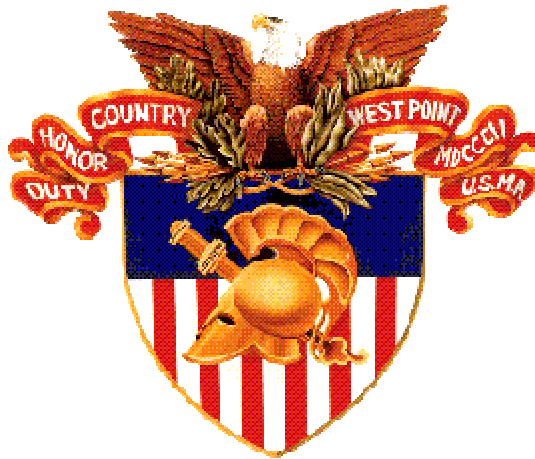


*West Point Parents' Club
Of
Greater Kansas City*

Parent Handbook



2003--2004



PREFACE

This handbook is provided to assist our local parents in understanding life at West Point. It is offered as an addendum to official West Point publications.

While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information in this book, changing circumstances may make some information no longer valid. In the event any of this information conflicts with that contained in official Army or West Point publications, the official West Point information takes precedence.

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			-

BOODLERS

Boodle is good stuff to eat (and sometimes flowers for our lady cadets). Cadets love boodle!!!

Below is a list of local boodlers and florists along with a brief description. Those organizations delivering to Camp Buckner are noted.

Specialize in exam p



A Piece of Cake and Company

Shari Broessler

(845) 446-5747

Officers' wives bake delicious cookies, cakes and boodle.

Free delivery. Exam survival packages.

Call for price list/order form.

Camp Buckner delivery available.

pieceofcakeandco@aol.com

LaPetite Bakery

197 Main Street

Highland Falls, NY

(914) 446-2097

Cakes baked to your specifications, delivery

Budding Boutique (Flowers, etc.)

Mrs. Carolyn Cassidy

P.O. Box 978

Fort Montgomery, NY 10922

914-446-3831

Love a Cadet

845-446-0037

loveacadet@aol.com

Cadet Activities Restaurant

Cadet Activities Fund

Eisenhower Hall

(914) 938-4453

Call for order form

Nancy's Fancies

Nancy Flowers

West Point

(914) 446-2946

Sheet cakes, delivery, homemade chocolates

Grabers Florist

292 Main Street

Highland Falls, NY 10928

(914)446-2955

Send a Smile, Inc.

Carolyn Cassidy

Fort Montgomery, NY

(914) 446-3831

Chocolate or vanilla cakes, brownies, balloons, call for order form.

Most Precious Possessions

12 Evergreen Ct.

Suffern, NY 10901

(845) 368-1846

doloresb2@aol.com

Prepare Boodle for college students.

The Ice Cream Shop

Main Street

Highland Falls

(914) 446-2380

Tub of ice cream (3 gallons), ice cream cakes, fudge and chocolates, delivery.

This prayer was written expressly for West Point cadets. It goes to the heart of what being a cadet and future officer is all about.

CADET PRAYER



O God, our Father, Thou Searcher of Men's Hearts, help us to draw near to Thee in sincerity and truth. May our religion be filled with gladness and may our worship of Thee be natural. Strengthen and increase our admiration for honest dealing and clean thinking, and suffer not our hatred of hypocrisy and pretence ever to diminish. Encourage us in our endeavor to live above the common level of life. Make us to choose the harder right instead of the easier wrong, and never to be content with a half truth when the whole truth can be won. Endow us with courage that is born of loyalty to all that is noble and worthy, that scorns to compromise with vice and injustice and knows no fear when truth and right are in jeopardy. Guard us against flippancy and irreverence in the sacred things of life. Grant us new ties of friendship and new opportunities of service. Kindle of hearts in fellowship with those of a cheerful countenance, and soften our hearts with sympathy for those who sorrow and suffer. Help us to maintain the honor of the Corps untarnished and unsullied and to show forth in our lives the ideals of West Point in doing our duty in Thee and to our Country.

All of which we ask in the name of the Great Friend and Master of men.

