



U.S. NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS

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HQ News and Info for Parents and Cadets

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NEW

2024 is Here

Happy New Year Sea Cadet families! Welcome back from your training adventures and winter travels. We are full steam ahead for 2024. Get those new calendars out and start marking important dates for your unit activities (parades, color guards, fundraisers and more). We look forward to a year of growth and innovation.

Sea Cadet Family Handbook

The Parent Handbook has been rebranded as a family handbook, so we're able to include all members of each cadet's family involved in the Sea Cadet Experience. The new handbook will be found on Homeport under Unit Resources, Family Resources. It contains checklists, action items and is an incredibly helpful tool for all cadets and their families, regardless of how long you've been in the program. We are pleased to have this handbook to start off the new year with sea cadet goal-setting in mind.

Take time to review the **FAMILY ACTION ITEMS** throughout the handbook. Work together to create a schedule that builds successful steps towards each goal. Your home unit can help you with ideas and best practices.

Schedule a time with your unit chain of command to review the **Cadet Goal Planning** section (pages 9-10). Cadets and their families should understand the importance of meeting these goals in order to create successful habits and outcomes.

Supplemental Resources are included in the back. Links for national use as well as a list of home unit resources that are commonly available to cadets and their families upon enrollment are included. Social media links open you up to all of the different activities and events our cadets attend nationwide. Your home unit may have several other handouts or instructions for your family. Reach out to your chain of command if there are documents you are looking for that are not found on Homeport or your unit's

Save the Date

The [Navy League's STEM Expo](#) will take place in the Washington, D.C. area on Sunday, April 7, 2024, from noon to 4:00 PM EST. Registration for this free event will open in a few weeks.

Newly Enrolled Cadets

With new cadets enrolling, we have made accessing the cadet Quarterdeck and the Parent Portal easier for families. Cadets enrolling as of 01 JAN 24, all new cadets and their primary parent will receive an email from HQ with their cadet ID number and instructions to create your accounts. HQ video instruction is included in the email.

Senior Leadership Cadet Council

The Senior Leadership Cadet Council (SLCC) represents cadet voices in all matters impacting the Sea Cadet program. Made up of senior Sea Cadet representatives from units across the country, council members assist in the development and rollout of new program initiatives. The 2023-2024 session is underway. This a monthly meeting for cadets nominated as leaders by their chain of command. **The next meeting will be Sunday, 21 JAN 2024.**

If you have questions on how to join the council, please follow up with your unit chain of command.

If you have any thoughts, questions, or initiatives for the council, please email slcc@seacadets.org

Training Fee Increase Effective 01 FEB 2024

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, 2024.

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.



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Welcome aboard to our newest *home unit name* family. In starting this new adventure, the Cadet ID number *here* is your key to many of our activities. In the next few days, the tasks below will need to be completed in order to take the first steps of being a part of the Sea Cadets.

Cadet *name* you will need to create your Quarterdeck account and start your first Polaris course with your ID number. *Parent Name* you will use the cadet ID number to create your Parent Portal. This Parent Portal is the location that houses your cadet's personal information. The same information provided in the cadet application is needed when moving through the login process. Here are some short videos from our HQ team that will help you login and create those accounts.

Find in Login location - <https://youtu.be/AjszrbWK7Bj>

Create your account - <https://youtu.be/SPwnArDXWq0>

Again, welcome aboard and we look forward to many adventures with you.

Sincerely,

The National Headquarters Team

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

Generally, trainings of 5+ days are overnight and necessary for promotion credit; thus, training fees correspond with the length of training.

Note: High-cost trainings like SCUBA, sailing, or aviation programs will typically charge a higher fee than those outlined above.

REMINDERS

Academy Summer Seminars and Events

Cadets interested in attending a military academy in the future may want to take advantage of the opportunity to attend 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

Academy Summer Seminars and Events (Continued)

- **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

- **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. Posted Program Fee: \$700.00.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY AVAILABLE. Once a cadet has applied to the Summer STEM program and has received their acceptance notification, they may submit a separate application for financial aid and specify they are applying for the *ATKINSON FAMILY SUMMER STEM SCHOLARSHIP*.

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. Posted Program Fee: \$550.00 This meets the requirements for AT credit. When filling out the application, for the source of interest, select “Other” and fill in the comments box with “*Sea Cadets*”.

Summer Seminar Session 1 - June 1-6, 2024

Summer Seminar Session 2 - June 8-13, 2024

Summer Seminar Session 3 - June 15-20, 2024

DATES TO REMEMBER

January

- 01 JAN Start of Sea Cadet Annual Inspection Season
- 08 JAN Area Commander "Of the Year" Submissions Due
- 11 JAN National Learn Your Name in Morse Code Day
- 15 JAN USAF Summer Seminar Submissions Close
- 21 JAN Senior Leadership Cadet Council Meeting
- 23 JAN National Recruiting Webinar
- 29 JAN Award Selection Committee Submits Recommendations to Executive Director and Board Chair
- 01 FEB Training Fee increase goes into effect for 2024