The Susan G. Komen 3-Day® Youth Corps is an opportunity for 10-16 year olds to serve as crew members on the event. Youth Corps members will attend the entire Komen 3-Day event (accompanied by a small group of Crew Captains), stay overnight for two nights and complete a multitude of important tasks. Spots on the Youth Corps are limited, and the selection process is competitive. Reviewing this handout, completing an online application and participating in a phone interview are mandatory steps in the application process.

Youth Corps Mission Statement

The mission of the Youth Corps is to allow young people to meaningfully participate in the 3-Day® and demonstrate the power of youthful passion and conviction. The Youth Corps strives:

- to personally empower each young person.
- to provide an outlet for young people to contribute on a personal level in response to a disease that may have directly affected them.
- to enrich the experience of all 3-Day participants.
- to add meaningful value for the walkers and crew.
- to raise awareness about the full range of people affected by breast cancer.
- to showcase that youth can contribute as much as anyone else.
- to raise funds for the fight to end breast cancer forever.

Youth Corps Duties

The following are examples of duties that the Youth Corps may perform at the 3-Day. The exact schedule of responsibilities will be provided to the Youth Corps Captain two weeks prior to the event and will contain a variety of the activities below:

- Cheer
- Sticker distribution
- Route card distribution
- Assist participants with gear bags
- Opening Ceremony clean-up
- Assist with sleeping tent set-up and tear down (San Diego 3-Day only)
- 1-on-1 conversations with walkers at mealtimes
- Make encouraging notes and route signs
- Speak on stage during the Honor Ceremony
- Staff a water stop along the route
- Assist with camp take-down on Sunday morning
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Requirements to Apply

- Be ready to work hard and make a difference.
- Be outgoing, energetic and willing to speak on stage.
- Be between the ages of 10-16 (when the event begins).
- Submit the Youth Corps Permission form.
- Complete the Youth Corps Application and phone interview.
- Pay the $50 registration fee at the time of registration.
- Raise a minimum of $500. (But on average Youth Corps members raise almost $1,000!) 
- Participate all three days of the event, plus attend training the Thursday before.

The Youth Corps Selection Process is Competitive

Unfortunately, not everybody who applies for Youth Corps will be accepted. Our goal when selecting the team is to strike a strategic blend of new members, returning members, boys, girls, younger and older. Each candidate will be evaluated individually. The selection process will be multi-faceted, and many factors will enter into the final decisions. You may apply with your best friend and you may get in and she may not. You may apply with your brother. Your brother may be accepted, and you may not. Please note that kids who’ve been on the Youth Corps for two consecutive years may be asked to take a year off to give other kids a chance at the experience.

More than 45 applicants were not accepted into the program in 2019. These applicants were strong, qualified, and met the requirements of the program. However, we were not able to invite them to join the team, because spots are limited and we’re trying to build a diverse team. In order to avoid disappointment, please discuss this reality with your parent or legal guardian and be prepared that you may not get a spot on the Youth Corps.

Last year our acceptance rate was

70%

If you choose to apply, your parent must first submit your Youth Corps Permission form and then complete the online application. All applications are due by March 9th.

Application Process

1. Parent/Guardian reviews the Youth Corps Informational Handout with child.
2. After reviewing handout, click to the permission form and application. Both will we be available February 28 - March 9, 2020 at The3Day.org/YouthCorps.
3. Parent/Guardian submits a Youth Corps Permission form.
4. Child completes the application and submits it online by March 9, 2020.
5. Once both the application and permission form have been received, the Youth Corps Captain will contact the applicant to schedule a 15-minute phone interview. Interviews will be conducted between February 29 – March 22, 2020.
6. Youth Corps team selections will be completed by April 6 and all candidates who were interviewed will be contacted by the Youth Corps Captain. Komen 3-Day staff makes the final decision for all team selections.
**$500 Fundraising Minimum**

- We have separate shower times just for the Youth Corps team. Youth will always be escorted to the bathrooms and shower areas.