AMEN.

A TYPICAL CADET DAY

v MORNING

- 6:55 Breakfast Formation
- 7:00-7:30 Breakfast
- 7:35-11:45 Class or Study

v AFTERNOON

- 12:05-12:40 Lunch
- 12:45-1:40 Commandant's or Dean's Time
- 1:50-3:30 Class or Study
- 4:10-6:00 Intramural, Club or Intercollegiate Athletics, Extracurricular Activities, Parades, or Free Time

v EVENING

- 6:30-7:15 Optional Dinner (Mandatory on Thursdays)
- 7:15-7:30 Cadet Duties
- 7:30-8:30 Study Time or Extracurricular Activities
- 8:30-11:30 Study Time
- 11:30 TAPS
- 12:00 LIGHTS OUT

CADET SLANG

Cadets, like many young people, have their own language. Many of the terms used on this page are those used by cadets, sometimes referred to as Cadet Slang. Unlike teenager's slang which seems to change with generations, many of the Cadet Slang terms have been around for years but are still somewhat unique so it was felt that a Glossary of Terms should be provided for those not familiar with the Cadet "language".

Ate up - as in "He's ate up but a good guy." "Ate up" means not a sharp cadet.

Bone - to study; to strive for something.

Boodlers - the Cadet boodle store.

Bugle Notes - 'Cadet Bible' - book with historical and required knowledge, issued to 4th class cadets.

Butt - The remains of anything as in the butt of a month or there are 171 and a butt days until graduation.

Cadet Classes:

First Classmen -- Firsties, Seniors

Second Classmen -- Cows, Juniors

Third Classmen--Yearlings, Yuks, Sophomores.

Fourth Classmen -- Plebes, Freshmen

CBT - Cadet Basic Training (Formerly called Beast Barracks)

Civies - Civilian Clothes

Class Godson - The first son born after graduation to a member of the class.

Goat(s) - The cadets who stand in the lower part of their class academically.
The cadet standing academically last in his class is referred to as the Class Goat.

Cold - Absolutely without error, as, "a cold max."

Com -The Commandant of Cadets

D - D is slang for Deficient and normally refers to being deficient or not passing in Academics.

Drag - A young lady whom a cadet is escorting.

Elephant - One who can't dance. A cadet taking dancing lessons.

Fatigue Tour - One hour of punishment.

Hives - Cadets who stand in the upper 5 % of their class academically. May also be referred to as Engineers since those in this category used to choose the Engineer Corps as their branch of service following graduation.

Hop - Cadet Dance

Max - A complete success; a maximum. To make a perfect grade in an academic class or recitation.

Minutes -- Announcement by a plebe of time remaining before a formation.

Missouri National - A tune supposed to bring rain, normally sung before parades in the hope that they will be canceled.

New Cadet - A cadet not yet officially accepted as a member of the Corps (i.e., during CBT).

OAO - A cadet's One And Only, the steady, the fiancée.

OC -- Officer in Charge - A Commissioned Officer from the Department of Tactics serving as the Officer of the Day (OD).

ODIN - Norse god of war that cadets pray to for rain to bring cancellation of parades.

P - An academic instructor or Professor.

P-RADE - A parade

P.D.A. - Public Display of Affection

P.M.I. - Afternoon or evening (p.m. room inspection). A condition of the room during which closet doors and dresser drawers may be closed.

Poop - Information to be memorized.

Poop Deck - The balcony in the dining hall from which the orders are published (read to the Corps).

Pro - Pro is slang for Proficient and normally refers to being Proficient or passing in Academics. May also be used to refer to a cadet's date as being good looking.

Recognize - To place a fourth classman on a first-name basis with an upperclass cadet.

Sally port - The arched entrances into the Barracks areas.

Slug - A special punishment for a serious offense. Results in loss of privileges, special fatigue duty, confinement to room during off duty hours, and may result in walking punishment tours.

***In recent years, it has also been used to define a lazy cadet, one out of shape, one not pulling his load, and one not doing his duty.

Spec (speck) - To memorize verbatim, as: "to spec blind."

Spoon Up - To put in order, to clean up.

Spoony - Neat in personal appearance.

