

# In Photos: Russian Youth Take Part in 'Military-Patriotic' Games Outside Moscow

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Young Russians aged 15-16 this week took part in Zarnitsa, a "military-patriotic" series of games. The event comes amid a wider militarization of Russian society seen in recent years, particularly since the invasion of Ukraine. Held at the Borodino Field Museum and Reserve outside Moscow, the Zarnitsa games aimed to teach youth military skills including operating drones, electronic warfare and reconnaissance. According to event organizers, servicemen who took part in the invasion of Ukraine — dubbed a "special military operation" by the Kremlin — taught participants about "offensive techniques." Here are photos from the event:



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