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HQ News and Updates for Adult Volunteers

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NEW

Thank You

Please click the following link for a video message from Sea Cadet Executive Director Andy Lennon.
[Sea Cadets End of Year 2023 Message](#)

This will be the last News and Info for 2023.

To our volunteers, thank you for making this year a season of growth and opportunity in the program. Our organization has blossomed, and we have educated and trained quality cadets. Your efforts and commitment to the cadets show the Navy community how dedicated you are to ensuring our program keeps moving forward by building leaders of character. Thank you for leading the way.

Training Staff

Training staff, travel safely to your destinations. Thank you for sharing your extra time over the holiday season training our cadets!

Sea Cadet Family Handbook and New Family webinar on Training Prep

The Parent Handbook has been rebranded to include all members of a cadet's family involved in the Sea Cadet Experience. The family handbook will be posted shortly on Homeport. The new family webinar on how to prepare for training can be accessed [here](#) with the passcode mnwq#08b.

ROTC Scholarship Webinar

Our most recent webinar for cadets and their families is available [here](#) with the passcode C5ccX^?9. While specifically addressing current high school seniors, cadets looking toward starting their senior year with a lead on applications will want to add this to their list of opportunities.

HQ National Recruiting Webinar

Save the date for a national recruiting webinar on **Tuesday, 23 JAN 24 at 7pm EST**. Units are encouraged to invite prospective cadets and families to attend. The zoom link is included below.

<https://seacadets-org.zoom.us/j/84005209728?pwd=NXOIhD6p70i3CaMvMOiD5wTB9EHL55.1>

Meeting ID: 840 0520 9728

Passcode: 399678

Training Groups Action Memo

The attached Action Memo #8 explains the purpose, timing, and actions for the field as we continue our transition to training groups. Adult volunteers running training in 2024 should mark their calendars for an HQ webinar on Wednesday, 10 JAN 24, at 7pm EST. The webinar will walk volunteers through the new training group funding request process. Additional webinars on training group billet-specific training will be announced in early January 2024.

Important Announcement: Training Fee Adjustment

As part of our commitment to providing top-notch cadet trainings, we want to inform you of an upcoming adjustment to our training fees. Over the past two years, we have experienced the rising costs of doing business due to the impact of inflation. These external factors have led to increased expenses in various aspects of our cadet training operations, including but not limited to venue rentals, rental vehicles, lodging, food, and training supplies. In order to maintain the high-quality standards you expect from our training programs, we find it necessary to implement a cadet training fee increase. This adjustment will take effect on February 1, 2023.

We understand that changes in pricing may raise questions, and we want to assure you that this decision was made after careful consideration. Our priority remains delivering value-driven training that equips cadets with the skills and knowledge needed for success. We appreciate your understanding during this time of adjustment. We look forward to serving you with excellence in the upcoming training season.

Typically, cadet training fees will follow the schedule below. However, higher-cost or specialty training may have a higher cadet training fee.

Number of Days	Fees
1 Days	\$30
2 Days	\$60
3-4 Days	\$100
5-7 Days	\$250
8-9 Days	\$300
10+ Plus Days	\$350

REMINDERS

Commanding Officers of the Training Contingent (COTC)

COTCs, please check your training information listed on the training site and ensure that any websites or social media pages match the information that has been provided. Home units may contact you if that information is inconsistent. Please be responsive so everyone has what they need to be successful at training. Please check your recruit training (RT) for cadets who still need to complete Recruit Orientation (RO). RO was set as a requirement for RT this past fall (see page 1 of the Recruit Orientation Staff Guide).

Winter Training - Forms and Documents

Current trainings shall follow the 2023 Winter Training Guidance regarding additional required documents. Training orders and forms that parents sign may be printed by the CO, parents, or the COTC of the training. Units will provide the signed Medical Supplemental forms or Medical Accommodation forms as needed—guidance is located on Homeport>Advancement Training>Training Guidance.

Annual Inspection Guidance

Annual Inspection guidance was sent out on 01 DEC 23 and is available on Homeport>Policy>Annual Inspection.

Academy Summer Seminars and Events

Cadets interested in attending a military academy may want to take advantage of the opportunity to participate in a summer activity at one or more of the academies. Some of the opportunities allow for advanced training (AT) credit.

To receive the AT credit and partial reimbursement of the cost, cadets must have received an acceptance email and a receipt for payment to the academy. After receiving both, register in Magellan, then upload Proof of Acceptance and Proof of Payment. DO NOT REGISTER IN MAGELLAN UNTIL YOU HAVE BOTH. Further information will be provided after this is completed. Follow each academy's requirements thoroughly. Discounts will apply to locations with AT credit.

