

# Camp Gear Guide

## List of items you'll need for your 10-day stay

Bath Towels (large) .....	3-4
*Blue jeans (loose fit-no holes).....	four (3-5)
*Boots, hiking grade .....	(1) pair
Cross Trainer or Running shoes .....	(1) pair
Envelope self-addressed (pre-stamped).....	two (2)
Flashlight & batteries.....	one each (1)
Handkerchiefs .....	4
Handy-wipes (pocket size) .....	(1) each
Mole skin (for blisters) .....	two packs
*Padlock (combination style) .....	one each (1)
Pens, writing .....	two (2)
Seabag/ Duffle Bag .....	one (1)
Soap, w/plastic carrier .....	one each (1)
Shampoo & deodorant .....	one each (1)
Shaving gear (if needed) .....	one each (1)
*Sleeping Bag .....	one each (1)
Socks, heavy thickness .....	7-10 pairs
Sunscreen or sun block .....	one (1)
Shower shoes (flips).....	(1) pair
Sweatpants .....	one (1)
*Sweatshirt (hooded).....	one (1)
Toothbrush, toothpaste, chap stick .....	one each (1)
Trouser, belt .....	one (1)
Underwear.....	7-10 pairs

## ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR FEMALES ONLY

Hair ties, bobby pins + brush.....	as needed
Hair Shampoo + Hair Gel .....	one each (1)
Hygiene products .....	as needed
Swim suit (one-piece) black/blue.....	one (1)
Sports bras.....	five (4-6)

**Cash.** Please include \$35 dollars sealed in an envelope with your name on the front, for emergency incidentals. You will have no required expenses at Camp Pendleton.

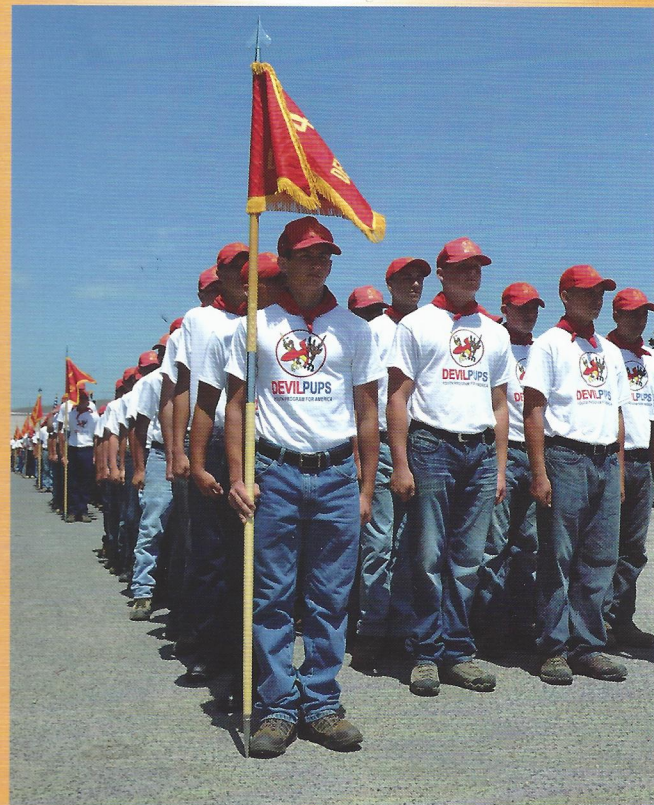
## Important Information

1. \*Do not bring "NEW" boots to camp. Boots must fit properly, covering the ankles and should be well broken in before camp to avoid blisters. Sole inserts and new laces are suggested.
2. \*A bunk with mattress will be assigned to each Pup in the barracks. You will use your "personal" sleeping bag for your 10-day stay.
3. \*Loose fit jeans are "required" for ease of movement (see cover photo for uniform jeans). **NO SKINNY JEANS!**
4. \*The special Devil Pups hooded logo sweatshirts can be purchased on-line at the DP store: [shop.devilpups.com](http://shop.devilpups.com)
5. If you wear glasses please bring glass straps, also cheaper glasses is a better choice. Glasses over contacts is also suggested.
6. \*Protect your lock combination. Record your combination on a small piece of paper and keep inside your wallet or notebook.



