

UNITED STATES NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS MASTER-AT-ARMS TRAINING

Greetings:

The following information should be helpful for you as you prepare for Master-At-Arms training. Training will be held from 20 Jun – 28 Jun 2009 at Camp Dodge, Johnston, Iowa. National orders are to be used for this training. Submit orders for training with the training deposit in the form of a money order payable to USNSCC Summer training (no personal checks from outside of Iowa) to:

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Email address: for questions prior to training: command@iowacadets.org
Phone number for questions prior to training: 641-752-0861

Before reading any further, make sure you are in above average to excellent physical condition. You must be in shape prior to arriving at training and be able to tolerate long training days and warm weather. Cadets will be exposed to a rigorous daily physical training regime which includes physical conditioning, tactical situations, martial arts/defensive tactics training, and ASP training. Cadets should expect to run between two and four miles per day. There will be at least 60 minutes of physical training each day plus the training evolutions. A commitment to teamwork and a serious approach to training are required at all times. Failure to meet the standards established by the COTC and the instructors will result in early termination of your training experience.

As far as behavioral expectations, this is an advanced training. If you are looking for a slack training, just want to be the MA at your home unit, or have desires to fraternize or be lazy; do not apply for this training. Master-At-Arms training promises to be intense, packed with long, physically demanding training days with much academic information and physical training.

A 9mm pistol live-fire training evolution and an OC spray lab experience are a part of this training. Interaction with other law enforcement professionals is a part of this training. Cadets who are immature or not serious about this training experience are asked not to apply for this training. Cadets who cannot perform to training standards or who are prone to whining or complaining will be sent home. Quick translation of the above paragraphs: be serious—we aren't here to mess around.

All trainees should report to the COTC of the training at Camp Dodge between the hours of 1300 – 1400 on 20 Jun. Due to Camp Dodge facility logistical limitations, no early arrivals can be accommodated. Cadets traveling long distances should report in appropriate, conservative

civilian attire with Cadet Service Record. No cadet will be allowed to commence training without the Cadet Service Record on board. IDs must be valid through the end of the training period (June 2009).

We will provide one route of airport transportation at 1230 on 20 Jun to transport cadets to Camp Dodge. We will return cadets to the airport on 28 Jun. Do not book a flight that leaves prior to 1230 on 28 Jun. If you arrive early, you are not authorized to leave the airport unless your parents and the COTC **both** give approval. When we return cadets to the airport, cadets are not authorized to leave the airport once the cadet is delivered to the airport.

Picking up and dropping off cadets at the airport presents logistical challenges to the training staff. Please cooperate with us by providing the following: flight information VIA EMAIL to command@iowacadets.org with 2009 MAA FLIGHT INFORMATION in the subject line so we know when you are coming. Cadets who are not available at that time will have to provide their own transportation to the training site. Taxi, bus, and shuttle services are available. See http://www.dsairport.com/Travel_Info/Ground_Transportation.htm for more information.

All uniform and personal appearance regulations will be strictly enforced. Members of the US Navy and various law enforcement agencies will be conducting this training. To present the most professional image possible, it is required that males report with high and tight haircuts that will remain well within regulations for the duration of the training. This requirement exceeds the normal NSCC standard for male cadets. All trainees at the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy abide by this regulation as well. *This is non-negotiable.* If you cannot or will not abide by this requirement, do not submit orders for this training. Males will receive military haircuts on site as necessary.

Escort officer and staff cadet positions have been filled. Graduation will be held at 0930, 28 Jun 09. Graduation location will be communicated to all when it has been determined.

For parents who may be driving cadets, The Greater Des Moines Convention and Visitors Bureau site provides information for visitors on hotels, restaurants, and attractions. Visit their website at <http://www.seedesmoines.com>.

