

**CLASS OF 2014 GRAD MARCH BACK**

**The Grad March Back**

The 2010 Grad March Back is the 50th Anniversary of our own Plebe Hike, which took place in August of 1960. For the past several years, the organizers of the March (AOG and the Director of Alumni Affairs) have allocated 50 spaces for the full hike (of 120 total available) for the affiliated class. There is no limit on spaces for the final two mile "parade" from Washington Gate to the Supe's house. There is an informative note from Bob Weathers (seen below on a break at Round Pond during the 2009 hike) posted on the class web site.



**Taking a break at the Ski Lodge after completing 11.4 miles**



**Kullman, Weathers, & Ballagh  
with Dick Williams '45  
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**A Class of 1964  
50 Year Affiliation  
Event**

**Aug 08-09 (?), 2010  
West Point**

### *When is the 2010 March Back?*

The definitive schedule will not be published until the Spring. It usually occurs about four weeks before Labor Day, which puts it about August 9.

### *What are the events associated with it?*

Following is a typical schedule. Our experience has been that this varies a little each year, depending on the cadet summer training program.

**Sunday afternoon**—Registration at Herbert Hall

**Sunday Evening**—Travel to encampment for a briefing by cadet leaders and talent show. Box supper. Mingle with New Cadets. Return to West Point.

**Monday (early)**— Travel to encampment. Breakfast. Hike starts about 4:30 AM. Joined by two-milers at the ski slope.

**Monday (noon)**— Parade to Supe's, followed by showers at Arvin Gym and brunch in Eisenhower Hall. Departure

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### *Why should I go?*

#### *Represent the Class.*

A nice walk in the woods at West Point (memories of 1960 and 1961?)

New Cadets appreciate the presence of "old grads."

Appreciate the quality of the new cadets.

Observe the leadership of the upper class cadets.

Mix and mingle with classmates and other grads

#### *What does it cost?*

Hike: \$150 (anticipated)

Spouse/Companion: \$35 (anticipated)

Transportation: depends on your travel arrangements.

Hotel: TBD

#### *What do I get out of it?*

The hike — **PRICELESS!**

Fee covers a shirt and cap; a small bag for change of clothes; towel, soap and shampoo; water carrier; all transportation in and around West Point; box supper for Talent Show ; breakfast before the hike and snacks at two rest halts; coffee, juice, and pastries at the ski lodge; brunch. Spouse fee gets box supper and brunch.

What are the logistics?

Thayer, arrival, departure, campers/cabins at Round Pond. More details to follow.

### *General Information*

Although not a particularly long or difficult walk, it is also not for the faint of heart, requires a degree of training to avoid potential injuries. See the excellent post by Bob Weathers on the class web site.

<http://www.west-point.org/class/usma1964/>

Registration will be in the spring on the AOG web site, first come first serve. We will send alerts. Bob Ballagh is keeping a list of those interested and will turn them in to AOG for all to receive the email alert AOG sends.

More details to follow — watch the class forum and web site for additional information.



Grads marching to the Supe's house, led by Dick Williams '45