Storm - A disordered condition. (Said of things.) A nervous haste. (Said of persons.)

Supe - The Superintendent of the Military Academy.

TAC - A Company Tactical Officer, the Officer assigned to supervise and guide the four classes in a Cadet Company. Cadets often nickname their TACs, unbeknownst to the TACs. Some of the nicknames have been: "Ace" for the TAC whose initials were A.S.C.; "the Wedge" because the wedge is the simplest tool known to mankind; "Spoony" because the TAC was always immaculate in his uniform; and "The Shadow" because he always knew what the cadets were doing even though they never saw him. Another was nicknamed "The Tapper" because he wore a metal tap plate on one shoe. When the cadets heard the 'tap sound', they thought he was walking normally up the stairs when in reality, he was walking up twice as fast since the 'tap sound' only echoed on every other stair.

TEE - Term end exams

Turnback – A cadet dismissed from an earlier class and then readmitted for graduation with a subsequent class.

Walrus - Anyone who can't swim. Also known as Rocks.

Wife - Used to refer to a cadet's roommate(s). Don't know what is used today with the admittance of female cadets.

WPPWE- West Point Professional Writing Examination. During Cow (Junior) year cadets must take English class, EN302. This is a class in compositional writing. The WPPWE is administered during this course and all cadets are required to pass it.

WPR - A Written Partial Review similar to a mid-term exam in civilian schools.

WGR - A Written General Review similar to a final exam in civilian schools. Now called TEE for Term End Exam.

Writ - A written examination

CLASS CRESTS

Class crests can be obtained at

<http://www.west-point.org/parent/parent-forum/crests.html>

CLASS MOTTOES

1955 "The Last Of The Great Classes"

1962 "Can Do!"

1964 "Stars in Store"

1966 "Fame Will Mix"

1967 "None will surpass..." ('67 class)

1969 "Best of the Line"

1970 "Serve with Integrity"

1971 "Professionally Done"

1972 "Proud and True"

1973 "Proud and Free"

1974 "Pride of the Corps"

1975 "Courage and Drive"

1976 "The Spirit of '76"

1977 "Esprit de Corps"

1978 "Proud and the Great"

1979 "Top of the Line"

1980 "Pride and Excellence"

1981 "Strength as One"

1982 "The Select Few"

1983 "Proud to be"

1984 "Best of the Corps"

1998 "Duty Will Not Wait"

1999 "With Duty in Mind"

2000 "With Honor in Hand"

2001 "Til Duty Is Done"

2002 "Pride In All We Do"

2003 "Protectors of the Free"

2004 "For Country and Corps"

2005 "Keeping Freedom Alive"

2006 "Never Falter, Never Quit"

1985 "For Excellence we Strive"

1986 "Courage Never Quits"

1987 "Our Country we Strengthen"

1988 "No Task Too Great"

1989 "We Strengthen the Line"

1990 "The Proud and the Mighty"

1991 "Duty Shall be Done"

1992 "The Proud, Brave and the Few"

1993 "Defenders of the Free"

1994 "With Courage we Soar"

1995 "With Honor We Strive"

1996 "For Freedom we Risk"

1997 "With Pride We Defend"

COMPANY NAMES

1st Regiment

A1 Axemen
B1 Barbarians
C1 Crusaders
D1 Ducks "Bad to the Bone"
E1 Vikings
F1 Fun1
G1 Greeks
H1 Root Hawgs

2nd Regiment

A2 Spartans "Come back with your
shield or on it"
B2 Bulldogs
C2 Circus
D2 Dragons
E2 Dogs "Go Dogs"
F2 Zoo
G2 Gators
H2 Happy as Hell or " Just for the
Halibut " (cleaned up version)

3rd Regiment

A3 Animal House
B3 Bandits
C3 Cocks
D3 Devils
E3 Eagles
F3 F Troop "Mount Up"
G3 Gophers
H3 Hurricanes

4th Regiment

A4 Apaches
B4 Buffaloes
C4 Cowboys "YeeeHaaa"
D4 Duke
E4 Elvis "Elvis Lives"
F4 Frogs
G4 Guppies "Terrors of the Deep"
H4 Hogs

THE CORPS

The Corps of Cadets is the largest organization of cadets. It is made up of about 4000 (+ or -) cadets. When you hear people speak of "The Corps," this is what they are speaking of. This organization is commanded by the cadet First Captain (the highest ranking cadet at WP).

