

San Diego Young Marines
PO Box 782
Bonita, CA 91908

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Thank you for your inquiry into the San Diego Young Marines (SDYM). The SDYM is a program designed for boys and girls ages 8 – 18. The Young Marines (YM) promotes the mental, moral and physical development of its members. The focus is on character building, discipline, leadership, teamwork and living a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. Although held in a military setting, the Young Marines program is not a Marine Corps recruiting tool.

To become a Young Marine, the participant must successfully complete YM Recruit Training. Once that is accomplished, the participant is allowed to wear the Young Marine uniform and participate in Young Marine events. The SDYM meet every Saturday, 8am – 2pm at The Hub aboard MCAS Miramar.

Although the YM Recruit Training is modeled after a boot camp experience, please be aware that we are not capable of handling “at risk” youth. We are not professional counselors and therefore, we cannot accept children with serious anger management difficulties, severe emotional or behavioral issues, chemical dependencies or truants. We also are not a day care. Parental support is a necessity.

YM Recruit Training is scheduled every Saturday, starting September 18, 2010, 8am – 3 pm. It will last 9 weeks with graduation scheduled on Saturday, November 20. There will be no Recruit Training on October 2 due to the Miramar Air Show. Once your application is received, you will receive further details. We will also have a parent/guardian meeting on August 28 at 12 noon at The Hub, MCAS Miramar for those who have submitted applications.

Enclosed is an application for the SDYM. Please fill out all parts of the form. The recruit’s Social Security number is required. The Social Security number is used by the YM National Headquarters to identify individual Young Marine’s records. We can not enroll recruits without their Social Security number.

Please note that the SDYM application requires a copy of a physical as well as a copy of the health insurance card, both front and back. If your child has had a physical after September 2009, send a copy along with the application. Your child must have had a physical, and must have submitted that physical, to participate in the program.

Please mark T-shirt size and include shoe size. We will be measuring for the cover. The SDYM fee is \$175.00 for the first child and \$150.00 for each additional child and it is non-refundable. The fee includes the uniform, boots, T-shirts and other items as well as national fees. Checks must be made out to "San Diego Young Marines". Mail completed SDYM applications and fees to the above address. The **deadline** for application to the Fall SDYM Recruit Training is **Saturday, August 28, 2010.**

Our staff members are all volunteers and include Marines, retired Marines, law enforcement and parents. We are dedicated to offering a program where the youth have an opportunity to build character and physical strength. You can receive more information about our program on our website, www.sandiegoyoungmarines.com and www.facebook.com/sandiego.youngmarines. If you have any questions, please contact me at 619-475-9730 or at SDYoungMarines@aol.com. We hope your child will be able to join us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Deborah Bailey
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SDYM