



United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps

Petty Officer Leadership Academy Camp Dodge; Johnston, Iowa



Greetings:

POLA at Camp Dodge, Johnston, IA will be held 26 Dec 2011 – 01 Jan 2012. Those who wish to staff this training should email the COTC to indicate their intentions.

Locally arranged orders (NSCTNG003) are to be used for this training. Send the COTC your sweatshirt size as well. Submit orders for training with \$140 money order deposit payable to USNSCC Training (no personal or unit checks) to:

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Marshalltown, IA 50158

Email address: for questions: command@iowacadets.org (prefer email)
Phone number for questions: 641-752-0861

- Cadets should use your chain of command to get information you may need. In general, prior to being accepted to training, cadets should not be calling the COTC, but home unit Training Officers or Commanding Officers should be making calls to the COTC. Email communication will get you a faster response.
- Cadets should report to Camp Dodge between 1300 – 1400, 26 Dec 11, to Dining Facility #5, on the Main Post, unless other arrangements have been made with the COTC. Street by street directions will be emailed to confirmed trainees.
- Cadets should report in dungaree utility uniform, black socks, NWU or boondocker boots, and coat for the season if within 150 miles of Camp Dodge.
- **All uniform and personal appearance regulations will be strictly enforced.** It is strongly recommended that males report with haircuts that will remain well within regulations for the duration of the training. High and tight or medium fade haircuts are required for males—look professional! Males will receive haircuts on site as necessary. Females are required to manage hair per regulations.
- Officers and staff cadets must be prepared to report at 0900, 26 Dec 11 in order to properly prepare for training.
- POLA graduation will be held at 0930, 01 Jan 12.
- It is highly recommended that cadets be driven to training by an escort or parent. Flying at this time of year presents special challenges due to weather, holiday routines, and airline pricing policies. If you have to fly to training, contact the COTC **PRIOR** to submitting orders.
- Cadets should be physically qualified to attend. Exceptions should work the process through the chain of command.

TRAINEE CADET REQUIRED SEA BAG ITEMS

Qty	Item	Qty	Item
1	Sea Bag & Garment bag	1	Black US Navy overcoat w/liner
1	Complete Dress Blue Uniform w/ all required accessories	1	Black belt w/silver tip & silver belt buckle
2-3	Dungaree Utility Trousers	1	Shoe Shine Kit
2-3	Chambray Utility Blouses	1	Sewing Kit (optional)
4-6	Pair <u>Plain</u> White crew socks—no short socks	2	Black ink pens
1	NWU or Boondocker boots	5-6	Plastic clothes hangers
1	Quality athletic/PT shoes	1	Shower shoes— must have
4-6	White undershirts	1	White mesh laundry bag
4-6	White underwear	1	Hygiene kit (no electric appliances or aerosol cans)
1	Set Regulation Navy blue sweats	Varies	Stationary & Stamps
1	Gold PT Shirt (prefer Navy issue)	1	Black Dress shoes
2	Navy blue PT Shorts (prefer Navy issue)	\$20-\$40	Spending money—include small bills and change
1	War belt w/2 one quart canteens and 2 canteen covers	Varies	Appropriate religious reading material
4-6	Pair Black Boot Socks		
1	Ball cap cover		SEE IMPORTANT NOTES BELOW.

All uniforms should be prepared according to NSCC Regulations with appropriate flashes, name tapes, etc. No civilian clothing items are needed or authorized. Camelbacks are not authorized in lieu of canteen and web gear. If you absolutely cannot obtain boondockers or NWU boots, substitute black combat boots only. PT/running shoes will not be worn with the utility uniform for general wear because PT shoes must be kept for indoor use only. Shine boots and iron uniforms prior to arriving at training in order to maximize your training time and sleep opportunities. Linens and towels will be provided by the command. Command will obtain/issue black gloves, watch caps/ski masks for all cadets.

It is recommended that belts, socks, undergarments, shorts, and towels be stenciled with cadet ownership markings. Remember that berthing is in open bay barracks. **Leave electronics, including cell phones and I-PODS, at home. Cadets in possession of electronics at training after check-in risk being sent home immediately with no training credit and other possible sanctions.** Items NOT to be taken to training: firearms, knives, tobacco and tobacco products, matches, lighters, aerosol cans of hygiene or other items, expensive items, liquid shoe polish, playing cards, pornographic materials. **Again, cadets who travel to training with a cell phone must turn in the phone upon check-in.** Almost every year someone tries to be sneaky and it doesn't work. Don't be "that cadet" who gets sent home for disciplinary reasons. Expect a full sea bag inspection upon arrival, for everyone's safety.

Cadets who require or desire certain diets have caused significant problems at recent trainings. Do not expect to show up at training and “demand” a special diet, i. e. vegan diet. With prior (one to two weeks) notice, some accommodations can be made, but without notice, you will have to select from what is offered or be sent home with no refund.

Cadets will have PX privileges a limited number of times at training. Cadets are discouraged from having large sums of money at this training. The entertainment amenities at Camp Dodge are *extremely limited*; there are simply not many places to spend money, and much of the base will be on holiday routine while we are there training.

As far as behavioral expectations, this is an advanced training. Refer to the non-inclusive list below.

- Cadets will conduct themselves in a military manner to bring credit to themselves, their home unit, the Naval Sea Cadets Corps, and the United States Navy.
- Cadets will not use vulgar, obscene, profane, bullying, humiliating, or racially offensive language. Harassment will not be tolerated.
- Cadets will not threaten, or attempt to do, bodily harm to another.
- Cadets will not take, obtain or withhold, by any means, the property, money, uniform item, or article of value from another.
- Alcohol, tobacco, and drugs are **strictly forbidden** at training.
- Cadets will not gamble.
- Cadets will not willfully damage or destroy any U.S. Government or State of Iowa property.
- Male and female cadets, including staff 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.
- Appropriate courtesies will be paid to all cadets, staff cadets, instructors, and officers, and enlisted personnel and officers of the Armed Services at all times.
- **Cadets will give 100 percent effort towards every activity of training.** Malingering is not tolerated.
- Cadets will not possess prescription or over-the-counter medications unless authorized by the COTC.

Respectfully,

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