



YOUTH CORPS 101

Everything you need to know about the Susan G. Komen Youth Corps Program.

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THE SUSAN G. KOMEN 3-DAY® YOUTH CORPS OFFERS AN INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY FOR 10 TO 16-YEAR-OLDS TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE AS CREW MEMBERS DURING THE EVENT. Youth Corps members will attend the entire 3-Day event, staying overnight for two nights under the guidance of dedicated adult Crew Leaders. Throughout the event, they will take on a variety of essential tasks that contribute to its success.

Youth Corps Mission Statement

The mission of the Youth Corps is to empower young people to make a meaningful impact during the 3-Day® and to highlight the strength of youthful passion and conviction. Through their involvement, the Youth Corps aims to:

- Empower each participant on a personal level.
- Provide a meaningful way for young people to contribute to the fight against breast cancer, especially if they have been personally affected by the disease.
- Enhance the experience of all 3-Day participants.
- Add significant value for walkers and crew members.
- Raise awareness about the diverse range of individuals impacted by breast cancer.
- Demonstrate that young people can make impactful contributions.
- Support fundraising efforts to help end breast cancer forever.

Youth Corps Duties

Youth Corps members perform a variety of roles to support the 3-Day event. Their responsibilities are designed to foster connection, inspire participants, and assist in event operations. Below are examples of duties they may be assigned. A detailed schedule of responsibilities will be provided by the Youth Corps Captain two weeks before the event and may include:

- Cheering, especially during Walk-In moments.
- Distributing stickers and route cards.
- Assisting participants with their gear bags.
- Helping with clean-up after the Opening Ceremony.
- Assisting with sleeping tent setup and teardown (San Diego 3-Day only).
- Engaging in 1-on-1 conversations with walkers during mealtimes.
- Creating encouraging notes and route signs.
- Speaking on stage during the Honor Ceremony.
- Staffing a water stop along the route.
- Helping with camp takedown on Sunday morning (San Diego 3-Day only).

Through these activities, the Youth Corps not only enhances the experience for everyone involved but also plays a critical role in the mission to end breast cancer.

Requirements to Apply

- **Commit to making a difference:** Bring your energy, enthusiasm, and dedication to this impactful experience.
- **Be outgoing and confident:** You should feel comfortable engaging with others and speaking on stage.
- **Meet the age requirement:** Applicants must be between 10 and 16 years old at the start of the event.
- **Complete necessary forms:** Apply online and complete the application process, including a phone or video interview.
- **Registration and fundraising:** Pay the registration fee and commit to raising a minimum of \$500 (most Youth Corps members raise close to \$1,000!).
- **Full participation required:** Be available for all three days of the event and attend a training session on the Thursday before the event.

The Youth Corps Selection Process is Competitive

Unfortunately, not everyone who applies to the Youth Corps will be accepted. Our goal is to assemble a diverse and well-rounded team that balances different ages, genders, and experience levels. Each applicant is evaluated individually, and the selection process is thorough and multi-faceted, with many factors influencing the final decisions.

It's important to understand that even if you apply with a friend or sibling, there's no guarantee that both of you will be selected. For example, you may be accepted while your best friend is not, or your sibling may secure a spot while you do not. Additionally, Youth Corps members who have participated for two consecutive years will not be able to apply for a third year to allow other applicants the opportunity to join.





Application Process

1. Parent/Guardian reviews the Youth Corps Informational Handout with child.
2. After reviewing handout, decide which city you would like to participate in and complete the application. Applications for all cities will be open from **February 2 through February 20, 2026**.
3. Child completes the application and submits it online by the following dates:
February 2 - February 20, 2026
4. Applications will be reviewed the week of **February 23 - 27, 2026** and those that have been selected to continue will be contacted to schedule an interview with the Youth Corps captain.
5. Interviews will be conducted between **March 2 and March 20**.
6. Youth Corps team selections will be announced by **March 30, 2026** and all candidates who were interviewed will be contacted by a member of the 3-Day team. Komen 3-Day staff makes the final decision for all team selections.
7. Those selected for the Youth Corps must officially register for the 3-Day by **April 30, 2026**.

A minimum of \$500 in fundraising must be completed by the Friday before the event in order to participate on event. Fundraising deadlines are listed below:

Boston - **August 14, 2026**

Dallas/Fort Worth - **October 16, 2026**

San Diego - **November 6, 2026**

Tampa Bay - **February 12, 2027**



ON EVENT GENERAL GUIDELINES

Transportation

The Youth Corps will travel together as a team in 12-15 passenger vans, depending on the group size. Adult leaders will not be permitted to bring personal vehicles to the event.

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 undergo an interview process, including background checks before interacting with the youth.

