



**Young Marines of Southern Oregon**  
**P.O. Box 1152; Talent, OR 97540 ~ [www.ymso.org](http://www.ymso.org)**

**Who We Are**

- An anti-substance (alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs) youth leadership development program open to boys and girls age 8 through the completion of high school.
- Promote a healthy, substance-free lifestyle; seek natural highs instead of artificial ones.
- Teach our youth personal responsibility and respect for our country and its veterans

**Who We Are Not**

- A program for troubled youth who need professional counseling and/or rehabilitation
- A recruiting tool for the Marine Corps or any other branch of the U.S. military
- A drop-off daycare center for adults who do not want to be involved with their child

**Our Core Values**

- Discipline, Leadership, and Teamwork

**Our Drug Demand Reduction Efforts**

- Quarterly classes taught by guest speakers (DARE officers, medical professionals, others)
- We support the Southern Oregon Meth Project
- Participate in Red Ribbon Week activities every October

**Emphasis on Physical Fitness & Nutrition**

- Quarterly Physical/Health Fitness Tests
- Rock Climbing, Rappelling, Rafting, Crew, etc.
- Personal trainer/nutrition counselor on staff

**How We Serve the Local Community**

- Parades: Pear Blossom, Independence Day, Jacksonville Victorian Christmas
- Veterans Appreciation: Memorial Day at the Eagle Point National Cemetery; host annual Veterans Day dinners, host local Marine Corps League luncheon/dinner
- Community Service: Scottish Rite Clinics Bowl-A-Thon; USMC's Toys For Tots

**How the Local Community Can Assist Us**

- Growing our Unit with your: children, grandchildren, nieces/nephews, etc. (**see below**)
- Mentoring and/or teaching our youth a special skill which relates to our core mission
- We rely solely on the financial generosity of our local community to run our program

**Next Information Meeting: 6 June 2009; 10:00 – 11:00am; Scottish Rite Center**  
**(SE corner of N. Phoenix Road and E. Barnett Road in Medford)**

For more information about the Young Marines of Southern Oregon please visit our website at [www.ymso.org](http://www.ymso.org) or contact the Unit Commander Curtis Matthews at 840-4508 or the Executive Officer Dave Arkens at 890-2227.