Each cadet at training is carefully and comprehensively evaluated. Your evaluation starts upon your receipt of this information, your ability to follow orders, provide needed information, meet deadlines, pack a sea bag with all required items, and the degree of care with which you prepare physically and mentally for this training. You will be evaluated on the following, among other criteria, at training:

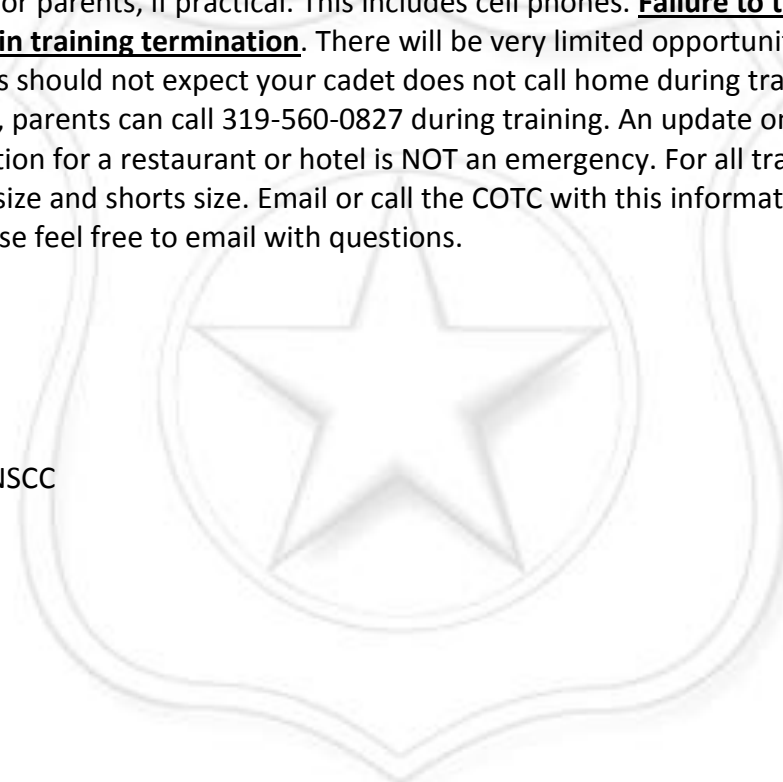
1. Professionalism—how you appear, carry, and conduct yourself in uniform while training and during meal and barracks time, your attention and seriousness during training and your conduct outside of training time, and how well your customs and courtesies reflect your prior training and your personal commitment to excellence

2. Response/Motivation—how well you master concepts during training and your response to commands, directives, and scenarios during training activities
3. Fitness—your level of fitness upon reporting and your level of effort during ALL training evolutions
4. Leadership—your ability to serve as a positive example for other trainees and your shipmates from your home unit
5. Teamwork—how well you work within a team and the degree to which your actions contribute to the welfare, morale, and success of the team.

Due to the length of training days and the lack of amenities on post, cadets will not have need for civilian clothing and other personal items. No civilian clothing is authorized at this training at any time. Cadets who fly to training, per Navy directive, should travel in conservative civilian clothing. Cadets traveling by car will be required to send civilian clothing and personal items back with escorts or parents, if practical. This includes cell phones. **Failure to turn in a cell phone will result in training termination.** There will be very limited opportunities for cadets to call home; parents should not expect your cadet does not call home during training. For true emergencies only, parents can call 319-560-0827 during training. An update on how Billy is doing or a suggestion for a restaurant or hotel is NOT an emergency. For all trainees, we will need your t-shirt size and shorts size. Email or call the COTC with this information upon receipt of this letter. Please feel free to email with questions.

Respectfully,

LT Eric Goslinga, NSCC



REQUIRED SEA BAG ITEMS

1 Sea Bag w/lock	4 - 6 pair Black Boot Socks	1 Shower shoes—must have
4-6 Brown OD Undershirts	1 Quality athletic shoes—prefer Navy issue	1 Combat black boots—make sure these are well broken in—prefer black, but tan acceptable if black not available
2-3 BDU Utility Blouses w/name & branch tapes and flashes—sew on rank if E-4 or higher	2-3 BDU Utility Trousers w/name tape over rear, right pocket	1** Canteens (2), canteen covers (2), war belt
1 Hygiene kit—include sun tan lotion and foot powder	1 Black belt w/black tip & black open-face buckle	4 Plain White socks—crew length, no short socks
1 BDU cover	2 Pair boot bands	1 Shoe Shine Kit
6 Underwear	1** White Mesh Laundry bag	1 OD or camouflage rain poncho
2 White towels	1 Small Flashlight	1** Set Regulation Navy blue sweats
3 White plain undershirts	2-3 pair USN issue PT shorts**	Varies Stationary & Stamps
1 complete dress white uniform		

