



Dunes Young Marines

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YOUNG MARINES OBLIGATION

From this day forward, I sincerely promise, I will set an example for all other youth to follow, and I shall never do anything that would bring disgrace or dishonor upon my God, my Country and its flag, my parents, myself or the Young Marines. These I will honor and respect in a manner that will reflect credit upon them and myself. Semper Fidelis

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The Young Marines is a **Youth Leadership Program** for males and females ages 8 through the completion of high school, which is modeled after, and endorsed by, the United States Marine Corps. At our unit (one of nearly 300 across the U.S.) we focus on Military & American History, physical fitness, public speaking, citizenship, community service, and living a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. **Young Marines are not pushed into the military, but they are required to appreciate the freedoms granted by those who serve.**

This program is one of the only (if not **the** only) youth-led, merit-based programs. These kids are the leaders; they work hard to earn their rank and billets through discipline, teamwork, and hard work. Young Marines work all year long to prepare themselves not only for each drill, but for Leadership billets, Leadership Schools, encampments, competitions, and promotions.

In addition to 6-hour drills every other Saturday they march in parades to honor veterans, perform Color Guard duties for veteran and community events, go on encampments, improve their physical fitness, earn their rank, teach Drug Resistance in our communities, volunteer their time with Young Marines and many other organizations, and set a great example of how youth should respect our flag, our country, and our military members, past and present.

Each Young Marines unit is self-sufficient, receiving no operating funds from the government or our National Headquarters. That said, we are seeking sponsorships/donations from generous businesses and/or individuals in order to provide these motivated youth with even more opportunities for learning and leadership. If you would like to support our mission, or would simply like to find out more, please visit our website, visit us, or contact me with any questions.

Thank you for your time,

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