

MY CORPS



What is your family like? Are they different from your best friend's family? Do they like to watch different television programs than other people you know? Inside the family, is each person different? Probably yes.

A Salvation Army corps is like a family. Each corps is different and each corps has something different to offer the community it lives in, just like a family. The corps is different because everyone in the corps is different, just like a family. This emblem was created to help you find out about your corps family and the ministry of The Salvation Army.

REQUIREMENTS:

1. _____ **Define a few Salvation Army terms and programs.**
2. _____ **Interview your corps officer and learn about his or her role and responsibilities.**
3. _____ **Interview two adult senior soldiers who attend your corps.**
4. _____ **Write a brief history report of the corps.**
5. _____ **Volunteer at least two hours of service for a corps program or visit a Salvation Army center.**
6. _____ **Participate in a Sunday meeting at the corps.**

Date
Completed

Leader's Signature

REQUIREMENT #1 - Salvation Army Terms and Programs

Before you get into too many details about your corps, it is important to understand a few Salvation Army terms (names) and programs which will help you move forward in this emblem.

With the assistance of your leader, define the following Salvation Army terms and programs:

Corps	
Soldier	
Jr. Soldier	
Officer	
YPSM	
LOM	
DHQ	
THQ	
Cartridge	
Sunday School	
Corps Cadets	
Home League	

Each corps is made up of many people (soldiers and non-soldiers) who attend The Salvation Army as their church home. The corps runs and sponsors many programs that serve the corps family and local community.

Can you name some of these programs at your corps?

REQUIREMENT #2 - Corps Officer Interview

Corps Officer's Name and Rank: _____

Interview your corps officer asking the following questions:

How did you become an officer? and why?

What did you do before you were an officer?

What are your roles and responsibilities as a corps officer?

What do you like best about being a Salvation Army officer?

What is a typical day for you?

REQUIREMENT #3 - Senior Soldier Interviews

Interview two adult senior soldiers and on a separate sheet of paper record their answers to the following questions:

- When did you join The Salvation Army?
- What does being a Salvationist mean to you?
- What do you like most about The Salvation Army?

Share your findings with your leader and fellow Explorers.

REQUIREMENT #4 - Corps History Report

It is important to know your family history in order to understand where you come from and why things are the way they are. To understand your corps, you need to know its history.

Write a brief history report of your corps. Your report should include the following information:

- Year the corps was established
- Listing of all commanding officers
- Building addresses
- Famous people who may have attended
- Major events and activities



You may want to make a scrap-book showing newspaper clippings, photos, etc. Ask your corps officer to assist you. Also contact divisional headquarters for any information they may have.

This requirement may be done on your own, but makes an excellent group project. Your leader will determine how it is to be completed.

REQUIREMENT #5 - Service

Service is an important part of The Salvation Army. Ask your corps officer what the "S" stands for on The Salvation Army uniform.

What does it stand for?

Volunteer at least two hours of service for one of the following (or similar) programs at the corps:

League of Mercy Visitation
Corps Maintenance

Sunday School Visitation
Christmas Assistance

OR

Visit a Salvation Army center outside the corps, such as:

Divisional Headquarters
Homeless Shelter

Adult Rehabilitation Center
Thrift Store

REQUIREMENT #6 - Sunday Meeting Participation

For this requirement you must participate in a Sunday service at the corps.

It may be as part of a group presentation, saying a prayer, leading a song, reading Scripture or giving a testimony. Your leader will work with the corps officer to provide the right opportunity for you and your Explorer section to take part in a service.

Something to Think About

During this emblem we have looked at the corps being like our families - made up of different people, programs and parts. God's Word talks about the Church as being a body with many parts but one goal.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-27.

How does this relate to your corps?

Your corps is part of the body of Christ with many different parts, working together to bring glory and honor to God. Read the passage again, but this time replace the word *body* with the word *corps*.

Discuss this Scripture with your Explorer section and leader.