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Dear Coach:

The 4th Annual 2009 Regional High School Physical Fitness Competition, sponsored by the United States Marines Youth Foundation, Inc. and the Marine Corps League, will be held Saturday, April 18, 2009 and hosted by Parkland High School in Allentown, PA. Parkland High School is approximately 2 miles North of Route 22 on Cedar Crest Boulevard (see directions at the end).

This letter serves as an invitation for your school to enter a team(s) into the Regional High School Physical Fitness Championships. In order to compete at the Regional Championships, teams should have qualified at their respective Local or State meets and therefore complete and **return the enclosed documents prior to 28 March 2009**. If you did not participate in a previous competition, you are still welcome to participate.

There will be an entry fee of \$30 per male/female team, or \$5 per competitor that will be due at time of submission of registration documents. This will aid in the offset of costs for t-shirts and awards. **Checks will be made out to the United States Marine Youth Foundation Youth Physical Fitness Program (USMCYF-YPF).**

Teams are requested to arrive at Parkland High School by 8 AM for check-in and the sequence in which teams will compete will be determined by the date of receipt of documents. Most changes will be accommodated up until 1-week prior (April 12) unless there are emergencies.

Registration forms can be found with this package or on the Foundations website at www.marineyouthfoundation.org. Each team is required to pre-register via the enclosed High School Registration Form and the Competition Registration Form or via our website. **These forms must be mailed to the following address: Marine Corps League, Youth Physical Fitness, at 633 Watchung Rd., Bound Brook, NJ 08805.**

Competitors can bring their own lunch and drink. However, the local High School cafeteria will be available for lunch items.

The United States Marines Youth Foundation, Inc., Marine Corps League, and Parkland High School will not assume liability for injuries incurred during your stay. Each athlete must complete and sign the enclosed release form. Coaches are directed to bring the completed release forms at time of check-in.

The Awards presentation will be held at the completion of the event.

This is an opportunity for you to pass the word about the United States Marine Youth Foundation, the Marine Corps League and its Youth Physical Fitness program. This program is available at ALL levels from ages 5 – High School. Books describing the program are available on our website or by calling the above noted telephone number.

If you have any questions, please call me at (732) 356-8762 or send me an email at ypfchair@yahoo.com. We are looking forward to seeing you in April.

Semper Fidelis,

Bill Siebel

Bill Siebel
National Youth Physical Fitness Coordinator
Marine Corps League
United States Marines Youth Foundation, Inc.

AS A LAST NOTE: It is imperative that **all information** on **all forms** be filled out completely, and that coaches provide all the information in regards to their team(s).

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2009 Regional High School Physical Fitness Championship

Schedule of Events

18 April 09

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
8 a.m	Registration/Check-in	Parkland HS Gym
8:30 a.m.	Opening Ceremony	Parkland HS Gym
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Color Guard• National Anthem• Pledge of Allegiance	
	Briefing:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bill Siebel - YPF Chairman• John Pfeiffer – Parkland Coach• Exec. Dir. US Marine Youth Foundation• CO RS-Harrisburg (?)	
9 a.m.	"Pilot" Competition	Parkland HS Gym
11 a.m	Girls Competition	Parkland HS Gym
1:30 a.m.	Boys Competition	Parkland HS Gym
3:30 p.m.	Awards	Parkland HS Gym

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Waiver of Liability

The 2009 Regional High School Physical Fitness Championships

I am fully aware of the potential hazards of participating in the 2009 Regional High School Physical Fitness Championships with the United States Marines Youth Foundation, Inc. aboard the Parkland High School premises. I am aware that (I or my) (son or daughter) should not engage in the physical activity unless (I or my) (son or daughter) (am / is) medically able and in proper physical condition. (I or my) (son or daughter) understand(s) that Marine Corps physical training instructors and the staff of the United States Marines Youth Foundation, Inc. will make the final determination as to who may participate in the Regional High School Physical Fitness competition. I have been briefed on the nature of the activities scheduled and have been given the opportunity to ask my questions relating to the conduct of, or risk related to this activity. I voluntarily, willingly, and knowingly assume all risk associated with the physical training, including, but not limited to severe injury or death, falls, contact with other participants, road conditions and the effects of the weather, including heat and humidity, all risks being known and appreciated by me. I also understand that if (I or my) (son or daughter) (am / is) injured while participating in physical training activities during the competition, I (he / she) will be given emergency medical treatment, and I hereby authorize and consent to any X-Ray, examination, anesthetic, medical or surgical diagnosis or treatment and hospital care which is deemed advisable by and is to be rendered under the general or specific supervisor of the civilian medical personnel. I further understand that any such care and treatment may be provided at cost to me. Having read this waiver knowing these facts and in consideration of accepting my (son's or daughter's) participation, I for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf, waive and release the United States Marines Youth Foundation, Inc., the United States Marine Corps, its representatives and successors from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my (son's or daughter's) participation in physical training with the Marines.

