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Really... 9+1 years, where the first 1997-98 year was "saturated" by constant advertising through MSRI by a number of Bay Area mathematicians in universities and K-12 schools, at local and global math meetings... Since its formal birth in fall'98, the Circle (BMC) has featured about 250 2-hour weekly sessions for middle and high school students on UC Berkeley campus, taught by university and K-12 faculty, BMC alumni and visiting guest speakers from around the country. Several circlers qualified and won medals at the International Math Olympiads, a number of circlers participated successfully at the local Bay Area Math Olympiad and many more local and national math contests, many dozens of circlers "graduated" off to elite colleges and universities, and most importantly: just about everyone (which means hundreds of kids of various mathematical backgrounds, age and maturity) was touched forever by our passion for the wonders of mathematics. What makes the BMC so successful, and what takes to sustain it over the years? Do your homework: check out the BMC website <http://mathcircle.berkeley.edu>, and come with open minds and loads of questions to the talk. (Received September 21, 2006)