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Welcome to

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## History of Devil Pups

Devil Pups, Inc. was founded in 1954 as a result of several businessmen who served together in the Marine Corps and observed a flag burning incident at a local high school. In discussing the incident they said: "It's too bad we can't take these misguided youngsters down to Camp Pendleton and let the active duty Marines teach them to become patriotic Americans and better citizens."



Colonel A. Duncan Shaw

### "Let's ask the Commandant!"

Prominent local businessman and retired reserve Marine Colonel A. Duncan Shaw was asked to make the request to the Commandant. The plan was to establish a 10-day educational camp during the summer where retired Marine's now teachers could be employed as "Camp Counselors." The Base Commanding General would provide a limited number of "active duty" volunteers to assist which would be called "Escorts."

The Commandant of the Marine Corps General Lemuel Shepherd in 1954 gave approval to the Devil Pups Good Citizenship - Physical Development Program and recommended what must be done to meet with his approval. Because the government must be reimbursed for food, transportation, utilities, and other consumables, Devil Pups, Inc, a 501(c)3 non-profit charitable corporation was founded. Its purpose, then and now, is to solicit charitable contributions in order that the government be fully reimbursed for the cost of the program.

Under the Commandant's guidelines the program has run successfully for 65 years, and now has 53,832 graduates to its credit.



General Lemuel Shepherd, Jr. 20th Commandant of the Marine Corps, inspects Devil Pups in the early years of the program.

## Welcome to Devil Pups

The Devil Pups program is unique in many ways; it operates on Camp Pendleton, and is assisted by volunteer Marines. The program is run by former Marines and our mission is to change the lives of 640 teenagers for the better. You should feel privileged to be considered from the thousands that apply each year and couldn't qualify. Please know, that we would like to take all that apply but we are limited to just 640 spots. To all those that are accepted, we welcome you to our program and we wish for your every success. To those that don't make it, we hope that you will train harder to improve and apply again the following year.

## Who can be a Devil Pup?

Any non-delinquent, healthy boy or girl 14 to 17 years of age may become a Devil Pup. The program is held for just 10-days only. Those applying must pass a physical fitness test prior to being accepted into the program. Applicants with medical conditions or any physical limitations or on any medication are not accepted. Recent injury or surgery in the past year must be revealed to your LR before encampment.

Only Devil Pups Liaison Representatives (LR's) can make the selection from testing qualified applicants as to who can come, and if you are accepted it is your responsibility to stay in shape in the prior months leading to encampment. The better shape your in the easier the program will be.

Devil Pups are accepted from all walks of life regardless of race, creed or economic background. No teenager can be "put" into the program, they have to want to come themselves. One of the most important factors in the final acceptance process is the applicant's actual "desire" to become a Devil Pup.

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## What are the Expenses?

All Devil Pups coming from inside California have all the costs paid by Devil Pups, Inc. All Devil Pups coming in from outside California have their expenses paid by a sponsoring organization in that state. Devil Pups is not a national program, it is exclusive to California only. Since the program operates yearly at Camp Pendleton the government is reimbursed for food, lodging, transportation and other consumables required for the program. As a non-profit corporation, recognized by the state and federal government Devil Pups obtains its funds through fund raising activities, grants from charitable organizations, civic groups, military groups, police associations and donations from interested individuals.

Since 1954, no Devil Pup has ever had to pay for the Devil Pups experience. This is our gift to parents and their teenagers.

## Preparing for Camp

Packing for camp, if your teenager has been accepted for this year's program, please see the packing list on the back panel of this brochure. All Devil Pups are expected to have all items listed.

Upon arrival at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, all Pups will go through a screening process. A physical fitness test is given at the start of the program and then again coming to the base - as the training can be strenuous. It is mandatory that all Devil Pups be in excellent health and good physical condition at all times.

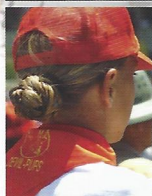
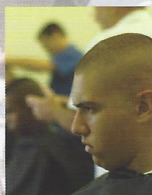
Devil Pups live in actual Marine Corps barracks on the base. They will comply with Marine Corps hours and regulations and eat Marine Corps food. They will not be pampered and should they be



inattentive or discourteous they will be corrected. Devil Pups will only be in contact with Marines that have been assigned to the program, these volunteer Marines are called "Escorts."

