

Climbing Wall Usage

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I am writing to inform the Class of 79 about how the Climbing Wall will be used by Cadets this academic year.

DPE will teach 2 sections of PE 430 Indoor Climbing as a Lifetime sport and 2 classes of bouldering as part of PE 117 Military Movement where every 4th class cadet experiences the Climbing Wall.

The Cadet mountaineering Team will be practicing in the Climbing Wall 4 nights a week during MacArthur time (1630 to 1815).

Due to a 40% decrease in CMT company authorizations (from 50 to 30) and the elimination of 10 CCT slots (these allow cadets to come to practice 4 days rather than 2 days a week) we have decreased the Open Session days by 2 leaving the Wall available for Corps of cadet use on Friday PM and Sunday afternoon. The reasons for the decrease is two fold, Monday and Tuesday evening sessions were not well attended, in addition plebes may not attend those sessions; and the decrease in the size of the team limits the amount of supervisory shifts I believe is fair for them to be responsible for.

Despite these changes the CMT is looking forward to a year where the Climbing Wall is a crucial training facility for learning and preparation for 10 climbing competitions, two of which will be held here at West Point, one outdoors and the other indoors. (Oct 26 and March 29)

If the Class of 79 has any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank You

Sincerely

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