Within the Corps, there are 4 Regiments -- 1st Regt, 2nd Regt, 3rd Regt, and 4th Regt. Surprisingly enough, each of these organizations has about 1000 cadets. Each of the Regiments has 2 battalions. For example, 1st Regiment has both a 1st and 2nd battalion. So do the other 3 Regiments. Thus, there are a total of 8 battalions in the entire Corps. Each battalion has about 500 cadets. However, the Battalion designation (1st or 2nd) does not appear in the name of any company. Confused yet?

Each of the battalions has four companies. Each company has about 125 cadets (or roughly 30 from each cadet class). 1st battalion in each regiment has the companies A, B, C, and D. The 2nd battalion in each regiment has the companies E, F, G, and H. This Corps structure is derived from the old Civil War and Indian campaign era army, which used a similar designation.

Thus, companies A-1, B-1, C-1, and D-1 are all in the (1st Battalion of the) 1st Regiment. Because the battalion is not used in the company designation, you could leave out the part in (). E-1, F-1, G-1, and H-1 are all in the (2nd Battalion of the) 1st Regiment. Thus, a cadet in D-4 (nicknamed "the Dudes"), is in the 1st Battalion of the 4th Regiment. Another example: C-3 is in the (1st Battalion of the) 3rd Regiment.

The company is the most important unit of organization at WP (and in the army). Cadets will do most things at WP with other members of his company. A practical way to look at this is that when the entire Corps is formed by company for parade on the plain, and you are looking at it from the stands, A-1 will be on your extreme left, and H-4 will be on your extreme right. This means A-1 will pass in review first, and H-4 will be the last company to pass in review.

COWS

➤ Cars (ordering)

Cows are allowed to own and maintain a car at West Point after Spring Break. Many Cows order their cars during Christmas break. A low interest loan is available to cadets from local banks. For many cadets, this is a much-awaited event. Along with buying a car, comes purchasing insurance. Most Army Cadets/Officers get their insurance from USAA

(United States Automobile Insurance), 9800 Fredricksburg Road, San Antonio, TX 78288; phone - 1-800-531-8111.

➤ **Class Rings (ordering)**

Information on Balfour class ring stones can be obtained at

<http://www.west-point.org/wp/wp-forum/>

Click on the "Balfour" link on the left side of the page.

As far as records show, the United States Military Academy was the first school to use rings as a unified symbol. The first class to receive rings was 1835. Until 1869, ring designs were chosen informally. In that year, an organized meeting was held to decide a common class ring design. Thus began the Ring and Crest committee, the members of which are chosen by each class during Cadet Basic Training. The committee formally announces the crest they have decided upon during Plebe-Parent Weekend. See the USMA Library for a collection of rings from almost every USMA class to date.

Since the class of 1917, rings have borne a class crest on one side, representing friendships within the class, and the crest of the Academy on the other, as a constant reminder of the ideals of West Point. By current convention, each crest must contain the West Point motto, the cadet and army sabers, an eagle, "USMA", and the class year, among other things, although their arrangement is up to the class. Traditionally, the class crest is worn closest to the heart while at USMA, and reversed afterward.

Although the bodies of the rings are uniform, the stones have always been chosen by the purchaser. Cadets choose a stone that will personalize the ring.

Firsties have always purchased their own rings. For many years, money in each cadet's account has been accumulated during three years for the expenditure. The average price of a class ring is about \$1,200, although depending on the choice of stone and the purity of the gold, it can range from \$800 to \$3,000.

All cadets have about \$550 earmarked for a class ring in their cadet accounts. In addition, if they request, and they have available funds, they are able to draw down on their cadet account by contacting the Treasurer's office. Of course, if they took a cadet loan, that can also be used to pay for any overage on the ring. Normally, the deposit on the ring is covered through the cadet's ring fund and the final payment is made shortly before delivery in August.