****THESE REQUIRED ITEMS MARKED CAN BE PROVIDED AT COST FOR CADETS UPON REQUEST AFTER THE CADET, FAMILY, AND HOME UNIT HAVE EXHAUSTED AVAILABLE SUPPLY SOURCES. NEARLY ALL ITEMS ABOVE ARE AVAILABLE AT SEA CADET UNIFORM DEPOT AT A NOMINAL COST. CADETS WHO DO NOT HAVE THESE ITEMS MUST CONTACT THE COTC WITH THEIR REQUIREMENTS.**

\$30-\$50 Spending money is recommended. Cadets should be advised that there are no secure areas for personal possessions or valuables. Cadets may earn the privilege of the PX during training, but be aware that this privilege is limited. Cadets are discouraged from having large sums of money at this training. There is no place to lock valuables in the squad bay. The entertainment amenities at Camp Dodge are non-existent.

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP DODGE

APPROACHING CAMP DODGE FROM THE EAST OR NORTH

- From I-80/35, take Merle Hay Road exit and travel north on Merle Hay Road until you reach NW 70th St. There is a stop light at this corner with a wide intersection.
- Turn left or west onto 70th St. Travel west on NW 70th Street and turn right at the first stoplight into Camp Dodge.

APPROACHING CAMP DODGE FROM THE SOUTH OR WEST

- From I-80/35, take 86th Street exit. At the top of the ramp go left, or north. Travel north until you come to NW 70th Street.
- At the corner of 86th St and NW 70th Street, turn right or east. You will turn left or north into Camp Dodge at the first stop light.

VEHICLES MUST STOP FOR THE SENTRY ON DUTY. The driver of the motor vehicle must have a valid driver's license in possession to operate a vehicle on the military reservation. All other occupants of the vehicle ages 18 and over must have government-issued photo identification to enter the base.

For a map of Camp Dodge and the area, visit <http://www.iowanationalguard.com/map.htm>

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR TRAINING

Mail in this form with orders or after being confirmed for training:

Cadets will

- Conduct himself/herself in a military manner to bring credit to themselves, their family, their home unit, the Naval Sea Cadets Corps, and the United States Navy. Male and female cadets will not fraternize by physical contact or hand passed notes at training expect in the line of duty. Male berthing spaces are off-limits to female cadets; female berthing spaces are off-limits to male cadets.
- Refrain from the use of vulgar, obscene, bullying, threatening, humiliating, or racially offensive language or behavior. Harassment will not be tolerated.
- Respect other's property. No cadet will take, obtain or withhold, by any means, the property, money, uniform item, or article of value from another. Cadets will not willfully or through negligence, damage or destroy any U.S. Government, State of Iowa, or personal property of any other cadet or staff member.
- Honor the integrity of the training environment. Alcohol, drugs, tobacco, knives, cell phones, and other electronic devices not specifically authorized are strictly forbidden at training. POSSESSION OF A CELL PHONE AFTER CHECK-IN WILL RESULT IN TRAINING TERMINATION.
- Demonstrate professionalism in word and action. Appropriate courtesies will be paid to all cadets, staff cadets, instructors, enlisted personnel and officers of the Naval Sea Cadet Corps and Armed Services at all times.
- Demonstrate courage in action. Cadets will give 100 percent effort towards every activity of training. Malingering (faking illness or fatigue) will not be tolerated.

Parents should initial the following:

_____ My cadet is aware of and will abide by the Standards of Conduct.

_____ My cadet will report to training meeting all uniform and grooming requirements outlined in the accompanying letter.

_____ My cadet has permission to participate in the live fire and O.C. lab portions of training.

Cadet signature

Date

Parent signature

Date