

2017-2018 WINTER TRAINING COMMAND
CAMP PENDLETON, CA

NOTE: THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE NOT FOR CADETS ATTENDING POLA TRAINING

Dear Camp Pendleton Training Families:

We're just days away from the start of training and we wanted to pass on some important information as you make your final preparations. In no particular order:

1. Check-in for those arriving on Tuesday by Private Vehicle will be at 1:00 PM at Area 64 (Camp Talega) Please READ YOUR WELCOME ABOARD PACKET FOR WHICH UNIFORM TO REPORT IN; it is different for each evolution.

2. READ YOUR WELCOME ABOARD PACKET.

3. DIRECTION BY PRIVATE AUTO (for GPS, you can try "Area 64, Camp Pendleton, CA. However not all GPS program have this information or they may try and take you a different way): We will be conducting training in Area 64 (Camp Talega). **Exit Highway 5 at CRISTIANITOS RD and make a right (or left – going away from the ocean). Follow this road until you come to the entrance of the base. DO NOT USE ANY OTHER EXIT.** When you enter the base, you will come to an immediate fork in the road; STAY TO THE LEFT. Make a left hand turn and follow the road all the way into Camp Talega (about 3 miles). There are no turns to make. Once you get to the area, there will be signs and staff directing you to the parking area. The driver needs to be prepared to show a valid driver's license, proof of insurance, and a valid vehicle registration card if requested. Note: if for some reason the Cristianitos gate is closed (remember – military bases change their procedures with no notice), we will have someone posted to give alternative directions.

4. When you arrive and have parked in the designated parking lot, please bring Sea Bag and Service Record to the check-in area and follow these directions:

-Recruit Training: You will be assigned your company # when you enter the check-in area. Proceed with your gear and service record to the appropriate table for a review of your service record. Once you have cleared this area, you will say good-bye to your parents and be escorted to your berthing area.

-Advanced Training: When you enter the check-in area, proceed to the table marked with the name of your training. Once you have cleared your service record review, you will say good-bye to your parents and be escorted to your berthing area.

5. For those traveling by plane and landing at San Diego Airport, **you will report to the USO (across from Terminal #2) after claiming your luggage at baggage claim.** You can ask any airport employee for direction. Once at the USO, you will wait until our last cadet has arrived and checked in. At that point, everyone will board our exclusive shuttle bus and be brought directly to Camp Pendleton. The amount of time you spend at the USO is directly proportional to how early you arrive. We anticipate that the shuttle will be leaving approx. 4:00 PM. If you are delayed, please do not worry -- call our duty phone at (818) 822-6818. We will make sure every gets to training.

6. DRINK WATER NOW! It's going to be a warm week so staying hydrated is crucial. Stop drinking sodas, Monsters, and all those other drinks – straight water...at least a 1/2 to 1 gallon a day.

7. The small bottle of hand sanitizer is important – with close quarters, everyone needs to ensure their paws are clean.

8. Graduation for Recruit Training will take place on Wednesday, January 3rd at 10:00 AM at Camp Talega. The ceremony usually lasts 30-45 minutes. Following graduation, cadets traveling by plane will be taken to the USO at San Diego Airport.

9. For Advanced Trainings, there are no formal graduation exercises. Each training evolution may conduct a small closing event. In any case, you should plan to arrive for pick-up at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, January 2nd. At the conclusion of training, cadets traveling by plane will be taken to the USO at San Diego Airport.

10. If you are bringing any medication that has been pre-cleared, please be sure to follow the directions in the Welcome Aboard Packet about packaging the medications. For prescription medication, remember that it must come in the pharmacy bottle properly labeled. If it has not been pre-cleared, please contact us now to ensure no delays at check-in. **WE WILL NOT ACCEPT MEDICATIONS (EITHER PRESCRIPTION OR OVER-THE-COUNTER) THAT HAVE NOT BEEN PRE-CLEARED!!!** This includes creams, pills, etc.

11. Ensure that you have your service jacket (folder with all your paperwork) with you when you check-in. We indicate in our Welcome Aboard Packet that each cadet should bring their own record. If your unit chooses to not follow these directions and instead send the records in one packet, please be aware that you cannot check-in if the person carrying the records does not arrive in time. REMINDER: A current doctor's physical examination dated within 365 days of the end of training must be in the service record. We can not accept any cadet who has an out-of-date examination.

12. All cadets must come to training with no existing injuries. If you have become injured and cannot participate fully in training, you need to let us know now. One of the assurances we give our gracious hosts is that our cadets will be injury-free while at Camp Pendleton.

13. The first meal of training will be dinner on Tuesday evening. Please plan to eat prior to arriving. For our commercial travelers, you can eat at the USO. Due to late nature of our departure from the USO, you should plan on eating before you board the shuttle. For those staff and staff cadet arriving early, we will provide breakfast and lunch on the December 26th.

14. Haircuts: For male recruits, #1 all around. So make sure that your hair meets this standard or we will ask that you find a barber. We will be checking!

15. PRT: The PRT is only required for two of our evolutions, Recruit Training and MAA/SWAT:
-Recruit Training: The PRT will be administered during the training cycle. Remember that passing the PRT is a requirement to graduate. The PRT will be administered according to the directions provided in the Welcome Aboard Packet. Please be sure to prepare so you can be successful. One of our biggest hurdles with the PRT is cadet who are challenged because they are given varied instructions at their home unit – the way we wrote it (based on NSCC guidelines) is the way we administer the test; no surprises.

16. MAA/SWAT: Your PRT will be administered as part of the check-in process. Please arrive in PT gear. In order to participate, you must be able to pass the PRT at the NATIONAL level, along with completing a required number pull-ups. Please READ THE WELCOME ABOARD PACKET FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

17. Because of limited internet access, we can accept email message for trainees or staff. Because we realize that communicating your cadet plays an important part of their training experience (especially Recruit Training), we have arranged with one of our staff to have letters only received at their home. Please address mails to:

(Cadet Name)
(Training Name)
US Naval Sea Cadet Corps
40235 Benwood Ct
Temecula, CA 92591

Please understand that we have almost 500 participants attending this training. With that in mind, and out of respect for our gracious mail receiver (and their local postal carrier), please limit your letter writing to 2-3 letters for the week. In the past, we've had folks distribute the address to their entire Facebook friend list and cadets were receiving 15-20 letter per day.

18. Lastly, if you have not downloaded and read the Welcome Aboard Packet for your training, we recommend that you do so. The packets can be found on our website at www.nscpsw.org, under 2017 Winter Training. They should answer most other questions.

We look forward to seeing you at training...

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