

**NH Wing Encampment/NCOLS
Parent Meeting Questions.
As of July 2, 2023**

Base Access

Q: Do people who have military ID (active, retiree, dependent) need to complete the base access request?

A: No, as long as the person with the military ID is driving when entering the gate

Q: What email address do we send the signed form to?

A: encampment@nhwg.cap.gov

Q: Do you have a direct link to the form?

A:

https://www.nhwgacademy.org/uploads/2/9/8/8/2988792/devens_visitors_pass_request_updated_4_apr_2023_civil-air-patrol.pdf

Q: Given the delicate information on the form, such as driver's license #, SS #, and date of birth, is there any other way to get this to you other than email?

A: If you can send it via an encrypted email, that would be great. Otherwise send to New Hampshire Wing CAP - 51 Airport Rd Concord, NH 03301. If sending by mail, we need to receive your form by July 8th.

Dropoff/Pickup and Graduation

Q:What is the pickup time for NCOLS and encampment staff?

A: NCOLS is free to leave after graduation and out processing. A subset of encampment staff may be asked to stay and help finish packing up the Wing trailer. Additionally, some cadet staff will be needed at Wing HQ in Concord to help unload the trailer upon return later Sunday.

Q: May families attend graduation? Is there a limit to who may attend?

A: Absolutely, yes! We encourage families and friends to celebrate your cadet's accomplishment at graduation! There is no limit at this time, though we will confirm bleacher seat count once we get onsite.

Q: Are photos and videos allowed during the graduation?

A: Yes.

Cadet Behavior/Supervision

Q: How are you dealing with bullying and harassment? Do parents get some sort of communication in regard to an incident? (I hope there is none!)

A: All adult and cadet staff have completed required staff training and all adult staff have completed training on CAP's cadet protection policy. Our adult staff is very experienced in this environment and will handle incidents if they arise. Two things to keep in mind: 1) we keep the cadets so busy, that they are usually too tired by the end of the day, when they're in their barracks, to get into much trouble and 2)

they all subscribe to the CPA Core Values (Integrity, Volunteer Service, Excellence, and Respect) which serve as the ethical framework for CAP's cadet program.

Should an incident arise, often cadets respond well to a reminder about their subscription to these core values. More serious issues/repeated lower-level issues will get addressed through our progressive discipline and corrective training system. Depending on severity this could lead to expulsion from the activity. Anything requiring a moderate or high level of discipline will result in notifications to parents/guardians of cadets involved in the incident. We take this very seriously and have the safety and well-being of your cadets at the top of our minds. Many of us are also parents and personally understand the importance of having a robust response plan to bullying, harassment, and hazing.

Packing List/Things to Bring

Uniforms and Gear

Q: What kind of rain gear should cadets have?

A: Clear ponchos, green military ponchos, ABU pattern (like the camouflage uniform) ponchos, and ABU Gore-Tex parkas are all allowed.

Q: What is the optimal number of ABUs to bring?

A: The packing list specifies 2 tops and bottoms at a minimum. A third set may be handy, if available.

Q: What are the tactical gloves on the packing list?

A: These are REQUIRED for the obstacle course and leadership reaction course, per Fort Devens regulation. These can be the Mechanix-type gloves, or similar, available at your local home improvement store, with a leather palm and fingers and nylon on the back of the hand. Black is preferred, but any color will suffice.

Q: At what point are the blues used?

A: Class B blues will be worn on Friday morning for the final morning inspection, on Saturday for flight photos, and on Sunday for graduation.

Q: Is there the ability for laundry to be done? My cadet has only 1 pair of ABUs.

A: Yes, although time will be very limited, and this may be difficult. If you can secure a second set of ABUs before encampment, that would be ideal. If nothing else, a second set of trousers would be optimal, as some days cadets will only wear a t-shirt for their top, based on temperatures. These can be obtained from third-party sources like eBay easily.

Q: Do cadets receive a PT uniform, or do we purchase beforehand?

A: Cadets will receive a PT t-shirt and sweatshirt as part of their enrollment fee. They must provide/bring plain black shorts with a 7" inseam, socks, and sneakers.

Q: The packing list says 1 pair of shorts? Is that accurate?

A: Yes, that's all they need for PT. An extra pair or two are OK. Please note that the packing list also calls for an extra pair of shorts for sleeping.

Q: Should we bring canteens or Camelbacks?

A: Cadets will all receive a hydration pack that they can keep.

