

Dear Parent,

Your child is being asked to be a part of an important research study specifically for Young Marines. (This includes currently active Young Marines of all ages *and newly enrolled Young Marine recruits who have not yet started orientation.*) This study is being conducted to assess the effectiveness of the Young Marines Program in reducing drug use and promoting a healthy, drug-free lifestyle among youth.

Participants in this study will fill out a survey about their drug use, attitudes, and knowledge. Some participants will also complete a follow-up survey about three months later. From this study, the researchers will be able to make recommendations to ultimately better the Marine Corps sponsored services for youth drug education!

Your child may have already seen a brief presentation about this study at a recent Young Marine unit meeting where he/she obtained this study information packet, or you and your child may have viewed a presentation about this study on the Internet and then requested this packet. If you have not seen the presentation before or would like to view it again, we invite you to go to [youngmarinesstudy.org](http://youngmarinesstudy.org) to learn more about this study.

Please carefully read the parent permission form included in this packet which explains what is involved in participating in this study. If you allow your child to participate, you must return the signed parent permission form to your child's Unit Leader or mail it to me (pre-paid envelope provided) immediately in order for your child to participate. A copy of this form is also included in this packet for your records.

If you or your child returns a signed parent permission form *whether or not you allow your child to participate in the study*, your child will be mailed a free movie rental gift card (a \$4.50 value) from us.

Your email address is requested on the parent permission form so that we may contact you to let you know when the on-line survey will be available and to provide you the access information. We also request your mailing address so that we can send you the free movie rental gift card when we receive your signed parent permission form.

Don't miss out on this chance to be a part of a study where the ultimate goal is to better the Marine Corps sponsored services for youth drug education!

Suzanne Hurtado  
Principal Investigator  
Naval Health Research Center, San Diego, CA  
(619) 553-7806, Email: [Suzanne.Hurtado@med.navy.mil](mailto:Suzanne.Hurtado@med.navy.mil)