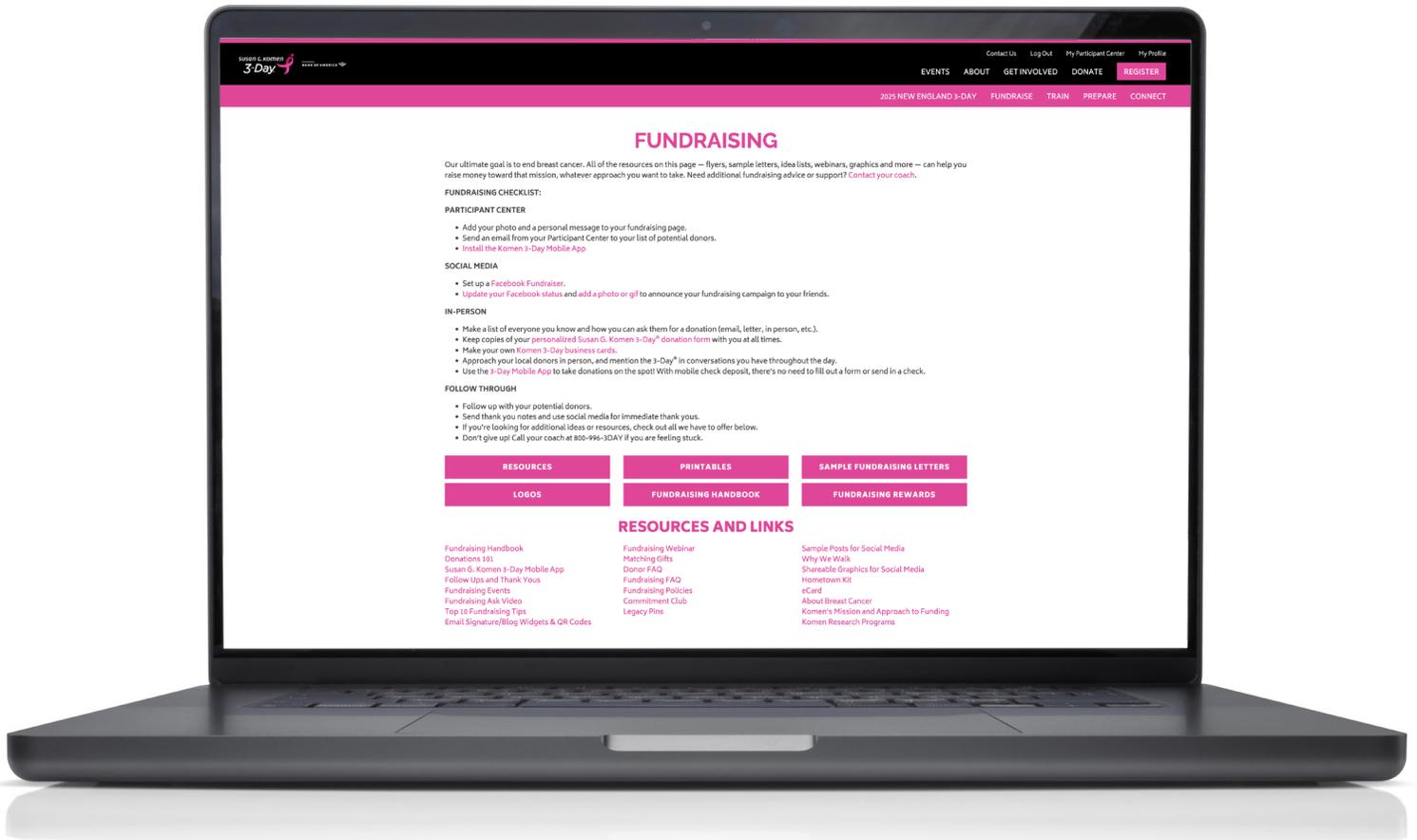
At all times during the event we will adhere to a ratio of 5 youth per 1 adult.

Sleeping Arrangements

To ensure the safety and comfort of Youth Corps members at an event primarily attended by adults, their sleeping area will be separate from the rest of the walkers and crew.

- For the Boston, Dallas/Fort Worth, and Tampa Bay 3-Days, the Youth Corps will stay at the event hotel in a designated "Youth Corps Village," set up slumber-party style in a conference room.
- For the San Diego 3-Day, each Youth Corps member will have their own individual sleeping tent in the designated Youth Corps area of camp.

These arrangements are designed to provide a fun, secure, and cohesive experience for the Youth Corps team.



\$500 Fundraising Minimum

We understand that raising \$500 may feel overwhelming at first. However, thousands of people like you have successfully taken on this challenge, collectively raising millions of dollars for this important cause. In fact, the average 3-Day Youth Corps member raises nearly \$1,000—proof that you can exceed your goal with determination and the right tools!

Once you register as a Youth Corps member, you'll gain access to your personalized online Participant Center. This will be your hub for all 3-Day activities, including sending fundraising emails, downloading donation forms, and tracking your progress.

To make fundraising even easier, we've provided a variety of helpful resources, including:

- A special 3-Day Youth Corps logo to use in your materials.
- Sample fundraising emails to get you started.
- Social media tools to help you share your mission online.
- An awesome Facebook Fundraiser feature to reach your social media followers directly.

With these tools and your commitment, you'll be well on your way to achieving and even surpassing your fundraising goals!