

UNITED STATES NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS
Field Operations Training
Camp Dodge; Johnston, IA
17 Jul – 23 Jul 2011

Greetings:

Field Operations training will commence on 17 Jul and end on 23 Jul 2011 with a graduation ceremony at 0930.

The following logistical informational items will be useful for cadets wishing to attend this training:

National orders are to be used for this training. Submit orders for training with the appropriate deposit (\$140) to:

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Marshalltown, IA 50158

Email address: for questions prior to training: command@iowacadets.org (preferred)

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. Cadets will be exposed to a rigorous daily physical training regime and will conduct numerous patrols, foot marches, and movements through difficult terrain. Cadets should expect to run between two and four miles per day and march or hike with field pack, helmet, flak vest, boots, and weapon. Cadets who cannot perform to training standards, who become injured in training due to a lack of physical readiness, or who are prone to whining or complaining will be sent home. No allowances will be made for quitters or those with a lack of physical readiness. You are forewarned; the expectations are high. Come ready to train and you will have a great experience. You will be in the field most nights; you will eat MRE's for nearly the entire training, and you will experience field conditions for sleeping, hygiene, etc.

All trainees should report to the COTC of the training at Camp Dodge between the hours of 1200 – 1400 on 17 Jul. Report to Dining Facility #2 on 5th Street on the Main Post for in-processing. Due to Camp Dodge facility logistical limitations, no arrivals prior to 17 Jul 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 (31 July 2011).

The Command will provide transportation from the Des Moines International Airport. Under no circumstances will we transport cadets for flights scheduled to arrive after 1300. We will return cadets to the airport on 23 Jul. Do not book a flight that leaves prior to 1200 on 23 Jul. If you arrive early, you are not authorized to leave the airport.

We need flight information on EMAIL with "FIELD OPERATIONS FLIGHT INFORMATION" in the subject line to 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. **The Command's obligation for supervision begins when cadets are picked up and the airport and ends when cadets are delivered to the airport.**

All uniform and personal appearance regulations will be strictly enforced. US Marines and Army infantry (11-B's) will be conducting this training, therefore it is required that males report with a USMC regulation haircut, high and tight, that will remain well within regulations for the duration of training. A full buzz or complete head shave is not necessary but is authorized. **If you cannot or will not abide by this requirement, do not submit orders for this training.** Males will receive haircuts on site as necessary, but we strongly recommend all cadets report with the professional appearance outlined above.

Staff cadet positions have been filled. Staff cadets must be prepared to report at 1200 or before on 16 Jul 11 to prepare for the conduct of training. Graduation will be held at 0930, 23 Jul 11. Graduation location will be the immediate area around Dining Facility #2. 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>.

REQUIRED SEA BAG ITEMS

- _____ 1 Sea Bag
- _____ 1 Shower shoes—must have
- _____ 2-3 BDU Utility Blouses w/name & branch tapes and flashes
- _____ 1 OD or camouflage rain poncho
- _____ 2-3 BDU Utility Trousers w/name tape over rear, right pocket
- _____ 1-2 pair Combat boots—make sure these are well broken in (prefer black but brown OK)
- _____ 1 Black belt w/black tip & black open-face buckle or other authorized BDU belt
- _____ 6 Gallon-sized zip-lock clear plastic bags
- _____ 1 "L" shaped military flashlight w/ batteries (available at Camp Dodge PX)
- _____ 1 BDU cover—8 point covers—no boonie covers
- _____ \$20-\$40 Spending money
- _____ 6 Underwear/undergarments
- _____ 2 Black ink pens
- _____ 1 (optional) Conservative Sunglasses—lenses must be black and non-reflective
- _____ 1 sleeping bag—strongly prefer OD military green
- _____ 4-6 Brown OD Undershirts (green not authorized and US Navy issue undershirt required)
- _____ 1 Wrist watch—non reflective surfaces; must be subdued
- _____ 1 Hygiene kit—see below
- _____ 2 Pair boot bands
- _____ 6 Black Boot Socks in plastic bags
- _____ 1 White towel
- _____ 1 White Mesh Laundry bag
- _____ 1 Complete Dress white uniform in garment bag
- _____ 1-2 USN issue PT shorts (if available) otherwise plain navy blue PT shorts
- _____ 1 pair PT shoes

Camp Dodge PX has field hygiene wipes, flashlights, and boot bands for purchase. Cadets can go to the PX prior to check in and purchase needed items.

Training command will issue camel backs, Kevlar helmet, gortex bivy covers, and field packs. Camouflage face paint will be supplied as well.

Hygiene Kits: sun block lotion, foot powder, field wipes or baby wipes in flat package, razors, shaving cream, necessary products for females, bar soap, deodorant, tooth brush/paste, small shampoo; bug repellent needed; absolutely no aerosol cans of any kind! Remember, don't pack the jumbo size--you might be carrying anything you pack for miles.

Cadets will have limited PX privileges at training. Cadets are discouraged from having large sums of money at this training. There is no place to lock valuables. Keep your electronics, like phones and IPODS, at home. Other items prohibited include knives, weapons of any kind, highly caffeinated products, tobacco products, etc. If you don't need an item specifically for the conduct of training, don't pack it. Direct questions to the COTC about packing lists.

As far as behavioral expectations, this is an advanced training. If you are looking for a slack training or have desires to fraternize or be lazy, do not apply for this training. Field Operations training is intense, packed with long, physically demanding training days with much academic information and physical training. There will be at least 60 minutes of physical training each day plus the training evolutions. All of the physical training is done in boots/utilities. You must be in good shape prior to arriving at training and be able to tolerate long training days and warm weather. Break in your footwear prior to the start of training. You will spend three or more nights in the field during training in primitive conditions. Failure to meet the standards established by the COTC and the instructors will result in early termination of your training experience. Bottom line--be prepared physically and mentally.

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, 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:

- Professionalism—how you appear, carry, and conduct yourself in uniform and during training, and how well your customs and courtesies reflect your training and commitment to excellence.
- Response/Motivation—how well you master concepts during training and your response to commands, directives, and scenarios during training activities.
- Fitness—your level of fitness upon reporting and your level of effort during ALL training evolutions
- Leadership—your ability to serve as a positive example for other trainees and your shipmates from your home unit
- 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 of civilian clothing and other personal items. No civilian clothing is authorized at this training at any time, except for those cadets who fly to training. 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. **Zero tolerance on this issue.**

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. Thank you for your understanding on this issue. 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>.

There is to be no fraternization among cadets and between staff cadets and cadets, and no fraternization between male and female cadets. You are here to train.

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,

LCDR Eric Goslinga, NSCC