We know that raising $500 may sound overwhelming. It’s important to remember that thousands of people *just like you* have volunteered before you and have raised *millions* of dollars for this cause. Believe it or not, the average 3-Day Youth Corps member raises almost $1,000. As soon as you register as a member of the Youth Corps, you’ll have access to your very own online Participant Center, which is the hub for all of your online 3-Day activity. This is where you can send fundraising emails, download your donation form and track your fundraising progress.

We also have a special 3-Day Youth Corps logo you can use, sample fundraising emails, social media tools, and an awesome Facebook Fundraiser so you can raise money from your social media followers!

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**Safety and Supervision**

- Each youth will need to be checked in by a parent or guardian when arriving on-event and checked out when leaving the event.
- The team will be supported by a Youth Corps Captain and leaders. The Captain and all leaders will have a background check before having any contact with the youth.
- At all times during the event we will adhere to a ratio of 5 youth per 1 adult.

**Transportation**

The Youth Corps will travel together in a passenger van or two depending on the size of the team. Adult Captains will not be able to bring their own vehicle to the event and if they will be driving during the event, they will be required to attend the driver training session on the Thursday before the 3-Day.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FOR PARENTS)

Who must review the Youth Corps Informational Handout?
It is mandatory that both the interested youth and parent or legal guardian review this Youth Corps Informational Handout in order to apply for the 3-Day Youth Corps. Once you have read the entire handout, you can proceed to the permission form and online application.

Can I submit my Youth Corps application and then review the handout later?
No. You must review this informational handout before submitting your Youth Corps application.

Can I submit my Youth Corps application and then submit my permission form later?
No. You will not be able to access the application form until your permission form has been received.

How many youth will be allowed into the Youth Corps program?
Our goal is to have 15-30 registered Youth Corps members for each 3-Day event.

Will everyone who reviews the informational handout be able to apply for the program?
Yes, if you review the handout before the application process closes on March 9, 2020. We will accept applications for each youth who reviews the Youth Corps Informational Handout, submits the permission form and completes the online Youth Corps application before March 9, 2020.

What is the age requirement for Youth Corps?
This program is for ages 10-16. The youth must be at least 10 years old by the first day of the event.

Can both my children apply for the Youth Corps?
Yes, but be prepared for the possibility that only one of them may make it on the team.

Can I apply for more than one Youth Corps?
Please contact the coaches if you are interested in applying for more than one city.

If I participated as a Youth Corps member last year, will I be eligible to apply for a spot in 2020?
Yes, we will accept applications from both veteran Youth Corps crew members and new Youth Corps members. Our goal is to have a good balance of new/veteran, in order to provide opportunities for everyone. However, Youth Corps members who have participated two years in a row may be asked to take a year off and support the Youth Corps cheering station, leaving room for new participants to experience the Youth Corps.

Is there a deadline to review the handout?
Yes. You must review the handout and submit your application and Youth Corps Permission form by March 9, 2020.

If I don’t review the handout, does this mean I am not going to be able to participate in the program?
Yes. The size of the Youth Corps is limited and only those who view this Youth Corps Information Handout will be allowed to apply for the Youth Corps program.

If I have more than one child who would like to apply, can we all review the handout together?
Yes, but you must submit an application form for each child who is interested in applying.

What should we do if we have additional questions?
Contact your Crew & Volunteer Coordinator at 800-996-3329.

ON-EVENT

When and where do we pick up our credential holder and crew t-shirts?
You can print your credential at home approximately one week prior to the event and bring it with you to the All-Crew Kick-Off on Thursday. You will pick up your crew t-shirts and credential holders at the All-Crew Kick-Off.

Does the Youth Corps stay overnight on Thursday night?
No, the Youth Corps members will go home after training sessions on Thursday and return Friday morning to the Opening Ceremony site.
Does my child have their own fundraising webpage?
Yes, they have a fundraising webpage similar to all 3-Day participants. We encourage Youth Corps members to personalize their page with information specific to their participation in the Youth Corps.

