

USNSCC Summer Training Freedom's Foundation 2017

Valley Forge, PA

Welcome

Thank you for your interest in American Heritage and the Constitution at Freedom's Foundation. Please read over this entire letter and discuss it with your family. EVERYTHING you need to know before, during and after training is detailed in this letter. It is OK to have questions and it is imperative that you get your questions answered so that you are successful. If you still have questions after reading through this letter, **ask your chain of command**. If you still have questions after going through your chain of command. Then ask your question on the Facebook page, located here: Freedoms Foundation Valley Forge PA 2017 (@RLPA1701).

Dates of Training

01JUL2017 – 06JUL2017

Requirements

In order to attend this training, you must have passed the Physical Readiness Test (PRT) within the last 6 months. Cadets must be 15 years old by 01JUL2017 to attend. If under 15 and NOT flying into the training, a waiver will be considered. Please email the COTC for consideration with cadet's achievements.

How to Register and Pay for your training

1. Request that your Commanding Officer (CO), Training Officer or whomever your unit designates, to register you on Magellan. Once registered you will get a confirmation email when the Commanding Officer Training Contingent (COTC) accepts your registration – as long as an email address has correctly been input into Magellan, otherwise your CO will get the email confirmation.
2. Once confirmed, fill out form NSCTNG001 REQUEST FOR TRAINING AUTHORITY that will be received from your unit CO. Fill out the form and parents initial in spaces 6a – 6d and then sign at the bottom. Your CO must also sign at the bottom. **In the top right corner of the form write down t-shirt size.** If a t-shirt size has not been communicated, you will get what is left over.
3. Payment will be made through paypal.com. Log in and “send money”, then choose “send money to friends and family”. With this option you will not get charged a fee.) Enter the following email address: usnscctrainingdeposit@flyingtiger squadrons.us, then enter \$250, add a note that states the cadets full name, unit name AND t-shirt size, then click on continue. Without the note and your cadet's name – there is no way to know who the deposit is from.

Alternately you can mail a money order for the training deposit. With a \$250 money order made out to USNSCC, include cadets full name, unit name AND t-shirt size. Mail to: LTJG Michelle Novinger, 1794 N State Road 101, Milan, IN 47031.

Arrival

Cadets flying to the training are to wear civilian clothing. Cadets driving to the training are to report in Summer Whites (your unit may call them dress whites).

Check in begins at 1500 and ends at 1630. Cadets are required to have their sea cadet ID in their left pocket when checking in. If you are flying, the ID should be readily available for check in.

For cadets being driven to the training – drop off location is the lobby of the Martha Washington Building (the biggest building on campus).

Cadet Service Record Book and, if applicable, medicine with form is to be at the top of the sea bag.

Grooming Standards - Hair

All males will receive a regulation haircut if their hair does not meet the standards. Female's hair must meet the USNSCC Uniform Manual grooming standards. The USNSCC Uniform Manual can be located here:

<http://homeport.seacadets.org/display/Manuals/Uniform+Regulations>, Chapter 2 Section 2.

What to memorize before arriving

You will be quizzed on the following during check in and throughout the entire training. Don't wait to begin memorizing these.

1. 11 GENERAL ORDERS OF A SENTRY
2. NSCC/NLCC/OFFICER RANKS AND RATES
3. Sailors Creed
4. Navy Core Values

Attitude

Each cadet will face many challenges while at summer training. You will have a difficult time making it through if you have the wrong attitude and may be sent home. What you learn and experience at this training may be different from how your home unit does things, you will be taught the Navy way.

An open mind, attention to detail, and a desire to learn will set you up for an experience that you will remember proudly for the rest of your lives. You will make lasting friendships at this training.

Remember, what you put into it is what you will get out of it.

The top three reasons why cadets do not complete training are:

1. Bad attitude
2. Blisters due to poor footgear/improperly broken--in footgear
3. Dehydration (we provide water bottles, no hydration packs or camelbacks)
4. Inability to pass the PRT

Begin preparing NOW. Get in shape. DO IT, DO IT NOW. Cadets and staff will PT every day for an hour. Make sure you are in shape and ready for this.