Date: _____ Applicant's Signature _____

Printed Name: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____
If applicant under the age of 18

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian

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The 2009 Regional High School Physical Fitness Championships

Team Roster / Registration Form

(Please print clearly)

SCHOOL NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

COACHES NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: (WK) _____ (HM) _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

ASSISTANT COACHES / ESCORTS: _____

EMAIL ADDRESSES: _____

This is a: COMPETITION TEAM: PILOT TEAM:

I am registering my team for competition in:
 LOCAL: STATE: REGIONAL:

TEAM NAME: _____ TEAM QUALIFYING SCORE: _____

STUDENT NAME	AGE	GRADE	IND. SCORE	SHIRT SIZE
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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Submit **ONE** form for **EACH** team entered into competition (male / female) and pilot teams (male / female).

I certify that the above named athletes are full-time students in grades 9-12 and meet the age requirement for competition. (Students cannot reach their 20th birthday prior to competition)

High School Principal

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School Registration Form

SCHOOL NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

COACHES NAME: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NUMBER: (WK) _____ (HM) _____

Has your school participated in the National Youth Physical Fitness Program or the Regional High School Physical Fitness Program in the past?

YES

NO

Do you plan to enter your school (team) in competition? (FOR HIGH SCHOOLS ONLY)

WHERE

WHEN

LOCAL: YES NO

STATE: YES NO

REGIONAL: YES NO

NATIONAL: YES NO

I would like to be contacted by a coach who has experience in forming YPF Teams. Y__ N__

If not submitting electronically, please mail this form to:

Marine Corps League YPF
c/o William Siebel
633 Watchung Rd.
Bound Brook, NJ 08805
Ph: 732-356-8762

For more information please visit our website at:

www.marineyouthfoundation.org

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The 2009 Regional High School Physical Fitness Program

PERMISSION SLIP & MEDICAL ITEMS

(NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL)

(NAME OF PARTICIPANT OR PARENT'S NAME AND NAME OF CHILD) dated 11 April 2009 give permission to _____ School District and (COACHES NAME) to take my son/daughter to Parkland High School for 3rd Annual Regional Physical Fitness Meet to be held on 18 April 2009. I give the Advisors and Chaperones permission to search any and all luggage prior to departing for the trip under the provisions outlined in the student handbook for overnight trips and fieldtrips, if needed. Departure time will be at _____ : _____ am on April 18th and return approx. _____ : _____ pm on April 18th.

I further state that I, _____, have carefully read the foregoing release and know the contents thereof and sign this release as my own free act, on behalf of myself and/ or my child for whom I am authorized to act as a legal guardian.

Date

Signature of Releaser

PHONE #s for emergency contacts:

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2009 Regional High School Physical Fitness Program

Regional Competition Guidelines

High school physical fitness teams are eligible to compete at the state and Regional level. The state level of competition will be broken down into 50 states. The complete list of states, state organizing committees and dates of competition can soon be found at www.marineyouthfoundation.org.

Qualifying Criteria:

- 1.) Each high school team will consist of five or six members and one coach.
- 2.) Team members must be full-time students in high school grades 9-12.
- 3.) In order to qualify for competition, students in grades 9-12 must not have reached their 20th birthday during the current school year.
- 4.) Teams must attain a qualifying score of 1875 points for male teams (375 point individual average) and 1250 points for female teams (250 point individual average) in order to compete at sanctioned Regional events. Team scores can be verified prior to Regional events by calling your state organizing committee and have a member of that committee present during qualifying.
- 5.) Teams competing at Regional events **must** be registered with the United States Marines Youth Foundation no later than 10 days prior to competition. Registration forms can be found on the web site under [school registration](#). Additionally, teams are required to register for competition. This form can be found on the web site under [H.S. Program](#).

Competition Rules:

The Marine Corps League is the governing authority for all Regional competitions. The Marine Corps League Youth Physical Fitness Advisory Committee serves as the organizing body for all Regional competitions. The advisory committee members will also be present during the Regional Championships to ensure consistency within the competition.

The Marine Corps League Advisory Committee will determine the sequence in which teams will compete. Once the team sequence is established, teams should complete the course as described herein. If any team is not on the ready line when it is their turn to compete, that team will be disqualified.

Prior to the start of the competition, a member of the Marine Corps League YPF Advisory Committee, judges, monitors and counters will be assigned to each competition event. There should be enough monitors and counters to provide one for each team member competing. The head judge at each event has the final say on any disputes concerning his/her particular event.

Judges, monitors and counters at all sanctioned Regional events will be made up of volunteers from active duty, retired or reserve Marines or members of the Marine Corps League.

Escorts will be assigned to each team prior to the start of competition. The escort will be responsible for maintaining the teams official score sheet. The escort is the only one authorized to handle or write on the score sheet.

