



**USMC  
Summer  
Leadership  
and  
Character  
Development  
Academy**

## Summer Leadership and Character Development Academy

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- A strategic initiative designed to attract our nation's top-performing high school students by offering a one-week leadership program in the Washington, D.C. area
  - Provide leadership training, character development, ethics lessons, and college admissions guidance
  - Leadership opportunity and personal development with a community service component
  - Most activities located at Quantico, VA
  - ~100 high school rising juniors/seniors
  - 21-27 July, 2013 (Sunday to following Saturday)

## Key Components of the Program

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- Team Building
- Leadership & Ethics Case Studies & Activities
- Daily Physical Fitness Classes
- Distinguished Speakers
- Community Service Project
- College Guidance and Advice
- NROTC-Marine Option and Other Officer Program Opportunities
- Washington D.C. trip (Holocaust Museum, Congressional visits, Dept. of Education)

## Who?

- Male and female students that have completed 10<sup>th</sup> grade, are at least 16 years old (born on or before July 21, 1997) and have not yet graduated from high school and/or preparatory school. Selection to the program will consider the following:
  - Academic achievement
  - Athleticism (team or individual sports)
  - Leadership (part-time job, team captain, civic org, church, etc.)
  - Morally sound and of good character (Letter(s) of Recommendation)



# UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

# 2012 SLCDA



## What?

- The following camps are familiar models, but SLCDA is a unique version developed by the Marine Corps:
  - Outdoor Odyssey
  - Scout Camps (Philmont)
  - High Adventure Camps
  - Outward Bound
  - Service Academy Summer Seminars
- The difference? Academics and a focus on developing character, leadership, ethics, morals and values.

## When and Where?

- July 21-27, 2013
  - Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> is the arrival date. SLCDA check-in occurs at the National Museum of the Marine Corps (NMMC) in Quantico, VA **by 3pm**. Marine Shuttle on 21<sup>st</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> between SLCDA and Washington-Reagan National Airport (DCA) can be arranged (with prior notice)
  - No cost for billeting and food provided aboard Marine Corps Base Quantico. Most activities/events will occur on base, though there will be off-base excursions (Washington DC/Capitol trip)
  - This program is **free**. Transportation between the student's home and Quantico (or DCA, if flying in) is the responsibility of the applicant.
  - Graduation Ceremony at Al Gray Research Center aboard Marine Corps Base Quantico on July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013



# Itinerary

July 21<sup>th</sup>-27 July, 2013

Sun  
Day 1  
Arrival

- Arrival at National Museum of The Marine Corps (NMMC)
- Welcome Brief by SLCDA Staff
- Movement to SNCO Academy (SNCOA)
- Cadre introduction – team building
- USMC Leadership Traits & Principles Class

Mon  
Day 2  
USMC

- Morning Physical Training (PT)
- HMX-1 Brief/ Tour
- USMC Leadership Class/Exercise
- ISMT Trainer Camp Upshur
- Evening Lecture-Extreme Goal setting

Tues  
Day 3  
DC

- Morning PT
- Holocaust Museum-Ethic case study
- Capitol Hill visit
- Dept of Education brief- guest speaker Mr. Fred Stennis College Prep
- Iwo Jima 8<sup>th</sup> and I exhibition
- Movement to SNCOA

Wed  
Day 4  
TBS Day

- Morning PT
- USMC Leadership Exercise
- Guest Speaker LtCol Joe Shusko, USMC Leadership/Ethic training
- TBS Field Exercise

Thurs  
Day 5  
Ethics Day  
College  
Prep

- Casevac Scenario
- Ethics Scenario
- Guest Speaker College prep/Essay writing
- Evening guest speaker Mrs. Laura Lacey on Service Projects for High School Students

Fri  
Day 6  
Service  
Day

- Morning Modified PFT/CFT
- Historical Brief
- Service Project day at Quantico Cemetery
- Evening Lecture, Guest speaker
- Week in review
- Exit Survey

Sat  
Day 7  
Departure

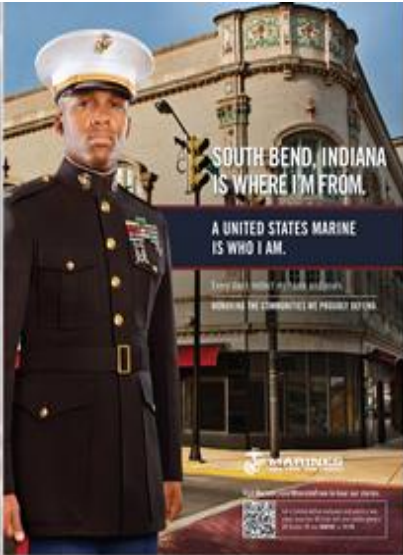
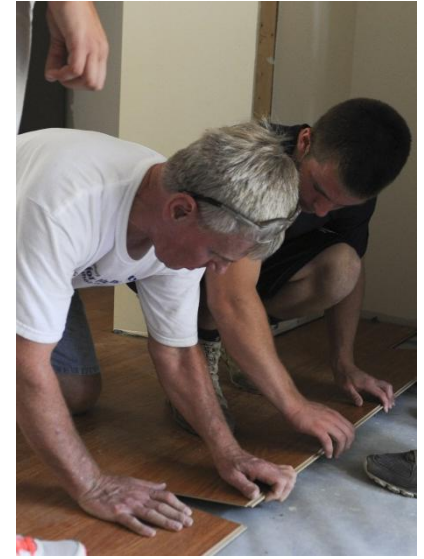
- Awards: Competition, team spirit, team competition, Iron Mike, etc.
- Graduation – NMMC
- CG – MCRC (7/27)
- Departure



## Why?

- All Community Approach and the reason behind SLCDA
  - SLCDA is good for the students, but also for their school and hometown. The immediate return is an enthusiastic student and citizen with more developed leadership skills and heightened appreciation of ethics, morals, values and community service.
  - Students get a small glimpse of what the Marine Corps has to offer and espouses. If they are interested in an Officer Program, they have the tools to pursue it. If not, there is NO obligation.
  - Influencers (parents, extended family, educators, etc.) will continue to hold the Marine Corps in high regard, having observed the positive changes in the student's behavior, demeanor, and character after one week at SLCDA.

# All Community Approach

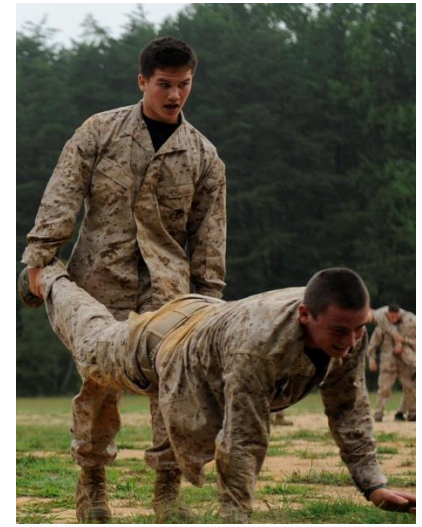


## How?

- The Marine Corps identifies leaders who are intelligent, show aptitude, are in good physical condition, are service oriented, and then we develop them with a crawl, walk, run system. At SLCDA, this will include:
  - Guest speakers and academics concerning the Marine Corps philosophy on leadership and character development.
  - Outdoor team-building exercises practicing what was learned in the classroom.
  - Field exercises that test the application of learned material and challenges these students when they are thrust into a leadership position, responsible for leading their team and resolving a situation.



# Academics, PT, Exercises



# Links

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[News Article: High school students participate in inaugural leadership camp](#)

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