

Encampment registration is now open!

All cadets who have at least earned their Curry Award can now register for the 2019 Arizona Wing Summer Encampment being held at the Fort Huachuca Army Base in Sierra Vista, AZ from 22 June to 29 June 2019.

In addition, for the first time in Arizona Wing history, this encampment will host an advanced training flight. This *second-year* course will feature more advanced classes and activities such as color guard, leadership, first aid, and aerospace topics! This option is open to any cadet who has *already completed* an encampment but is not serving on the cadet cadre.

Inprocessing will start promptly at 1200 noon on Saturday, 22 June. Arrivals earlier than that will need to wait outside the dormitory until noon. It's important to note that lunch will not be served on Saturday, so all cadets must eat prior to arriving at encampment. Cadets need to arrive at encampment in the Battle Dress Uniform (BDU) or Airman Battle Uniform (ABU).

I have a few important notes for all of our attendees and parents. First, hydration is key. Encampment is in June, and Arizona is a hot place at that time. Cadets should hydrate the week before attending encampment to prepare themselves for the rigorous week ahead of them. We will be outside a fair amount and we will be smart about breaks in the shade and monitoring fluid intake, but we also need our cadets to monitor themselves and each other to ensure we're all hydrating properly.

To accommodate the religious and spiritual needs of our participants, Arizona Wing Chaplain (Lt Col) Thomas Bauder will be on hand for the first few days and will be holding an optional non-denominational service that will be open to all encampment participants on Sunday evening. Additionally, each night cadets will be given a block of personal time that they can use for prayer or spiritual reflection.

The registration process will walk you through what paperwork is required. Bring all of the paperwork (except the packing list) to your squadron, ensuring the forms that need a parent/guardian signature are signed. Some of the forms will then be signed by your squadron commander and then submitted to encampment. Only one form should be brought with you to encampment: the packing list. The packing list only needs to be signed by a parent or guardian. This ensures a cadet had a second set of eyes on the packing list to ensure nothing is forgotten, and nothing unneeded is brought. One question that pops up is that yes, scissors are allowed as part of a sewing kit. Also, do not tell your parents that you have to buy an ironing board. Yes, the packing list says you have the option of bringing an iron and ironing board. If a cadet already has a travel sized ironing board, you can bring it. If you do not have a travel-sized ironing board, do not feel obligated to purchase one for encampment. Putting a towel on the floor and ironing on that works just fine. Additionally, the iron itself remains optional and isn't required.

CAP regulations prohibit the banning of watches and jewelry from encampment and being a stickler for the rules, watches and jewelry (as allowed by CAPM 39-1) are allowed. But I'll also note, the number one item lost at encampment: watches. Several end up in the lost-and-found each year unclaimed, so please keep that in mind.

CAP is currently working through a transition from the Battle Dress Uniform (BDU) to the Airman Battle Uniform (ABU). Both uniforms are acceptable for encampment. Cadets are allowed up to three full sets of uniforms and cadets are allowed to bring both BDUs and ABUs with them, but they must be full sets. For example, a cadet who brings a BDU set and an ABU set with them cannot mix and match uniform parts (wear a BDU belt with ABUs for example). Additionally, please be sure to *label all of your uniform parts*.

Each year the biggest obstacle cadets seem to face at encampment is not the heat, not the strict discipline, and not even that First Sergeant that always seems to catch you not paying attention. It's blisters. Boots need to be broken in prior to encampment, this means you've been wearing them for awhile and they're comfortable. Foot care is extremely important at encampment. Each night feet will be checked for blisters and "hot spots" to try and catch the issues early. Note that foot powder and blister care products are *required* items on the packing list. Cadets that require medication will be responsible for self-administration of their medication. Refrigeration will be readily available in the dormitory if needed. Additionally, cadets can bring over-the-counter medication as well, but they are not allowed to share it with other cadets.

We'll keep friends and family connected with their cadets via our Facebook page (link is available on the encampment website). Each day our top-notch Public Affairs staff will be posting videos, pictures, and providing a synopsis of what we're up to.
<http://encampment.azwg.org/>

On 29 June encampment will hold a graduation ceremony at 1100 hours on base. Friends and family are welcome to attend. We're working on base access to hopefully allow everyone an easy Saturday through the gate. Dismissal begins after graduation, cadets will be allowed to leave once their room is cleaned and has been inspected, and then sign out of encampment. This can take an hour (more if your cadet is having difficulty with the concept of a clean room).

To register for encampment, visit <http://encampment.azwg.org/> and be sure to complete the entire registration process. Until you see the words "You're registered to attend the 2019 Encampment!" on the screen, you're not done registering. *Registration will close on 1 June 2019*. We have a limited number of slots for cadet students. Cadets that register after encampment is full are automatically put on a waiting list. As cadets cancel their registrations, we pull from the waiting list on a first-come, first served basis. Second-year students not serving on the cadet cadre should select the Advanced Training Flight option when registering.

The activity fee is \$150. The fee is not due when you register; instead, a check written out to "CAP - Arizona Wing" should be brought to your squadron, they will forward the funds to encampment. Cadets that cancel from encampment after 9 June will receive a refund of \$100. No-shows at encampment do not receive a refund. Cadets that leave early for non-disciplinary reasons get prorated \$11 back for each day they miss.

Made it all the way to the end? You've passed the first test of encampment. The challenges do increase in difficulty from here, but as a team with your cadet cadre leading the way, this story only ends one way, with you triumphantly attending graduation.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to send me an email. Please note that I receive a large volume of email and it may take a day or two to respond.

See you soon!



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