Q: Do NCOLS cadets need a small backpack, or do they also receive a camelback?

A: NCOLS will get a camelback, but they should also bring a small backpack to carry their class materials.

Money

Q: How much money do cadets need for PX vs. canteen?

A: Canteen will potentially run on three nights and will have small snacks and Gatorade available for purchase. These should not cost more than a few dollars each night. Cadets may want to bring more money to purchase gear at the Post Exchange. Please limit cash to no more than \$50, and make sure the cadet has a wallet to store it in.

Q: Can cadets bring debit cards?

A: Yes, these are OK for purchases at the Post Exchange. We cannot accept anything other than cash for canteen nights, though.

Technology

Q: I saw that for NCOLS, they need a laptop. How does that work with the no tech rule?

A: NCOLS cadets do not have to bring a laptop, but it is highly recommended due to the nature of their assignments. This is an allowable tech item ONLY for NCOLS – phones and other devices fall under existing contraband rules.

Q: Is a smart watch like an apple watch permitted?

A: Yes, however it is recommended that you limit the value of items that cadets bring to encampment. Additionally, cadets will participate in high adventure activities, like rappelling, the obstacle course, and the leadership reaction course – these may be rough on a smart watch. We recommend a low cost digital or analog watch.

Q: Should cadets bring a laptop for encampment?

A: No, laptops are not allowed for encampment students. They are only allowed for NCOLS cadets and encampment cadet staff who need one to complete their assigned tasks.

Q: Can NCOLS cadets have phones?

A: No, they will be stored as contraband, and returned at the end of encampment.

Q: Can cadets bring cameras?

A: Yes, just do not bring any expensive camera gear.

Enrollment and Lodging/Billeting

Q: How many cadets are enrolled at encampment and NCOLS?

A: There are 93 cadet students enrolled and 22 cadet staff for encampment. There are 36 cadets enrolled for NCOLS and 3 cadet staff.

Q: How many cadets will be assigned per room?

A: Most encampment cadets and NCOLS cadets will be two per room. There may be one or two rooms with three cadets to accommodate an odd number of a specific gender. Encampment cadets will use hall-style bathrooms; NCOLS cadets will have a shared bathroom between two rooms.

Q: Will cadets from the same state and home unit bunk together?

A: No, the room assignments have been made to mix cadets by state/Wing and home unit as much as possible. Additionally, we try not to bunk siblings together.

Q: Will cadets have access to their friends from back home?

A: They may encounter squadron mates from back home, but we have built the flights to try and mix cadets as much as possible. One goal of encampment is for cadets to get out of their comfort zones, and this helps with that. This also helps them make new friends. They may feel a little homesick for a day or so, but usually they start making new friends by the first night or the next day, and things settle down considerably.

Q: Do cadets need fans for their rooms?

A: No, the rooms are air conditioned. Fans are allowed, but not needed.

Q: Are cadets separated by gender in the rooms?

A: Yes, rooms are single gender.

Ranges/Adventure Activities

Q: What is the height of the rappel tower?

A: Cadets will rappel from the 30-foot side. If cadets feel confident enough AND there is enough time, they MAY be able to rappel a second time from the 60-foot side. Rappel operations will be run by certified military mountaineers from the NH Army National Guard.

Q: Will there be orientation flights? If so, do cadets need to bring their passport and flight logbook, if they have one?

A: We are likely to have CAP orientation flights (weather dependent). We will prioritize cadets with zero previous orientation flights, followed by those with one flight, two flights, etc. No additional documentation is needed, and orientation flights do not count as logged flight instruction, therefore no logbook is needed.

Administrative Issues

Q: Who needs to sign/approve cadet paperwork?

A: The parent/guardian must sign, and the local squadron commander must approve. For out of state cadets, some wings may require wing(state)-level approval. We cannot control that. For our purposes, if the parent and local squadron approve, we will accept the paperwork, in the absence of any other wing-specific rules.

Q: Is specific paperwork required for cadets bringing prescription drugs?

A: As long as you sent in the medical form and noted medications, that will suffice. Prescription drugs should be brought in their original containers.

Q: Where can I find the daily schedule?

A: It is posted on nhwgacademy.org.

Q: Can we contact our cadet?

A: We are working on a one-way (family/friend to cadet) email system to allow sending daily messages to your cadet. We will share more details as they become available.

Q: When will the encampment be posting pictures?

A: We will post daily to the encampment Facebook group - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/3344379775872813>.