

Mission

The mission of the Young Marines is to positively impact America's future by providing quality youth development programs for boys and girls that nurtures and develops its members into responsible citizens who enjoy and promote a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.

If you're interested in camaraderie, developing beyond your potential, giving to the community, and instill yourself with our core values of discipline, teamwork, and leadership – come find out about the Young Marines.



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**Strengthening the Lives of
America's Youth**

WHO ARE THE YOUNG MARINES

The Young Marines is a youth education and service program for boys and girls, ages 8 through completion of high school. The Young Marines promotes the mental, moral, and physical development of its members. The program focuses on character building, leadership, teamwork and promotes a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. The Young Marines is the official youth program of the U.S. Marine Corps and the focal point for the Marine Corps' Youth Drug Demand Reduction efforts.

MEMBERSHIP

The Young Marines is open to all youth ages 8 through completion of high school. The only membership requirement is that the youth must be in good standing at school. Since the Young Marines' humble beginnings, in 1959, with one unit and a handful of boys, the organization has grown to over 240 units with 12,000 youth and 3,000 adult volunteers in 46 states, the District of Columbia, Germany, Japan and affiliates in a host of other countries.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

The Colorado Springs Young Marine unit is a community-based program lead by dedicated adult volunteers. Our volunteers consist of former, retired, active duty and civilian adults. It is through these caring adults that Young Marines learn the core values of *Discipline, Leadership* and *Teamwork*. Adult volunteers are individually screened by the National Headquarters based on background information and recommendations provided with each person's registration.

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TRAINING

Upon joining the Colorado Springs Young Marines, youth undergo a 40 hour orientation program, meeting on Saturday's at Ft. Carson spread out over several months. During bootcamp the youth learn general subjects such as military history, customs and courtesies, close order drill, physical fitness, nutrition, and military rank structure.

After graduating from Young Marine Boot Camp the youth have the opportunity to learn new skills, earn rank, and wear the Young Marine uniform and work toward ribbons and awards. Young Marines earn ribbons for achievement in areas such as leadership, community service, swimming, academic excellence, first aid and drug resistance education. Our Young Marines experience many opportunities to challenge themselves physically, emotionally and mentally by climbing alpine towers, flying with the Young Eagles, rafting, giving to the community, providing color guard services to local organizations, and many more.

NATIONAL PROGRAMS

During the summer months, Young Marines have the opportunity to attend the Young Marines National Summer Programs to include Adventures, Challenges, Encampments, and Leadership Schools.

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