- **USAF Summer Seminar** - Colorado - Application acceptance has already started, and the application period closes on Monday, 15 JAN 24. [APPLY NOW](#). This is for rising 12 graders. (Seminar not authorized to receive AT credit as it does not meet the training length requirements.) Seminar dates are as follows:

Seminar Session A - June 4-7, 2024

Seminar Session B - June 11-14, 2024

Seminar Session C - June 17-19, 2024

- **USMA Summer Leaders Experience** - New York – Application period opens on Thursday, 01 FEB 24 and closes on Friday, 15 MAR 24. [APPLY HERE](#). This is for rising 12th graders. This meets the requirements for AT credit. Session dates are as follows:

SLE Session 1 - June 1-7, 2024

SLE Session 2 - June 8-14, 2024

- **USCGA Academy Introduction Mission** - Connecticut – Application period opens on Thursday, 01 FEB 24 and closes on Monday, 01 APR 24. [APPLY HERE](#). This is for rising 12th graders. This meets the requirements for AT credit for the in-person opportunities. Session dates are as follows:

AIM Session 1 - July 2-7, 2024

AIM Session 2 - July 9-14, 2024

AIM Session 3 - July 16-21, 2024

Academy Summer Seminars and Events (Continued)

- **USNA Summer STEM** - Maryland – Application period opens on Monday, 01 Jan 24 and closes on Monday, 15 APR 24. [APPLY HERE](#). This location meets the requirements for AT credit. Session dates are as follows:

Summer STEM Rising 9th graders - Jun 3-8, 2024

Summer STEM Rising 10th graders - June 10-15, 2024

Summer STEM Rising 11th graders - June 17-21, 2024

- **USNA Summer Seminar** - Maryland – Application period opens on Monday, 01 Jan 24 and closes on Monday 15 APR 24. [APPLY HERE](#). This is for rising 12th graders. This meets the requirements for AT credit.

Summer Seminar Session 1 - June 1-6, 2024

Summer Seminar Session 2 - June 8-13, 2024

Summer Seminar Session 3 - June 15-20, 2024

Senior Leadership Cadet Council

The next meeting of the Senior Leadership Cadet Council will be 21 JAN 24. This is a monthly meeting for cadets nominated as leaders by their chain of command. Contact Joe Weggen for more information at joe.weggen@seacadets.org.

Uniforms

We have new guidance for **adult volunteer uniform wear** starting Monday, 01 JAN 24. The recently issued Action Memo #7 provided instructions and an explanation for the update. This document can be found on Homeport under the Recent Updates heading. Vanguard has the Alternate Uniform wear listed under the Adult Alternate Uniform tab.

USNSCC **PT Shorts** are discounted on the Vanguard clearance tab if units are looking to stock up before the summer training season.

Starting 01 January 2024 – Vanguard Wholesale Accounts

All Vanguard wholesale accounts will require a Sea Cadet Headquarters-issued email address as of Monday, 01 JAN 24. These emails will assist HQ when addressing any situations with Vanguard orders and requests. Vanguard has a Sea Cadet Clearance tab, and only units with wholesale accounts can purchase those items. Commanding officers must contact Vanguard to set up the wholesale account if units don't already have one. Contact Vanguard to update your email address with an @seacadets.org email. See the 27 OCT 23 News and Info newsletter for the process of applying for an @seacadet.org email address.

Chief Advancement Boards

In our Spring 2023 Policy update, Sea Cadet Chief Petty Officer Advancement Boards were announced to begin nationwide on 01 JAN 24; but to better prepare cadets and home units with this process, the start date has been pushed back to Friday, 01 MAR 24. HQ will issue guidance and further instructions in early 2024.

DATES TO REMEMBER

January

01 JAN Start of Sea Cadet Annual Inspection Season

Training Groups established (Action Memo #8)

A one-year period is now required before adult volunteers enrolled as Instructors or Auxiliaries can qualify to wear the Sea-Cadet military-style uniform. (Action Memo #7)

Vanguard wholesale accounts require a Sea Cadet email.

08 JAN Area Commander "Of the Year" Submissions Due

10 JAN HQ Training Group funding request process webinar

21 JAN SLCC Meeting

23 JAN HQ National Recruiting webinar

29 JAN Award Selection Committee Submits Recommendations to Executive Director and Board Chair

February

01 FEB Training Fee Increase

"Of the Year" Award Recipients announced

Best wishes to you and your family for a safe, happy and peaceful holiday season!