My child cannot attend the training sessions on Thursday or cannot arrive on time. Is that OK?
It is mandatory that all Youth Corps members attend the training meetings on Thursday. It is an important part of the 3-Day Crew experience and a key opportunity for the Youth Corps team to get to know each other.

How does my child get to the Opening Ceremony on Friday morning?
The child’s parent or legal guardian should plan to stay with the child on Thursday night and transport him or her to the Opening Ceremony site on Friday morning. If you and your child are planning to stay in a hotel on Thursday night, travel information will be posted on the Event Info page (located in the Participant Center on The3Day.org) as it becomes available. All information will be posted approximately 6 weeks prior to the event. The Travel Information webpage contains important information, including the starting and ending locations for the event, directions to those locations and hotel listings (which include shuttle service) before and after the event.

A parent or legal guardian will need to sign your child in to the event with a Youth Corps leader on Thursday for training sessions that same parent or legal guardian (or another person designated in writing by the parent or legal guardian) will need to pick up and sign out your child at the end of the Thursday training. At the Opening Ceremony on Friday morning, a parent or legal guardian will need to sign your child in to the event again with a Youth Corps leader (and that same person, or another person designated in writing by the parent or legal guardian, will need to pick up your child at Closing Ceremony). You will receive details before the event about where to meet the Youth Corps leader on Thursday, at the Opening Ceremony and at the Closing Ceremony.

Do you supply water on the event?
Each Youth Corps member must bring their own water bottle. We supply the water and sports drink for them to fill their bottles.

Can my child bring an air mattress?
The 3-Day will provide air mattresses for hotel-based 3-Days. For the San Diego 3-Day, Youth Corps members may bring their own air mattresses. They need to be able to blow it up themselves as there are no electrical plugs on site (we suggest battery operated pumps). The air mattress should fit inside their bag and is included in the weight limit for their luggage.

Should my child bring cash?
All food expenses on the event will be covered. The 3-Day is not responsible for personal items brought to the event and all 3-Day participants are generally discouraged from bringing items of value.

My child has a food allergy.
Your child should be responsible for notifying the food service crew of his or her allergy at the time the meal is served and monitoring the ingredient list of any pre-packaged items provided.

If your child has special dietary needs, please contact your Crew & Volunteer Coordinator so we can help you to prepare appropriate accommodations.

If your child has a severe enough allergy that requires the use of an Epi-pen, the parent/guardian should give the Epi-pen to the Youth Corps Captain for safe keeping during the event. If you do not have an Epi-pen, please get a prescription from your doctor, have the prescription filled and give the Epi-pen to the Youth Corps Captain with written instructions for use during the event. During the medical history portion of online check-in, please indicate that your child will need to carry an Epi-pen on the event.

While we do have Epi-pens at all of the medical areas on the route and in camp, the key to treating a severe allergic reaction is immediate administration of Epinephrine; thus the need for participants to bring their own Epi-pens with them on the event.

Can my child bring a mobile phone on the event?
Your child is welcome to bring a mobile phone on the event. We ask all the Youth Corps to turn off their phones during the
day so that we can focus on the event and the tasks that we have been assigned. There is usually an hour each day that they can phone home. If you need to reach your child during the day you can call one of the Youth Corps leaders.

The 3-Day is not responsible for personal items brought to the 3-Day. Participants are discouraged from bringing items of value, including jewelry, expensive cameras and personal electronics on the event. In San Diego, there are no electrical outlets available in Camp. There will be phone charging stations available on a first-come, first served basis.

**What happens if my child gets sick on the event?**
If your child becomes sick on the event, we will first take them to the Medical Team to be evaluated and will call you or your designated “off-event” contact to keep them informed. If they need to leave the event, we will coordinate pick-up with you.

**How often will I see and be able to speak with my child during the event?**
The Youth Corps program schedule is very intense and full. We always leave time in the late afternoon or at dinner for them to spend some time with you, if you are participating in the event. But you should not plan on talking to them during the day.

