

The USNSCC is a youth development program for children 10 years of age through completion of high school. We focus on teaching cadets how to be leaders with the USNSCC (US Naval Sea Cadet Corps). Core principals begin with the Navy's core values; Honor, Courage and Commitment. We teach communication, dedication, discipline, responsibility, and respect.

Cadets "drill" one weekend a month and also perform color guards, march in parades, and perform community service. For the year 2015, the Flying Tigers Squadron as a group performed over 1600 hours of community service to our local area, including Batesville, Greenburg, Osgood, and Milan, including working in a soup kitchen, serving at a pancake breakfast, helping the legion with their still board shoots, and donating a weekend to the NRA convention and more.

At drills, the cadets train on a wide array of evolutions, including marching, culinary skills (cadets cook real meals at drills), amateur radio, marksmanship, basic seamanship, knot tying, winter survival, land navigation, field operations, flying, to name a few. Cadets are responsible to complete correspondence course work outside of drill (the BMR, Seaman Course, PO3 & PO2 course, PO1 course and CPO course as well as take corresponding exams).

Cadets also have the opportunity to attend summer and winter trainings, ranging from 7 - 14 days, anywhere in the US and also some foreign exchange opportunities. Summer and winter training evolutions include recruit training (boot camp), public safety, SEAL training (by former SEALs), aviation (ground school), coast guard training, construction (seabee), culinary, Petty Officer Leadership Academy, EMT training, Stem/Seaperch/Robotic/Cyber, small boat operations, Communication/Electronics/Radio, SCUBA certification, military police science, Amphibious Operations, submarine seminar, photo-journalism, medical training, etc. The sea cadet corps has offered over 360 trainings for this past summer.

In order to qualify to be a sea cadet, children must be drug, alcohol and gang free, while attending school full time with at least a C average. They must attend at least 75% of drills, complete their coursework and attend trainings in order to be promoted. Each cadet begins as a recruit and is promoted through the ranks including seaman apprentice, seaman, petty officer third class, second class, first class then chief. There is no commitment to the military afterwards, however a great deal of cadets do either join, go on to the military academies or ROTC programs at college. There is no commitment to the sea cadet corps either. Some have joined and disenrolled after just a couple of months, and some have stayed in the program for years.

Cadets pay an enrollment fee to join. This covers a small portion of the cost of the uniforms, ribbons they earn and some of the supplies needed for training. Cadets wear the same uniform as a Navy sailor with patches sewn on to distinguish them as sea cadets. Cadets are issued 4 different uniforms.

All of our adults are volunteers. The adults do not have to have prior military experience, but it helps. The USNSCC provides training for the adult volunteers including officer professional development courses and online correspondence courses.

The Flying Tigers Squadron currently has 30 cadets on its roster and is looking for more cadets to join this awesome program. Cadets in the Flying Tigers Squadron live in the following towns; Milan IN, Moores Hill IN, Osgood IN, Versailles IN, Greensburg IN, Batesville IN, Lawrenceburg IN, Brookville OH, Loveland OH, West Chester OH, Hamilton OH and Louisville KY.