

## YLAKIAI GYMNASIUM OF THE SKUODAS REGION



Ylakai gymnasium was founded in 1804. Ylakai Gymnasium mission is to educate pupil as a personality who is ready to integrate into modern community. The school priorities are: high quality lesson, leadership and development of creativity. There is Skuodas Art School department in Ylakai Gymnasium. There are more non-formal activities after school: drama, robotics, line dances, safe cycling, basketball and etc.

There are 330 pupils, 36 teachers and 19 other staff in Ylakai gymnasium. More than 50 percent of pupils are from near villages. They arrive to school by school busses. Ylakai gymnasium has got symbols: a flag, a uniform, a logo and an anthem.

Pupils in Ylakai Gymnasium learn from 1st to 12th grade. A very big part of students is interested in learning, participates in regional and national contests and olympiads; they are curious about other cultures and life styles, eager to meet peers from other countries, to exchange information, experience, thoughts, impressions.

School is active in different programmes: the European Parliament Ambassadors Schools Programme, the School Environmental Education Programme. Ylakai Gymnasium has got experience in European partnership. It helps teachers and pupils to come into personal contact with the cultures, lifestyles, values, standards, languages. We are waiting for you to visit us!



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**" We - the children of Mother Earth"**

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## LITHUANIA

Lithuania is a green and flat land in the north of Europe. It is one of three Baltic countries, and shares borders with Latvia, Byelorussia, Poland and Russia. It is a small country. The total land area is 62,674 km<sup>2</sup>. Lithuania population is equivalent to 0.04% of the total world population. Vilnius - the capital city of Lithuania and it is the largest city. The other largest cities are Kaunas, Klaipėda, Šiauliai, Panevėžys .

According to the research of the French National Geographic Institute, the one and only geographical central point of the continent is in Lithuania. The country is full of preserved natural landscapes, woods, lakes and rivers, and has a unique sea side, a sandy peninsula, isolating the Curonian sea from the Baltic sea. The average temperatures are +19°C in July and -3°C in January. The first known record of the name of Lithuania is in 1009. Lithuanians speak Lithuanian, which is the member of Baltic language group and it is the oldest language from all the Indo-European languages. Most Lithuanians (79%) are Roman Catholics.

Famous Lithuanian people or famous people of Lithuanian origin: Charles Bronson (an actor), Jack Sharkey (a boxer), Pink (a pop star), Ruta Sepetys (a writer), Hannibal Lecter (an actor), Jason Sudeikis (an actor), Žydrūnas Savickas, (the world's greatest strongman), Birutė Galdikas (the President of Orangutan Foundation International), Ilja Laurs (GetJar founder) and...



## YLAKIAI - ONE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF SKUODAS

Skuodas district municipality is situated in the northern part of Klaipėda county, at the border with Latvia. There is one town – Skuodas, and four townships – Barstyčiai, Ylakai, Lenkimai and Mosėdis. Currently, wood processing, manufacture of furniture, rural tourism are developed in the district; there are construction and repair, car transport, car repair and trade service, enterprises producing confectionery, bakery products and other.

Ylakai - a township, which has a population of about 800 people, but there is a post office, library, school, kindergarden, concert hall, dispensary, restaurant, gas station and nursing home for old people...

The most residents are farmers or work in the nearer towns: Skuodas, Mažeikiai or Klaipėda.

What to see and do in Ylakai? Ylakai church – the architecture monument and church museum, culture house, I. Navidanskas botanical park, Summer Art and creativity Camp for kids, the orchestra feast in summer, traditional winter feast on Kalčiai lake, St. Rokas feast – the community occasion, when people visit cemeteries, pray, participate in concerts, the most honoured Ylakai people are awarded.



**St. Rokas feast**



**Ylakai folk group "Alka"**



**Ylakai monument and church**



**Summer art camp masterpieces**