

Putnam Valley Volunteer Ambulance Corps Youth Corps

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Congratulations! Your teenager has indicated an interest in joining the Putnam Valley Volunteer Ambulance Corps Youth Corps. The following document will provide you with the information you need to make an informed decision as to whether the Youth Corps is appropriate for your teenager.

Purpose

The purpose of the Youth Corps is to provide a vehicle by which teenagers can learn the first aid and CPR skills necessary to ride as “crew” on an ambulance once they turn 16. Through this experience, the members will also have the opportunity to develop leadership skills by holding an office if they so choose.

Criteria

To join the Youth Corps teenagers must be 13 years of age and have an interest in learning first aid and CPR skills. Applicants must exhibit maturity, commitment and a proven ability to be responsible. Applicants do not require previous first aid or CPR experience.

Meetings

There is a general membership Youth Corps meeting on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 10:00 a.m. The meeting is held at the Putnam Valley Volunteer Ambulance Corps building, 218 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley. Youth Corps members are also encouraged to attend Senior Corps general membership meetings on the last Wednesday of every month.

Drills

To learn first aid and CPR skills, members meet the 1st Sunday of each month at 10:00 a.m. to learn first aid and CPR skills from certified instructors. The drill is held at the Putnam Valley Volunteer Ambulance Corps building, 218 Oscawana Lake Road, Putnam Valley. Youth Corps members are also encouraged to attend Senior Corps drills on the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m.

Social Activities

Throughout the year there are a variety of social activities planned such as, but not limited to, marching in parades, attending awards brunches and holiday parties, and participating in first aid competitions.

Community Service

Youth Corps members assist with the annual Putnam Valley Volunteer Ambulance Corps Blood Drive provides demonstrations at the Putnam Valley Middle and High School's, assisted with Town Day and Touch a Truck day.

Riding

Youth Corps members are eligible to "ride" on the ambulance once they have completed a list of prerequisites such as mastering certain first aid and CPR skills, are familiar with the location of equipment on the ambulance, received a recommendation from the Youth Corps Advisor and approval from the Captain of the Senior Corps. Riding is not a requirement of membership in the Youth Corps. Members participate to their level of comfort.

Code of Conduct

Youth Corps members are required to read, sign and adhere to a strict code of conduct. Parents/guardians are asked to read, sign and support this document as well. The purpose of the code of conduct is to publicly state the Corps expectation with regard to a member's behavior and actions. It is not the Corps policy to monitor Youth Corps member's academic standing. Grades are a confidential and personal matter between you and your child. However, we do ask that you ensure Youth Corps activities do not interfere with your child's academic standing.

Supervision

Youth Corps activities are supervised by Senior Corps Members. Currently the Youth Corps Advisor is Debbie Petranichik and the Assistant Advisor is Kathy Van Horn.

Cost

Training and uniforms are provided free of charge. In some instances, we may ask for funding for social activities, however, no one will be denied participation due to inability to pay.

Application Procedure

To initiate the application process, please complete the attached application form and bring to a Youth Corps meeting or drill. Once the application has been reviewed, the applicant will meet with the Youth Corp Advisors and Youth Corps Captain for an informal interview.

If you require additional information or have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (845) 528-5389.

Sincerely,



Debbie Petranichik
Youth Corps Advisor



Kathy VanHorn
Youth Corps Assistant Advisor



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Applicant

Name: _____ Date of Birth: ___ / ___ / ___
Street Address: _____ Town: _____ Zip Code: _____
Mailing address if different than above: _____
Email Address: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
School: _____ Grade: _____

Parent/Guardian

Name: _____
Street Address: _____ Town: _____ Zip Code: _____
Mailing address if different than above: _____
Email Address: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Emergency Contact (if parent/guardian listed above is not available)

Name: _____
Street Address: _____ Town: _____ Zip Code: _____
Mailing address if different than above: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Personal Physician

Name: _____
Phone Number: _____
Do you have any allergies? If so, please list: _____
Do you require an epi pen for any allergies? _____ Do you require an inhaler? _____
Do you have any medical/physical conditions that you feel we should know about in case of an
Emergency? _____

Training

Are you currently certified in CPR? _____ Expiration Date: _____
Are you currently certified in First Aid? _____ Expiration Date: _____
(Please attach a copy of your certificates to this application)

References

Please list 2 people, unrelated to you, that would have knowledge of your character:

Reference #1:

Name: _____

Street Address: _____ Town: _____ Zip Code: _____

Mailing address if different than above: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Reference #2:

Name: _____

Street Address: _____ Town: _____ Zip Code: _____

Mailing address if different than above: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Are you acquainted with any current or former members of the Putnam Valley Volunteer Ambulance Corps? If so who? _____

Acknowledgement

By signing below, the applicant and parent/guardian acknowledge the information provided is correct. All information provided is confidential and will not be shared with anyone outside the Corps.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/___

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/___

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The following will not be tolerated and are subject to disciplinary action:

- Lack of respect for, harassment of, or discrimination against other members or their guests
- Use of alcohol or illegal drugs
- Smoking in the building or at any Corps function
- Foul or inappropriate language
- Inappropriate behavior
- Violation of House Rules
- Giving unauthorized access to the building
- Misuse or abuse of Corps property or facilities