Who We Are

The Young Marines is a youth education and service program for boys and girls, ages 8 to 18 or completion of high school. The Young Marines promote the mental, moral, and physical development of its members. The program focuses on character building, leadership, and promoting a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.

Since the Young Marines' humble beginnings, in 1959, with one unit and a handful of boys, the organization has grown to over 260 units with 9,000 boys and girls and 2,500 adult volunteers in 46 states, the District of Columbia, Bahrain, Japan and affiliates in a host of other countries.

Who We Are Not

The Young Marines is NOT a program for youths with serious disciplinary problems, substance abuse issues or lengthy histories in juvenile court.

Membership Requirements

In order to join the Young Marines, applicants must:

- Be between 8 and 18 years old or completion of high school.
- Be in good physical health and pass a physical examination.*
- Be a full-time student and maintain satisfactory grades (2.0 or higher GPA)

*No one will be denied admission to the Young Marines program due to a medical disability. Where a medical condition precludes full, unlimited participation, a parent or guardian may be required to volunteer as a Registered Adult, undergo background screenings, and assist whenever the applicant is present so the cadet may participate in the Young Marines program activities to the maximum extent possible.

Funding

The Young Marines of the Palm Beaches is a self-funded organization which relies on the hard work of the Young Marines, the Navy League, the Marine Corps League, and other veterans organizations, the benevolence of the business community, and individual sponsors to support our Unit.

Interested in donating? Visit our website palmbeachym.org for contact information.

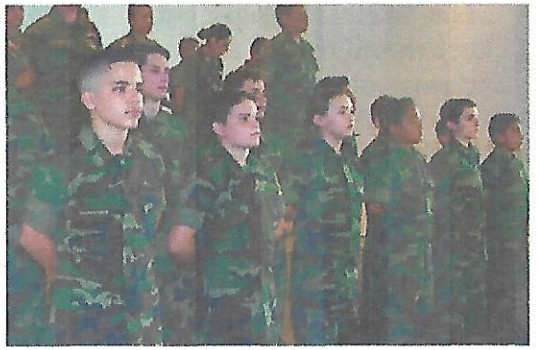
Training

Young Marine training includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Close Order Drill
- Personal Responsibility
- Military Customs and Courtesies
- Qualified Field Skills
- Map and Compass
- Drug Resistance
- Public Speaking
- Leadership
- Citizenship
- Physical Fitness
- Health and First Aid

Community Service

We teach our young men and women to be conscious of the needs of others and to give back by serving our community in areas that impact lives of others in a positive way. We march in a variety of parades and strive to honor veterans and those who gave their lives for our country, as well as working to promote a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.



Our 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 nurture and develop its members into responsible citizens who enjoy and promote a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.

Opportunities

Our youth receive opportunities to build their pride and leadership skills through such challenging events as rappelling, physical fitness, camping, close order drill, swimming, land navigation, and more. They have opportunities to earn promotions and ribbons for achievements and growth in skill.
Travel opportunities exist as Young Marines may participate in National Schools, encampments with other units, participation in parades and events outside of our area, and more.

Young Marine Creed

1. Obey my parents and all others in charge of me whether young or old.
2. Keep myself neat at all times without other people telling me to.
3. Keep myself clean in mind by attending the church of my faith.
4. Keep my mind alert to learn in school, at home or at play.
5. Remember having self-discipline will enable me to control my body and mind in case of an emergency.

Meetings

We meet every Wednesday evening from 5:45 to 9:15 p.m. at the US Naval Reserve Center, 1226 Marine Drive, West Palm Beach, FL as well as various weekend activities.

Have a child interested in enlisting? Contact us to be invited to join us on a Wednesday evening
Our recruit training typically begins three times a year and runs 12 weeks. However, whenever we have five interested parties, a new set of recruits may begin.

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