



St John
Here for Life



ST JOHN YOUTH

A fun and dynamic programme for 6-18 year olds

The St John Youth programme focuses on teaching young people first aid, health care, leadership, and life skills. There are fantastic opportunities to meet new people, have new experiences and of course, have fun! As well as acquiring valuable skills, youth members work towards various badges.

Penguins: For 6 - 8 year olds

Penguins are the youngest group within St John Youth and are headed by "Primo the Penguin" - the programme's mascot. The Penguin Programme offers a unique opportunity for young children to meet, have fun and learn practical skills along the way as they work towards their Super Penguin Award.

Cadets: For 8 -18 year olds

Cadets meet once a week for about an hour and a half. They participate in the Grand Prior's Award Scheme and work towards badges in various subjects. Youth members are divided into the following age groups:

Green Group 8 – 10 years old

Blue Group 11 – 12 years old

Gold Group 13 – 18 years old

Examples of Youth Events

Our youth events are designed to encourage members to be active, learn, have fun and meet new people. To keep up to date on what is happening, check in with your Divisional Manager or sign up for our monthly newsletter; News in Youth. Please note, there is often an additional cost involved with most youth events, simply to cover running costs, but often at a subsidised price.

Competitions

Youth Competitions assess first aid, health care, drill and communication skills and are run throughout the year. Competitions are run for all age groups and across the region and anyone wishing to give it a go is encouraged to compete. They are a great way to practice skills and get to know members from other divisions. There is also opportunity for travel as competitions take place against other divisions in the district or region and around the country for those lucky to be chosen for these teams.

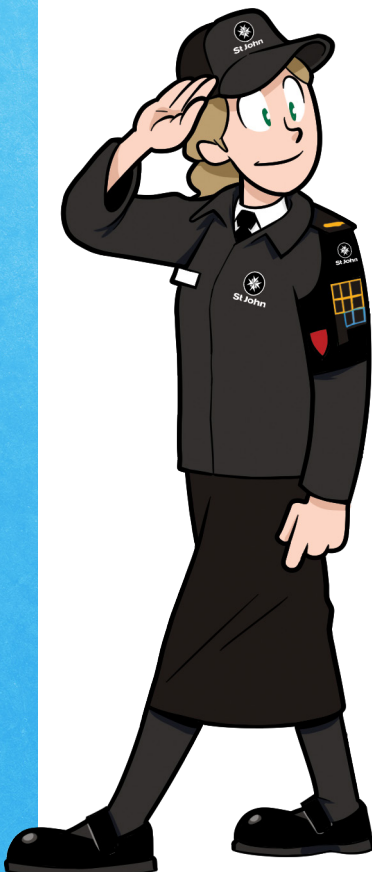
Camps and Courses

Each year many courses are run for members to earn badges, meet new friends and learn in a fun and safe environment. Many are run over weekend camps across your region. Courses include Clinical, Drill, Caregivers and Leadership. We also run other camps specific to your region and offer exciting activities.

School and Public Holidays

Our Youth Programme follows the primary school holiday timetable and does not meet during school or public holidays, although some courses and camps are held during school holidays.

Youth Programme Cost



In St John Youth we ask for a \$10 donation per school term (\$40 per year) and brothers and sisters can join for half price! Before deciding to join young people are welcome to come along and visit the local division a few times to see what it's all about.

Uniform

When you wear your uniform, you are representing St John. To help us all be proud of St John and the uniform we wear, we have standard uniform requirements we follow. Your division will go over the rules for wearing the uniform and help you get kitted out.

Uniform items are supplied by St John and are on loan to members. This means that if someone leaves they return the uniform. Uniforms are heavily subsidised but we do ask for a small non-refundable contribution - this is \$50 for Cadets and \$25 for Penguins. The once off contribution helps to ensure uniforms are kept in top condition and looked after. This means as uniform items need replacing because they no longer fit, there is no extra cost. We ask for this contribution to be paid prior to issuing the uniform. The contribution can be paid off - please speak to your Divisional Manager about this as we will issue a uniform once a payment plan has been discussed.



Our Policies

Our Policy on Behaviour, Bullying and Harassment

It is important to us that young people are safe at all times and we take our responsibilities seriously. Every member has the right to be treated equally, fairly and with respect. Members of the management team will deal quickly and appropriately with any member who breaches this rule. Serious offences will see the member in question asked to leave the division.

Parents and caregivers also acknowledge that our volunteer leaders do the best job they can, and in all cases, parents are responsible for ensuring that they have the information they require regarding their young person's involvement in the programme. If the attitude or behaviour of a parent/caregiver impacts the ability of a volunteer leader to feel safe to deliver the programme St John has the right to request, they remove themselves and their child from the programme to ensure we can provide the best care for our volunteers and the young people they work with.

Child Protection Policy: Taking care of the children in our programme

Naturally parents and caregivers will have concerns about the care of children when they attend any activity outside the home. That's why St John has a Child Protection Policy, developed by key people within St John Youth and approved by the Department of Child, Youth and Family.

The St John Child Protection Policy is all about making sure that the safety and well-being of the young people in our care comes first. It also aims to help leaders create a safer environment for themselves and the other adults involved in the programme. All aspects from the recruitment and appointment of leaders to their behaviour and responsibilities, and safety when outside the division and emergency situations are included.

Why Join St John Youth?

- Our divisions are friendly, fun and supportive with a family atmosphere
- Divisions are involved in a variety of activities both within St John and in the wider community
- Our philosophy is that each member strives to attain their full potential and be the best they can be.

Our Mission:

"Deliver a vibrant leadership and first aid programme, focused on development and successes of young people which enhances health and wellbeing in our community"

Our Vision:

"To become the youth development programme of choice in Aotearoa; in the outcomes for young people, quality of delivery and connection with the community"

So what are you waiting for? Visit a division near you!

youth.stjohn.org.nz