Pack your own sea bag, don't wait until the last moment. Items on the sea bag list are there for a reason. Please don't second guess what you actually need or don't need. If

you have questions, contact your unit's chain of command. Note that this training will NOT issue sea bag items to cadets if something is forgotten.

Medications

Cadets will not self-medicate. All prescription medicine will be confiscated by our medical staff. Cadets will have the opportunity to take their medication during scheduled sick call times only. Prescription and non-prescription medicine, in its original packaging, is to be placed in a large Ziploc bag along with the following form:

<http://homeport.seacadets.org/display/Forms/Administrative+Forms> (Report of Medical History Supplemental pages 7 & 8 only). Put this and the cadet Service Record Book (cadet file) on the top of the sea bag – last items in before closing the sea bag.

Cadets who bring inhalers or epi-pens will keep them on their persons at all time and will use them as needed.

Air Travel

Cadets flying to the training should time their flights to arrive at the Philadelphia International Airport by 1300. Parents, please make flight arrangements to fit this window and email them to mmnovinger@pilotchemical.com ASAP.

An adult escort officer will pick cadets up from the airport at 1300. Once an itinerary has been emailed – pick up location at the airport will be communicated.

Staff cadets

Staff Cadets must email a 500 word essay to mmnovinger@pilotchemical.com describing sea cadet achievements and why you feel qualified to staff prior to registering. Please send an email prior to applying for the training or booking flights. Once the essay has been received and you are approved to staff the training, you will get instructions to register for the training.

Escort Officers

Officer inquiries should be directed to LTJG Michelle Novinger at mmnovinger@pilotchemical.com, OPD101, D2L and completion of the OMSG is a requirement. Please send an email prior to applying for the training or booking flights. Escort Officers are expected to provide training during this evolution. NO ONE will be without a billet.

Mail Call

It is essential for parents, relatives, and friends to understand that:

1. Per NSCC regulations, visits from parents, relatives, friends, and even unit officers are prohibited.
2. Cadet recruits are not allowed to place or receive phone calls. In case of family emergencies, parents are to contact their unit CO. The unit CO will then contact the Executive Officer. If there is an emergency regarding a cadet, a call will be placed to the parents and the unit CO.
3. Cadets will not be able to “call home” upon check-in.
4. Cell phones brought by cadets traveling commercial air will be confiscated upon arrival at this training, and will be returned prior to graduation/departure. If cadets

are traveling by car, leaving the cell phone at home is really the best choice. Bring a Ziploc baggie to put your cell phone into and write your rank and last name on the baggie.

Due to the brief training – there will be NO Mail Call.

Cadets are welcome to send mail to family and friends, and should bring blank envelopes and stamps as none will be provided. Cadets will have the opportunity to write letters home if they wish at certain times each day. Whether they choose to write home during that time is up to them.

Facebook page

Updates, information, and photos will ONLY be provided on the Facebook training page, Freedoms Foundation Valley Forge PA 2017 (@RLPA1701). This Welcome letter and other items will be updated periodically. Please like the page and check back often.

Note to Parents

During check in, you will be asked to stay while your cadet is checked in to ensure your cadet has everything needed for a successful training. Please plan time in your schedule (about 20 minutes) to wait while your cadet is checked in.

Graduation is 06JUL2017 at 1100. Please plan to arrive at least 30 minutes early. For flyers, graduation will be approximately an hour long and travel to the airport is about 2 hours and therefore you should book a flight AFTER 1500.

Hazing, Sexual Harassment, and Fraternization

All personnel should feel safe in their training environment. Hazing, sexual harassment, and fraternization will not be tolerated. Any individual violating this rule will be counseled and disciplined, and depending on the nature and severity of the incident, may be dismissed from the training and sent home at parents' expense. All personnel are required to report via the chain of command any incidents that they feel jeopardize their personal safety, or the personal safety of others.

Sea Bag List

As a separate document.

Found on the following website:

www.flyingtigerssquadron.us

This Welcome Letter can also be found at the above website. This squadron is hosting a second training at Camp Atterbury, IN – ensure that you have the correct Welcome Letter and Sea bag list for this training – titled: Valley Forge Welcome Letter and Valley Forge Sea Bag List.