➤ **500th Night**

This celebration is the Saturday closest to 500 nights til graduation for the Cows. It is celebrated with a banquet and dance. Your cadet will have more details as the time nears.

➤ **Reaffirmation Ceremony**

This ceremony is to affirm cadet commitment to complete the next two years of study and to serve five years of active-duty military service thereafter.....an impressive ceremony highlighted by a renewal of the oath they took on The Plain over two years before...it is both

symbolic of their commitment and representative of the goal which they are seeking to attain over the coming two years...

The ceremony is in South Auditorium of Thayer Hall or at Trophy Point the Sunday evening before classes begin. Families may attend, but seating will be limited in the rear of the auditorium. The ceremony lasts about 20-30 minutes.

➤ **Summer Training**

Usual options are Beast or Buckner detail. Airborne, Air Assault, CTLT and other lower density specialty training. Airborne School is at Ft. Benning, Georgia; Air Assault School is at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky or West Point; and CTLT is at one of the U.S. Army installations in the world.

E-MAIL

➤ **West-Point.Org**

West-Point.Org is the organization under which everything else exists. They manage A LOT -- for example, over 100 lists/forums (including our three), all the personal home pages for Grads, and the Job Bank. Last I heard, there are over 16,000 e-mail addresses within its system -- probably more now. The bulk of the work is done by volunteers, with the organization currently having only one paid employee. The organization was founded by Ditus Bolanos '90. It is impressive! West-Point.Org is financially supported by donations from its members. There are two fund drives a year. The next one will be this Fall. Home Page: <http://www.west-point.org/>

➤ **Wpp-Net**

This is the master Parent list. Anyone who is on either Parent-Forum or Plebe-Net is on WPP-Net. This list is NOT a chat list. It is primarily for the distribution of information. A digest list is available. Home Page: <http://www.west-point.org/parent/wpp-net/>

➤ **Parent-Forum**

Parent-Forum is a chatty list. This is where you are supposed to be asking most of your questions. We do remind you to be careful about what you say, however. This is an open list. There are Parents, Active Duty personnel, Retired personnel, Grads, and Civilian USMA personnel within the membership. This enhances the ability to share information. Do not say "My Cadet said...." In fact, try not to say MY CADET at all. You are not anonymous. Your full name and the class year of your Cadet will automatically appear with your post. So please word your questions and answers as generally as you can. A

digest list is also available. Home Page: <http://www.west-point.org/parent/parent-forum/>

➤ **Plebe-Net**

Plebe-Net is a closed list for the exclusive benefit of the Plebe parents. It also is a much smaller list, and membership is very restricted. This is where Parents who are new to the military can learn without being so apt to create problems for their children. We encourage all new Plebe Parents to ask most of their questions here. A digest list is also available. Home-Page: <http://www.west-point.org/parent/plebe-net/>

➤ **Memory Pages**

The WP-ORG class memory pages can be found at:

<http://www.west-point.org/family/mem2004/> for the Class of 2004

<http://www.west-point.org/family/mem2005/> for the Class of 2005

<http://www.west-point.org/family/mem2006/> for the Class of 2006

<http://www.west-point.org/family/mem2007/> for the Class of 2007

Check it out - you never know when you'll see a picture of your cadet there!

➤ **Gray-Matter**

Gray-Matter seeks to keep you informed of recent events at West Point in a brief, weekly e-mail newsletter written by local journalist talent. Subjects covered are wide-ranging but always focused on the interests of cadet and Association members.

Anyone can receive Gray Matter by sending a message to

join-gray-matter@mail.aogusma.org

➤ **Remote Email for Cadets on Leave**

While your cadet is home (or away from West Point) on leave, he/she may want to check his/her email. The West Point Parent-Forum has made this possible by going to:

<http://www.west-point.org/parent/parent-forum/>

Select "RESOURCES"

Off the resource page there are actually TWO links to the email site...

One under: E-MAIL NEWS

And one under: REMOTE E-MAIL ACCESS FOR CADETS

Both take you to the following: <http://webmail.usma.army.mil/>

EMERGENCIES

In the event of a family emergency that requires your cadet's presence, contact his/her company tactical officer (see the list provided under "Telephones" in this handbook). You may be asked to contact the American Red Cross to have them verify the exact nature of the emergency for West Point. The American Red Cross routinely provides this service to the military.