**What if my child needs to take daily medicine?**
If your child needs to take daily medicine, please give that medicine to the Youth Corps leaders with clearly written instructions as to what they need to take and when they need to take it so that the Youth Corps leaders can give the medicine to your children. If the medicine needs to be refrigerated, then we will keep the medicine in the medical tent. Medication needing refrigeration is to be turned in on Friday morning at the medical desk at On Site Check-In. The medical team will take it to camp and store it in the camp medical refrigerator.

**How do you decide tentmates and how many sleep in a tent?**
For the San Diego 3-Day, there will be two Youth Corps members of the same gender in each tent. The Youth Corps leaders will arrange all tent assignments. Only Youth Corps members and leaders will be allowed to sleep in the Youth Corps tenting section. Other walkers and crew members (including parents of Youth Corps) will not be permitted to tent with a Youth Corps member. For the New England, Chicago and Dallas/Fort Worth 3-Days, Youth Corps will be sleeping at the event hotel as a group in the Youth Corps Village (slumber party configuration in a conference room).

**What are the general responsibilities of Youth Corps on event?**
Youth Corps activities include the following: cheering, filling water bottles, handing out route cards, lunch clean-up, tent set-up, greeting walkers at the Opening Ceremony. In general, the Youth Corps is a “swing team” that fills in where needed to make sure the event is successful.

**What happens if it rains on the event and walkers get relocated?**
The Youth Corps has their own relocation plan to an indoor spot separate from the walker relocation area. In the case of extreme weather, we may need to ask the “off event” contact for the youth to pick up your child and take him or her home.

**How many adult leaders will be with my child on event?**
There will be one adult leader for every five Youth Corps members. One of these leaders will be chosen as the Captain of the team. All leaders will be background checked.

**What if my child wants to leave in the middle of the event?**
We hope that this will not occur, but we would first talk to your child to understand the reasons and try to overcome the problem. If it is not resolvable, we would contact your or the “off event” contact for the youth to arrange for pick-up.

**How do I reach the Youth Corps Captains on event?**
You will be provided with cell phone numbers for all of the Youth Corps Captains, or you can call the 3-Day on-event command center (the phone number will be printed on the official 3-Day credential).

**This sounds like a great way for my teen to fulfill high school service hours. Is that true?** Participants can fulfill service hours but that should not be the only reason that your child is interested in this opportunity. A commitment to the cause should be the main reason for their interest.

**Do we have to raise $500?**
Yes. Each Youth Corps member must raise at least $500 by the first day of the event. With the support and encouragement of their leaders, most Youth Corps team members raise over $1000. The primary goal of the 3-Day is to raise funds to help eradicate breast cancer. This is more than just a symbolic journey or an athletic challenge—it’s a way
to support Susan G. Komen®. The funds raised by passionate 3-Day supporters and participants is used to invest in cutting-edge research that will lead to new, more effective treatments, working in communities across the country to ensure all people can access the care they need, and mobilizing passionate supporters to make certain the voice of the breast cancer community is heard by policymakers.

**Can I tent with my child?**
No. The Youth Corps always tent together to build team morale and maintain the appropriate level of separation. Only those adults who are our Captains and leaders, who have gone through the **background check**, will be allowed to tent with the Youth Corps in their Youth Corps village. We will need to uphold these rules even if we have bad weather and must relocate to an inside venue.

**Can I share a hotel room with my child?**
No. The Youth Corps always sleeps together in their Youth Corps Village (slumber party configuration) to build team morale and maintain the appropriate level of separation. Only those adults who are our Captains and leaders, who have gone through the **background check**, will be allowed to sleep near the Youth Corps in their Youth Corps village.

**How will I meet my child at the end of the event?**
There will be a designated pick-up location after the Closing Ceremony where you can reunite with your child. The parent or legal guardian that signed the child into the event at the Opening Ceremony (or another person designated in writing by the parent or legal guardian) must be present for your child to be released and signed out from the Youth Corps leader. You will receive details before the event about where to meet the Youth Corps leader at the Closing Ceremony to pick up your child.