



COLORADO SPRINGS YOUNG MARINES

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The Colorado Springs Young Marines is a non-profit youth organization consisting of boys and girls ages 8 through high school who's main focus is to promote drug awareness lifestyle in their community. Our unit actively participates in community service projects to include parades, park clean ups, clearing trails, nursing homes, churches, working with disabled citizens, Toys for Tots, collecting items for troops overseas, and participating in veteran appreciation ceremonies. Our dedicated adult staff of volunteers provide guidance and training in the areas of teamwork, discipline, and leadership, which these youth are able to apply at home, school, and on into their adult lives.

Our kids have a chance to learn about military history, field skills while on camping trips, test their swimming abilities, expand their physical fitness skills, nutritional awareness, and attend leadership schools. Many friendships have been made while being a member of our unit with kids from many of the schools in the area. Friendships also occur if a Young Marine attends a National summer program where Young Marines from all over the United States gather to experience adventures with our country's history, space camp, white water rafting, and foreign exchange opportunities to other countries.

Funding for our unit comes from small annual dues for each child which only covers basic administration fees, awards, and certificates. As our unit gets larger with more kids having a desire to join and from families with very little income, we want to provide opportunities for all youth to be able to join our unit for the positive experiences they will gain being a Young Marine and an active citizen in their community.

We would like your consideration for a tax-deductible donation to our unit to help us continue to accomplish our mission of strengthening the lives of America's youth. Our unit is concentrating on obtaining funds to cover unit operating expenses along with sponsoring a trip to Washington D.C. Our staff and parents are proud of the accomplishments our kids represent and would like to show them that their community is also supportive and proud of their outstanding contributions to Colorado Springs and surrounding areas.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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