Each exercise event area should include six (6) exercise positions, if possible, with a like number of monitors and coaches, thus enabling each team member to compete at the same time. Each team member will abide by the time limit for each specified exercise.

Each team is allowed a three (3) minute rest period between events.

Teams must be staggered at the start so as not to create a backup of competitors at any one event. All six (6) team members will begin the sit-ups and proceed through the entire course as a unit.

The next team to compete will not begin the sit-ups until the previous team has reached the third exercise event, creating a gap between competing teams. There is only to be three teams on the competition field at any given time.

Coaches and assistant coaches are not allowed on the competition field while their team is competing. All coaches and assistant coaches are to remain outside the roped area of the field. Additionally, coaches may not communicate with their team while the team is competing. Coaches may communicate with their teams during periods of rest. Coaches and assistant coaches who fail to comply with these rules will cause their team to be disqualified from the competition.

Only two people from each team will be permitted on the field during competition to take pictures or shoot video. Additionally, those individuals will be identified prior to the start of competition. The escort for each team will brief the photographers on the rules of the field and annotate their names on the teams score sheet. Failure to check in with the escort prior to the start of competition will result in the photographers being asked to leave the field.

Performing the Exercises for Competition:

The exercises used for Regional competitions are the same as described in the High School Physical Fitness Program Book, which can be found on our website under "[High School Program Book](#)." The five exercises are:

A) Sit-Ups - Two (2) minute time limit (maximum 100 reps for 100 points)

Position: Competitor lies on back with legs bent and feet flat on the mat. Thighs must form a 45-degree angle with the ground. Hands are placed behind the head with fingers interlocked and touching the mat. Feet are held in place by an official counter. The counter will hold the feet at the competitors' ankles. If a competitor is unable to be held in this manner, the official counter will kneel on the competitors' feet. The counter cannot hold the feet in any manner, which

would assist the competitor, i.e., the counter sits on the competitor's feet with arms locked behind the competitors' legs.

Execution: Sit up, bending forward until the forehead is directly above or extended in front of the knees. Elbows must remain to the outside of the knees and need not touch any part of the leg. Return to the starting position, ensuring that the knuckles of the fingers or the back of the hand touch the mat before resuming the next repetition.

Important: 1) Fingers must remain interlocked. 2) Hands must remain behind and at the base of the head. 3) Head must come directly above or past the top of the knees. 4) Knees and feet cannot be spread further than shoulder width apart at any time during the exercise period. Feet must remain flat on the mat and legs must remain at a 45-degree angle during the entire exercise. 5) The buttock and/or small of the back cannot be raised more than one (1) inch above the mat when beginning each repetition. 6) Competitors may rest in either the up or down position as long as they maintain the correct body position while resting.

B) Push-Ups - Two (2) minute time limit, a non-stop exercise. Competitors can rest in the up position (maximum 60 reps for 100 points).

Position: Competitors must place some part of their hand or fingers under the shoulder (most competitors place their thumbs under the shoulder). Girls must keep their head and neck straight and head cannot drop as chin is touching fist. The body is held in a straight line (parallel to the ground) from the shoulders to the feet with no part of the body touching the ground other than hands and feet. Elbows are locked with arms forming a straight line (perpendicular to the ground) from the shoulders to the wrists. Feet may be spread no further than one foot apart. Counter lies face down on the ground opposite the competitor, placing his/her hand palm down under the competitors chest for males, and fisted (the thumb will be at the top of the fist when placed on the ground) under the chin for females.

Execution: The competitor lowers his/her body by bending the elbows and bringing his/her torso downward until the chest touches the back of the counters hand for males, or until the chin touches the top of the counters fist for females. The body must maintain a straight line from the shoulders to the feet. The competitor then returns to the starting position, again maintaining his/her body in a straight line. The elbows must lock straight before the next repetition begins. Broken form (hands are too wide, piking, hips or stomach touching mat) will result in repetitions not being counted. The judge will notify the competitor that he/she has broken form. If the competitor continues to break form, the judge will ask that competitor to stop, ending the event for that competitor. If the competitor corrects his/her form after the first warning, counting of repetitions will resume.

Important: 1) Sternum must touch counter's hand for males and the chin must touch the counter's fist for females. 2) No part of the body, other than the hands and feet may touch the ground. 3) Body must be maintained in a straight line at all times from the shoulders to the feet. 4) Arms must lock straight to complete return to the starting position. 5) Competitors can rest in the up position, however, the body must remain straight. 6) At no time during the exercise, including rest periods, can the competitor let his/her back arch or sway.

C) Standing Long Jump - Three (3) minute time limit to complete three (3) jumps, with best out of three (maximum 9' 10" jump for 100 points).

