

GROOMING AND PERSONAL APPEARANCE STANDARDS

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. 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 or 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. 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 activities.
4. The standard at the Buckley Field Young Marine unit is that male Young Marines should cut their hair close to a "high and tight" at least once a month (preferably immediately prior to the Awards & Promotions drill).

Female Young Marines.

1. Hair may touch the collar, but will not fall below the collars lower edge. Hair that would fall naturally below the collars 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.

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.

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, but be in a conservative style.

Barrettes, combs, rubber bands, etc. are authorized, if concealed by the hair. Inconspicuous hairpins and bobby pins, if required, are authorized.
2. 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 considered eccentric and MAY NOT be worn. Nail length, to include false nails, will be no longer than 1/4 inch from the tip of the finger.
3. 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. Only one earring will be worn on or in each earlobe in the lowest hole.