



Shenandoah Valley Young Marines

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From: Unit Commander, Shenandoah Valley
To: Whom it may concern

Subj: Young Marines Drug Prevention/Awareness program

Who - Shenandoah Valley Young Marines

What - Drug prevention/Awareness

When -1st Sunday of the Month From 1:30pm to 5:00pm

Where - Winchester Elks lodge, 466 Front Royal Pike, Winchester Va

Why -In response to the United States' substantial illicit drug problem, Congress mandated in section 1045 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1993 that the Secretary of Defense "conduct a pilot outreach program to reduce the demand for illegal drugs. The program shall include outreach activities by the active and reserve components of the Armed Forces and shall focus primarily on youths in general. The Department of Defense United States Marine Corps Youth Drug Demand Reduction Program, the Young Marines was one of 12 youth programs funded in support of the Act. The Young Marines National Headquarter Washington DC continue to receive federal funding in support of the drug demand reduction program. The Young Marines is the proud two-time recipient of the Department of Defense's Fulcrum Shield Award for Excellence in Youth Anti-Drug Programs. The award recognizes military-affiliated youth organizations around the world that have made concerted efforts at spreading the anti-drug messages throughout their communities. The first award was presented to the Young Marines National Headquarters and the second to the Bakersfield Young Marine unit in California.

The Young Marines is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 youth education and service program for boys and girls ages 8 through high school. The mission of the Young Marines is to positively impact America's future by providing quality youth development programs for boys and girls that nurtures and develops its members into responsible citizens who enjoy, and promote, a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. The program focuses on character building through a combination of self-discipline, teamwork and leadership, and promotes a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. Young Marine units are organized into local units located in nearly every state in the United States.

Although the Young Marines is the U.S. Marine Corps' official focal program to the Department of Defense for youth Drug Demand Reduction, the Young Marines is not a recruiting force for the U.S. Marine Corps. We strive to instill the core values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment adopted by the Marine Corps to each of our members.

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YOUNG MARINES

MEETS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

FROM 1:30PM TO 5:00PM

AT THE WINCHESTER E.P.O.E. LODGE # 867

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