Position: Competitor stands with feet comfortably apart, toes just behind an established take-off line. Knees may be flexed, and arms may be swung forward and backward in a rhythmical motion to build momentum.

Execution: Jump forward as far as possible. Landing may be on one or two feet.

Important: 1) Only the best of three jumps will be recorded for score. 2) Measuring is from the take-off line to the nearest point of contact on the landing. 3) Stepping over the line and continuing the jump is a foul and counts as an attempt. Foul jumps are not measured. 4) Falling or stepping backward after the landing will result in measurement to that point of contact rather than where the feet first touched.

D) Pull-Ups - Two (2) minute time limit (hands will remain on the bar with no shaking-out permitted (maximum 30 reps for 100 points).

Position: Hang from the bar with palms away from the body. Hands will be placed on the bar no closer than 12" or no further than 32" apart. Arms and legs must be completely extended with feet off the deck. Ankles may be crossed to keep legs together.

Execution: Pull body straight up, placing the chin over the top of the bar. Return to the starting position with arms fully extended.

Important: 1) Chin must be placed over the top of the bar. 2) Arms must be fully extended when body is lowered to the starting position. 3) Legs (knees) may be bent, while executing the pull-ups as long as there is no kicking of the legs to propel the body upward. 4) No swinging, jerking or kipping of the body is permitted. However, a slight "natural" swing is permissible. A counter will hold an arm extended in front of the competitor to keep body alignment straight during the exercise and prevent any excessive swinging. 5) Competitors are permitted to rest in the down position only. 6) Hands must remain on the bar at all times during the exercise, unless a relatively minor repositioning of the hands is necessary to keep from slipping off the bar. Hands and arms cannot be "shaken-out" during the exercise. 7) Competitors must come to a dead hang following the last pull-up in order for the final repetition to be counted. Failure to do so, dropping from the bar while in the downward motion, will constitute a no count for that particular repetition. 8) Females have the option of placing their thumbs over or under the bar during the exercise.

E) 300-Yard Shuttle Run - Scored in relation to elapsed time needed to complete (maximum 44 second run for 100 points).

Position: Runners may use a standing, distance-type start or a crouched, sprinters start. No part of the body may be extended over the starting line and no device such as starting blocks or depressions, may be used to assist the competitors.

Execution: Each competitor runs the 60-yard distance five times, making a complete turn around each marker. On the fifth leg of the run, the competitors' total elapsed time for the event is clocked and recorded as he/she crosses past the pylon.

Important: 1) The run is continuous without stopping. 2) If a competitor fails to complete the run, he/she receives no points. 3) If a competitor knocks over a pylon while making a turn, he/she must return that pylon to the upright position and as close to the proper location as possible before continuing the event. If a competitor fails to return a toppled pylon to an upright and proper position, he/she will receive no points for the event. 4) Provided adequate equipment and times are available, more than one competitor may run the event at one time. 5) Running area should be level.

Competition Uniforms:

The uniform for competition will be appropriate shorts and shirts as commonly worn by track teams. Sweatshirts may be worn during the sit-ups and standing broad jump only - elbows must be exposed during the push-ups and pull-ups portion of the competition. Footwear will be sneakers or appropriate gym shoes. **No spikes or cleated footwear will be allowed.** Socks may be worn, but are not mandatory. The same footwear and uniform must be worn during the entire course of the competition, except as noted with the sweatshirt.

Scoring of Events:

The Regional competition will utilize the same scoring standards (identified in the scoring charts as "Meet") and basic exercises for both male and female as outlined in the High School Physical Fitness Program chapter of the Program Book. No modified exercises or scoring standards will be used. All events will be strictly judged and scored in accordance with the descriptions as outlined in the Program Book.

Breaking a Tie:

Although six (6) members will compete on each team, only the score of the five (5) highest competitors will count towards the team's overall score. Adding the score of the sixth team member to each team's score will break a tie. If one of the tied teams only has five (5) competitors, then the team with six (6) competitors will win the tie. If both teams have six (6) members and the scores are still tied after adding the sixth score, a comparison of team scores by event, beginning in reverse order (300-Yard Shuttle Run) will be the deciding factor on breaking a tie. The team with the fastest run time will be declared the winner. If for any reason a tie still exist, then both teams will be declared the winner for that particular place - 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th etc. This same method will be used to determine individual ties.

Directions to Parkland High School

Allentown, PA

From New York/New Jersey

- Take route 78 West to exit 3 (Rt 22 West) into PA
- Stay on Rt 22 to the exit for Cedar Crest Blvd.
- Coming off the ramp, stay right for approximately 2 miles, school is on the left.
- Make left and stay to your left as you'll enter the school on the side.

From PA

- Take route 78 East to exit for Cedar Crest Blvd
- Exiting on Cedar Crest Blvd you want to head North.
- School is approximately 5 miles on the left.
- Make left and stay to your left as you'll enter the school on the side.