



# Welcome to the East Valley Young Marines

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## Meeting Information: *Training Facility #1\**

Redlands Elks Lodge #583  
663 New York Street  
Redlands, CA 92374

## *Training Facility #2*

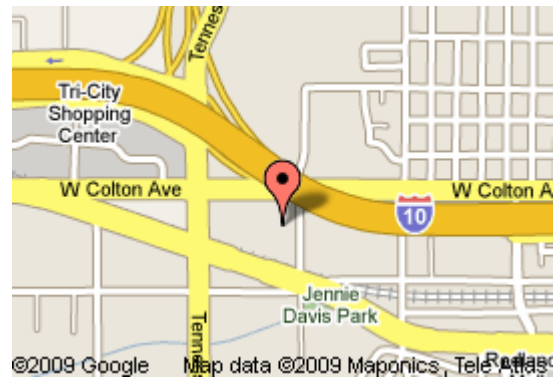
Hulda Crook Park  
Loma Linda, CA

## *Drill:*

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday  
0800 to 1330

*and*

Thursdays (RECRUITS)  
1800 to 2000



**\*All drills are held at the Redlands Elks Lodge unless otherwise announced.**

**Adult Staff:** The staff of the East Valley Young Marines is all volunteer. We are committed to the well-being of each Recruit/Young Marine. *We do not work for you but rather with you and our primary concern are the kids.*

Some of us are former, retired, active duty or reserve servicemen/women who believe passionately in the values of the Young Marine Organization. It is through these caring adults that the Young Marines learn the inner values of *Honor, Courage, and Commitment*. We volunteer our time and effort to pass these values on to the youth in our community before other, destructive influences take root.

We have all been individually screened by the National Headquarters based upon background information and recommendations provided with each adult's application.

*We may yell, but we will never curse at our youth. We will challenge them physically, but never harm them.*

**Commanding Officer:** Sergeant Jamie Ramirez (USMC 1986-1991)

**Executive Officer:** Steve Dotson (acting)

**Training:** YM GySgt Stephanie Van

YM SSgt Ryan Meyer

YM SSgt Brad Dotson

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## FAQs:

**Question:** What is the Young Marines?

**Answer:** The Young Marines is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 youth education program for boys and girls ages 8 through high school. It is currently the fastest growing youth organization in the United States. 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. Each unit is an independent community-based program lead by dedicated adult volunteers. Many of these volunteers are former, retired, active duty, or reserved Marines who believe passionately that the values they learned as Marines had a positive effect on them. They volunteer their time and make every effort to pass those positive values on to those under their charge before other, destructive influences take root.

The Young Marines is NOT a “scared-straight”-type program for wayward children. If your child has “severe” behavior issues, we may not be the program for him/her. Your child must be willing to listen and obey direction from authority – some of which may be younger than they are.

In order to be successful in the Young Marines program, participants must be willing to join. Parent “encouragement” is welcome; however, we don’t take them *kicking and screaming*.

**Question:** Who may join?

**Answer:** Any youth ages 8 through 18.

**Question:** How do I become a Young Marine?

**Answer:** Upon being accepted into a local Young Marine unit, the youth will participate as a Recruit in a demanding 72-hour orientation (Recruit Training) spread out weekly meetings in a four-month period. This Recruit Training culminates with a 24-hour Training of Recruit Challenge (T.O.R.CH.) at the end of the program.

Recruit Training consists of both physical and mental disciplines. Recruits study general Young Marine subjects such as history, close order drill, physical fitness, customs and courtesies, and military rank structure.

Until graduating from Recruit Training, youth are not Young Marines. They are referred to as *Recruits*. Upon successful completion of Recruit Training and the T.O.R.CH., Recruits graduate to become Young Marines and may wear the Young Marine uniform.

*Question:* **What happens after graduation?**

*Answer:* Until graduation, Recruits may not participate in any Young Marine event or privilege, except as part of their training.

After graduating from Recruit Training, the Young Marine continues the character building process and begin a life-long pursuit as productive and contributing citizens in their community.

Below are some of the activities the East Valley Young Marines have taken part in over the past year:

- Veteran's Parade
- Unit Encampments
- Regiment/Division Encampments
- Hiking
- Bowling
- Holiday Parades
- Color Guard
- Family Fun Day Picnic
- Community Service Projects
  - Red Cross Fire Evacuee Support
  - Feeding Homeless
  - Colton Unity Day
  - Vietnam Traveling Wall
  - Ronald McDonald House Relay for Life
  - Redlands Elks Lodge (annual hoop-shoot)
  - Habitat for Humanity

During the summer months, Young Marines also have the opportunity to attend Summer Programs of Adventures, Challenges, Encampments, and Schools (SPACES) offered by National Headquarters.

*Question:* **What is the cost to join?**

*Answer:* There is a one-time registration fee of \$275.00. The registration cost includes a \$40 insurance fee paid directly to National Headquarters. The balance of the registration fee pays for:

- Recruit Uniform
- PT Uniform
- Recruit "package"
- Recruit Manual
- Young Marine Uniform (issued at Graduation)

A non-refundable deposit of \$40 is due upon registration. This covers the cost of registration to National Headquarters, red National t-shirt, belt, basic guidebook and Cover.

The remaining balance may be paid in four equal monthly installments. Registration must be paid in full by the final drill immediately preceding the T.O.R.C.H. Recruits will not be eligible for participation in the T.O.R.C.H. unless registration has been paid in full. The Young Marine Uniform will be issued to the Recruit at the end of the 24-hour T.O.R.C.H.

*Question:* **Are there other costs?**

*Answer:* Young Marines pay an annual registration fee of \$40 every September. Recruits do not pay an additional registration fee in the same year that they graduate. This fee covers registration with National Headquarters and Unit annual dues.

*Question:* **What are the uniform costs?**

*Answer:* The East Valley Young Marines have a variety of uniforms. The basic uniform cost is covered in the Young Marine's initial registration fee.

Additional uniforms may be purchased as needed. Costs will vary.

"Uniform" also includes personal hygiene. For male Recruits and Young Marines that means a short, neat haircut and *positively* no earrings. For female Recruits and Young Marines, hair must be pinned up or lifted off the collar. Stud earrings may be worn.

For both male and female Recruits, no jewelry may be worn except for religious/health reasons. Basic watches may be worn.