## Fitting into the Program

There are no individuals in the Devil Pups Program. Each Devil Pup becomes a part of a team, we call this team a "Platoon." There are 50 members to a platoon, and all Devil Pups go through the program with their platoon. Platoons are assigned to a barracks where they will live for their 10-day stay. It is required that they police their own area every day. Each Devil Pup will receive uniform items which will be worn at all times, unless a physical activity is scheduled; like the mud run, pool training, etc. Also, all male Devil Pups going through the program will receive a military hair cut. This is done so all Devil Pups look the same.

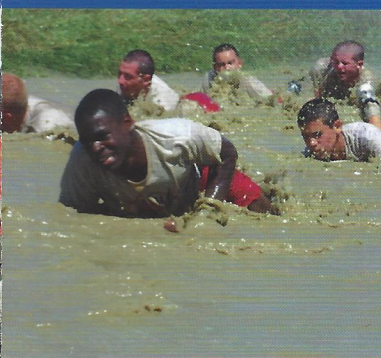


Females also must qualify physically and will be tested throughout the program, same as the boys. Female Devil Pups will be instructed on female grooming standards and are assigned to female platoons of 50. They go through training very much like the boys. All female platoons are guided by female volunteer Marine Escorts.

Blue shirt, red hat Devil Pups are called "Eagles." These are exceptional Devil Pups that have completed the program a year before. They now come back to learn leadership traits and assist the current staff with the new class of Pups.



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## Devil Pups Activities

Each morning, all Devil Pups awaken early to reveille, they then attend morning "colors" (flag raising ceremony) where the flag is "explained" to them... what it means... what it represents... and why it should be honored and respected.

The Devil Pups program is comprised of group activities back to back over 10-days. The training course has been designed over 65 years and centers on specific challenges all Devil Pups will face. As part of the training, all Devil Pups will participate in many physical activities such as: running, conditioning exercises, organized recreation, swimming, bivouac, hiking, boating, crucible and close order drill.



All Devil Pups will attend a variety of classes over 10-days on assorted subjects. They will also carry a Field Training Manual they will read. Throughout the 10-day course motivational speakers come to address Devil Pups and offer life examples, motivational skills and guidance. Other activities they might "observe" are what the Marines are doing on the base: the firing of weapons, tank infantry tactics, field fortification attacks, combat in-towns, etc. One day of the 10-day encampment is dedicated to a field trip to San Diego to visit the USS Midway and MCRD ( Marine Corps Recruit Depot).

All Devil Pups will be encouraged to write home to inform their family that they are doing well. However, please be advised that your stay on the base is too short receive mail.

The Devil Pups program ends with an impressive graduation ceremony in a "Pass & Review Parade" with Base Command in attendance. Graduation from Devil Pups is a true "honor" for each Pup, and for many, their first real achievement earned through hard work done by themselves. This cannot be dismissed. parents and guardians, friends and families are encouraged to attend this important celebration.

### Mission Statement

The Devil Pups mission is to challenge, educate and help young boys and girls of all backgrounds learn self-confidence and responsibility for their actions.

We strive to develop in young men and women, ages 14 to 17, qualities of good citizenship, self control, confidence, personal discipline, teamwork and respect for others, their family and their country.

## General Information

You will be on an active military installation - Camp Pendleton. You are expected to show respect to all Officers and Staff at all times. Also, you will be expected to show respect to all fellow Devil Pups going through the program with you.

Outside communication during the 10-day encampment is limited to only emergency situations. Also as a federal active-duty training facility no one is allowed to visit an active encampment on the base.

All Devil Pups will be required to be in bed at 2200 (10 pm) and sleep. Your day will be full of activity and you should be tired. If you are not, others will be, and they must be considered and respected.

## Coming to Camp

The base arrival uniform dress is blue jeans with a belt and a plain white T-Shirt. The departure uniform dress is the same. So far as your outer clothing is concerned, bring only your informal travel clothes. Upon arrival you will be issued uniform items for daily wear.

## Packing for Camp

Please refer to the back page GEAR GUIDE for packing. Please pay close attention to the packing list, you will need everything on this list and nothing more.

## These items and activities are not allowed:

**Cell Phones, Cameras, Recorders, Digital Toys, Radios, TV's, Tablets, Computers, etc., No Alcohol, No Drugs (of any type) are permitted, No Smoking, Card Playing or Gambling. Also no weapons of any type are permitted.**

**NO EXCEPTIONS.** Please be advised all your gear will be inspected upon arrival, if any of these items are found they will be taken and stored during your stay. Confiscated items will be returned to you upon your departure from the base.



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