

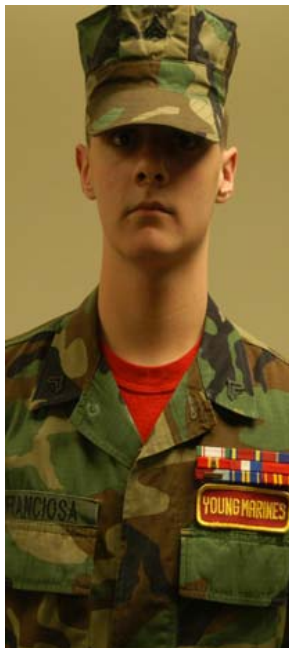
Observe Young Marines Uniform Regulations

1. Uniform Regulations. Young Marines are authorized to wear appropriately modified versions of the Marine Corps uniform. The National Executive Director issues the modifications designed to clearly identify the wearer as a member of the YM. The Young Marine uniform is worn during Young Marine Drills (Meetings) or other authorized Young Marine activities as determined by the unit commander.

Full
Camouflage
Figure 2-1



Modified
Camouflage
Figure 2-2



PT
Figure 2-3



Service A
Figure 2-4



Service C
Figure 2-5



2. Young Marine Uniform. The official uniform for youth in the Young Marines Program is the woodland pattern camouflage blouse, trousers and khaki web belt, boots, cover and white T-shirt as shown in Figure 2-1. This uniform is required for all Young Marine events above the Unit level. The camouflage uniform can only be modified as in figure 2-2. Either the red National T-shirt or the unit T-shirt can be substituted for the white T-shirt. This is the only modification that can be made at the unit commander's discretion. No other modifications or deviations are authorized such as shooting badges, scuba bubbles, jump wings, fourragiere, lanyards or other uniforms such as the digital uniform. The unit may designate a Physical Training (PT) uniform consisting of Shorts and T-Shirt, white socks and athletic shoes, as in Figure 2-3. A sweatshirt and pants may be added for cold weather. The Service A and C uniforms in Figure 2-4 and Figure 2-5 may be worn by Young Marines on special occasions such as parades, and birthday balls. Young Marines do not travel in the service A or C uniform. Young Marines should always travel in civilian attire with the red National T-shirt. The Service A and C uniforms are optional uniforms and not required.

3. Care and Wear of the Uniform. The Young Marine is responsible for keeping their uniform clean and neatly pressed at all times. The parts of the uniform are:

- a. Cover. The woodland-style authorized camouflage utility cap is worn with the authorized woodland-style camouflage uniform. The cover will be machine or hand laundered in warm water. It may be starched or sized but may not be bleached. The only device that can be worn on the cover is the rank that the Young Marine currently holds. Adults do not wear rank or any other device on their covers.
- b. Camouflage Blouse. Worn with Young Marine breast pocket patch worn centered above the left breast pocket, 1/8-inch above the pocket, (see figure 2-6). The Young Marine shoulder patch is worn on the wearer's left sleeve with the Unit designation arc centered above the patch, on the shoulder seam, (see figure 2-7). The blouse will be machine or hand laundered in warm water. It may be starched or sized but may not be bleached.
- c. Nametape. An olive drab nametape is worn centered over the right pocket, flush to the pocket seam and flush to the edges of the pocket.
- d. Ribbons. Ribbons are worn so that the lowest row of ribbons is 1/8-inch above the left breast pocket patch and centered. Ribbons are worn in the order of precedence as established in the Young Marine Awards Manual. They are preferably worn in rows of three, (see figure 3). However, they may also be worn in rows of four. Ribbons that become soiled or faded should be replaced.

e. Chevrons. Rank insignias are worn on both collars of the camouflage blouse, khaki shirt or field jacket. They are placed vertically with the single point up and center of the insignia on a line bisecting the angle of the point of the collar. The lower outside edges of the chevron are placed 1/2 inch from the edge of the collar. During events above the Unit level, Young Marines should wear chevrons on their camouflage cover. The chevron will be centered top to bottom, left to right on the front of the cover.



Left shoulder patches

Figure 2-6



Front blouse patches and ribbons

Figure 2-7



Right rear trouser pocket patch

Figure 2-8

f. White T-shirts. Will be worn with the camouflage uniform. Unit Commanders should pay particular attention to times when the camouflage blouse is removed to expose the white t-shirt. In order to protect the dignity of our female members, the camouflage blouse should never be removed if participating in events where water is involved i.e., water tag, working parties, inclement weather, etc. During these type events, the white t-shirt can become transparent, potentially leading to unnecessary embarrassment or harassment. The unit T-shirt or the red National T-shirt may be substituted by the unit commander for such events.

g. Camouflage Trousers. Worn with straight or pouch pockets. Nametapes will be sewn over the right rear pocket of the trousers, centered and flush over the top seam, (see figure 2-8). The trouser will be machine or hand laundered in warm water. It may be starched or sized but may not be bleached

h. Khaki Web Belt. Worn with brass buckle. Either Marine Corps style buckle or anodized buckles are authorized. Green or black cargo type belts are also authorized except during formal inspections. The cap will be machine or hand laundered in warm water. It may be starched or sized but may not be bleached

i. Boots. The standard black leather or black hot weather tropical (jungle) combat boots for wear with the utility uniform will be worn. Old-style black combat boots (with eyelet lacing) may also be worn. Whenever possible, boots should be kept polished with a high shine on the toes and heels. Black or green socks will be worn with the boots.

j. Unit or Special T-Shirts. Each unit should have a unit T-shirt with the unit name and the Young Marine designation imprinted on the shirt. Colors may vary. These T-shirts should be part of each Young Marines PT uniform. They may also be worn for activities and functions where the camouflage uniform is inappropriate, for example, car washes, certain community service projects, etc. The unit T-shirt or the red National T-shirt may also be worn under the camouflage uniform on the unit level if the unit commander desires. All Young Marines are expected to keep themselves clean and well groomed whether in uniform or not.

