapore. Wee Chee Ong, age 15, and other youth like him, started supporting Singapore months before it won the bid to host the very first Youth Olympic Games (YOG), which will take place in the summer of 2010.

"I can't believe we're really going to do it," he says. "This is going to be awesome."

How did young people influence the winning bid?

Students loaded the Internet with blogs, forums, posts on social networking sites, and videos. They became known as Youth Olympic Gamers, or "YOGers".

"We might be small, but we are mighty," says Ivan Gn, founder of the Facebook group.

When the International Olympic Committee made the victory announcement, the chants of an excited bunch of more than 6,000 YOGers boomed across Singapore's downtown city hall: "Sing-a-pore! Sing-a-pore!"

YOGers still live and breathe the games. They dream about the day when Singapore's best will compete against 3,500 young athletes (aged between 14 and 18) from around the world—with a homegrown advantage!

BLOG SPOT: MoneySmarts



Budget Review April 27th, 2009 at 2:53 pm

I want to make sure everyone knows how to build a budget. Organization definitely helps, and an Excel spreadsheet is essential to make a good budget.

On MSN Money, Liz Weston offers *The 60% Solution*: the first 60% of pre-tax income should be applied to essential spending.

Bridget

Let me define "essential" spending: food, shelter, clothing, taxes, etc. The rest should be portioned into 10% chunks of emergency, recreational, and both long-term and short-term savings.

Examine these areas closely: housing, travel, food, utilities, personal, savings, and debt.

You may find more wants than needs. Make sure your personal spending is reasonable for your income...

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Take A Risk, Live A Life

By Alexa, 17

My hope for 2009 is to take risks and live my life to the fullest. My mom and I went to New Zealand and realized we could live our life to the fullest. :]



Underbelly By Shannon, 17

My cats brought in this snake and after I took it back outside, I decided it would be a good subject to photograph and I love how it turned out. I always have to look twice to get the full effect of the picture.

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