

# Young Marine Contract and Obligation

## PLEASE COMPLETE, READ, AND SIGN

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_

## UNDERSTANDING AND CONDITIONS

1. I understand that I am joining the Young Marines of my own free will and desire. I know that the training will be challenging, but I will accept it and shall always try to do my best.

2. I understand that I am bound to obey all orders and instruction given from time to time by instructors, staff and Young Marines appointed over me in accordance to the rules and regulation governing the discipline of the Young Marines.

3. I understand as a Young Marine in good standing I have the following rights:

- • Attend scheduled meetings, events and activities that are purposeful, planned and organized.
- • Meet in a safe, drug and tobacco-free environment under the supervision of Registered Adults.
- • Be treated fairly with dignity and respect.
- • Have opportunities to succeed and excel.
- • Report any inappropriate action by other Young Marines or adults.
- • Receive a copy of the Young Marines Esprit Magazine in the Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer.

4. **Young Marine - Core Values.** Every United States Marine upholds the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. These values give Marines their strength, regulate their behavior, and bond them together into a force, like no other, capable of overcoming every obstacle and meeting any challenge. The Young Marines' Core values are Discipline, Leadership and Teamwork.

a. **Discipline.** Discipline requires that Young Marines show instant willingness and obedience to the rules of the Young Marine program, their parent's rules, and the laws of the land. Discipline also dictates a respect for authority. Young Marines will:

- 1) Follow all rules and regulations set forth in the Young Marine Guidebooks and manuals.
- 2) Follow the rules of the home and of their parents, completing chores, obeying curfews, and assisting in the home when needed.
- 3) Follow all laws of our government and have respect for our leaders, police and those in charge of us.

b. **Leadership.** Leadership is the ability to influence others. A good leader is able to effectively pass on from their leaders all that is expected to be accomplished. A true leader leads by example. Young Marines will:

- 1) Aspire to positively influence the fellow Young Marines all the time.
- 2) Accomplish their mission by completing all tasks assigned by their leaders and those in charge of them from their parents, teachers, coaches and Young Marine adult leaders.

c. **Teamwork.** Teamwork is co-operation between those working together on a task. To truly understand teamwork, Young Marines must learn to listen to their leaders and peers, ask questions to ensure complete understanding, persuade their team that they can accomplish the mission, respect those on their team and their suggestions, help those on their team to accomplish the mission, share in the glory and the failures of the team, and participate in the task as a member of the team. Young Marines will:

- 1) Always work together to accomplish the mission..
- 2) Keep their team motivated at all times even when the mission or task is not a popular one.
- 3) Not grab all the glory for a team effort, but spread it amongst all team members.

**5. Young Marines Code of Conduct.**

a. Article I:

- (1) I am an American youth, proud of my country and our way of life. I am prepared to dedicate myself to educating others and myself in the history, traditions, and institutions thereof. I will do my best to live by the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment, **Discipline, Leadership and Teamwork.**

b. Article II:

- (1) I will never let another Young Marine down of my own accord. If in-charge, I will do my best to ensure the safety and well being of those for whom I am responsible. I will immediately report any suspicious activity or behavior to a registered adult.

c. Article III:

- (1) If I am offered drugs, alcohol, or tobacco products, I will politely resist and refuse. I will make every effort to stay clear of situations involving gangs, drugs, alcohol, and tobacco. I will not get involved in the same. I will also aid my friends and schoolmates to stay clear of similar situations.

d. Article IV:

- (1) I will always be loyal to my fellow Young Marines. I will make no statements nor take part in any action that may bring discredit to my God, country, family and Young Marines. If I am the senior Young Marine present, I will take charge. If not, I will obey the lawful orders of those senior to me and support them in everyway.

e. Article V:

- (1) When asked about the Young Marines Program, I will answer questions politely, respectfully and to the best of my ability. If I am asked a question that I do not know the answer to, I will refer the person asking the question to a registered adult. I will never give information that I am not certain of nor mislead those who are seeking information about the Young Marines Program.

f. Article VI:

- (1) I will never forget that I am an American Youth and therefore the future of America, privileged with the freedom won and kept by the blood of those who fought to ensure our freedom. I am responsible for my actions, and dedicated to the principles that made my country free.

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*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.*

Young Marine \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_