4. Uniform Marking. All uniforms items and items used on Young Marine activities must be marked with the Young Marines Last and First Name with a permanent black laundry marker. The listed items below must be marked in the following manner:

- a. Web Belt. On one side only, near the buckle end.
- b. Cover. Inside on the sweatband.
- c. Blouse. Inside on the neckband.
- d. Drawers. Outside below the waistband, near the front.
- e. Gloves. Inside at the wrist.
- f. Necktie. On the inside of the neck loop.

- g. Dress Shirts and Undershirts. Inside back, on neckband.
- h. Shoes/Boots. Inside near the top.
- i. Socks. Outside on top of the foot.
- j. Sweater. Stamped on manufacturing label or use marking tape/label sewed on inside the back of sweater, below the neckband, with thread to match the sweater.
- k. Trousers; Skirts; Slacks. Inside near the top.
- l. PT Shorts. Inside immediately below the waistband.
- m. Bag, Duffel. On the outside of the bottom of the bag.

5. Responsibility for the Uniform. You should follow these rules to help safeguard your uniform:

- a. Don't leave your uniform unattended.
- b. Mark your name in every item of clothing
- c. Promptly replace damaged or poorly fitting parts of your uniform.

Observe Grooming and Personal Appearance Standards

11. Grooming and Personal Appearance Standards. Young Marines shall adhere to the following standards:

a. Male Young Marines.

- 1) Hair will be neat and closely trimmed. Hair will be short enough so that it does not touch the ears or hang on the nape of the neck. The hair may be clipped at the edges of the side and back and will not be over 3 inches in length fully extended on the upper portion of the head. Head hair will be styled so as not to interfere with the proper wear of uniform headgear. Hair, which protrudes from beneath properly worn headgear in an unsightly manner, is considered excessive, regardless of length. Male Young Marines are not authorized to wear braids of any sort nor to have eccentric designs cut in their hair.
- 2) Beards are unauthorized. However, mustaches and sideburns may be worn, as long as they conform to current Young Marine grooming standards. When worn, the mustache will be neatly trimmed and must not extend beyond the length of the upper lip. The individual length of a mustache hair fully extended must not exceed 1/2 inch. Except for a mustache, sideburns, eyebrows, and eyelashes; hair may be grown on the face only when a medical officer has determined that shaving is temporarily harmful to the individual Young Marine's health. Sideburns will not extend below the top of the orifice of the ear. Sideburns will not be styled to taper or flare. The length of an individual hair of the sideburn will not exceed 1/8 inch when fully extended.
- 3) The only jewelry permitted is watches, medical items, religious medallions, class or Young Marines ring. All jewelry will be removed for physical training.



**Front Facial View
Male**

Figure 2-9



**Side Facial View
Male**

Figure 2-10



**Front Facial View
Female**

Figure 2-11



**Side Facial View
Female**

Figure 2-12

b. Female Young Marines.

- 1) Grooming. Hair may touch the collar, but will not fall below the collar's lower edge. Hair that would fall naturally below the collar's lower edge will be neatly and inconspicuously fastened or pinned. During physical training periods in which physical training clothing is worn, hair will be allowed to fall naturally, without being fastened or pinned. This does not apply when conducting physical training in the utility uniform.
- 2) Hair will be styled so as not to interfere with the proper wear of the uniform headgear. All headgear will fit snugly and comfortably around the largest part of the head without distortion or excessive gaps.

Hairstyles, which do not allow the headgear to be worn in this manner, are prohibited.

- a) Faddish and exaggerated styles to include shaved portions of the scalp other than the neckline, designs in the hair, unsecured ponytails and styles that are distinctly unbalanced or lopsided are prohibited. Multiple braiding and buns are authorized. If hair extensions are used in the braiding of the hair, the extensions must have the same general appearance as the individual's natural hair. Braided hairstyles will be conservative, and conform to other guidelines listed herein.
 - b) Barrettes, combs, rubber bands, etc. are authorized, if concealed by the hair. Inconspicuous hairpins and bobby pins, if required, are authorized. Hairnets will not be worn unless authorized for a specific type of duty.
- 3) Cosmetics. Cosmetics are authorized for wear in uniform if permitted by the parent or legal guardian. It shall be applied conservatively and must complement the individual's complexion and skin tone. Exaggerated or faddish cosmetic styles are considered inappropriate and shall not be tolerated. Non-eccentric lipstick and nail polish colors, to include colorless nail polish are authorized for wear with the uniform. Fingernails with multiple colors and decorative ornamentation are **not** considered eccentric and may be worn. Nail length, to include false nails, will be no longer than 1/4 inch from the tip of the finger.
 - 4) Jewelry. The only jewelry permitted is watches, medical items, religious medallions, class or Young Marines ring. All jewelry will be removed for physical training activities. Small, polished ball, or round stud earrings, (post, screw-on, or clip), not to exceed six millimeters (about 1/4 inch) in diameter, may be worn with any uniform. When worn, earrings will fit tightly against, and will not extend below, the earlobe. Only one earring will be worn on or in each earlobe in the lowest hole.