FIRSTIES

➤ **Graduation Week**

Graduation is the culmination of your cadet's four years at West Point. Therefore, we strongly recommend that as many of your relatives and friends as possible attend to support your cadet in his/her final days at West Point. Special events include: Superintendent's Garden Reception, Graduation Parade, Graduation Banquet and Ball, Graduation Ceremony, and Commissioning. Seating is limited for the parade and banquet. If the weather is good and the graduation ceremony is held in Michie Stadium, then seating is unlimited. However, in the event of inclement weather, the ceremony could be held indoors and the number of guests could be limited for each cadet. We suggest you arrive no later than Thursday for graduation week. Parents of recent graduates urge that if you wish to do any sightseeing, plan to arrive earlier in the week to allow time to play tourist. You only get a chance to experience this once, so see and do everything possible in what might be your final visit to West Point.

➤ **Graduation Gift Ideas**

◆ **Black Feather Plume**

Diane is the Phone Contact Person.
Cost of Plume is \$40.00 + \$5.00 Shipping and Handling
Company Prefers a Credit Card Purchase
They try to ship out the same day as order.

Mangrove Feather Company
468 Greenwich Street
New York, New York 10013
212-431-5806

◆ **Firstie "RED SASH"**

Nancy at the Cadet Uniform Factory at 914-938-4309. Yes, the Red Sash is made right there!

There is a procedure to follow for acquiring the Red Sash, as they do not sell any uniforms or parts of uniforms directly to anyone, especially if they are not a Cadet or otherwise connected to West Point and/or the military. Have your Cadet go to the Cadet Store and

Speak to a lady there by the name of Gloria. Have your Cadet request a special purchase of the Red Sash, whereupon Gloria will implement a "Transfer Request" to the Uniform Factory for the Red Sash to be delivered to the Cadet Store. When it arrives there - a process that takes several days - your Cadet will pick it up and pay for it there. The cost of the Red Sash is \$36.00. The Red Sash is actually two pieces - the belt and the sash that attaches to the belt.

◆ **Cadet Saber**

The saber (along with the plume) must be turned in after graduation unless your cadet has his/her own. The cadet saber is authorized to be purchased only by cadets, grads, and active duty military members stationed at West Point.

A gift certificate can be arranged so that you can pay for the item but allow your cadet to physically purchase it. To do so, call the C-Store at (914)938-2121. You can send your payment to Cadet Store / Building 606 / West Point, NY 10996. They will notify your cadet via e-mail that it can be picked up.

The price of the saber is \$131. They also carry an oblong oak box that is pegged to hold the saber, lined with black velvet, for \$61.45.

◆ **Class Pistols**

Each year, the graduating class makes arrangements with a weapons manufacturer to produce a limited edition pistol for purchase by its members. The gun has markings denoting its status commemorating the class. It is sold at well below the normal retail value due to the buying power associated with a large purchase and no "middle man" profit.

Orders are normally taken toward the end of the first semester with delivery of the finished product in late spring. Recent changes in procedure now require direct shipment to a gun dealer near the cadet's home for a "local" delivery. This can add a small cost as a "handling charge" which is assessed by the local store. Of course, all local laws must be conformed with upon delivery. The local gun dealer will be aware of them and can assist with questions in that regard.

Information about the purchase is normally distributed to the class in November. Full details including description, cost, deadlines, and ordering procedure are provided. The cost is usually in the \$800 range. A substantial deposit, currently 50%, is required to place an order.

These class pistols might make appropriate graduation gifts. However, they must be ordered well in advance. Frequently cadets not purchasing the pistol for themselves would welcome this item as a fitting graduation present for a new Army officer! More information including specific details presented to the Firsties is broadcast on the parents' list servers when it becomes available.

◆ U.S. Flag

The flags that are flown over the U.S. Capitol can be obtained through your congressman or senator. There are several sizes available (3x5 is the most common), and you can get them in nylon or cotton. The cost of a 3'x5' cotton is \$14.01. After you call to order the flag, send your check to your congressman's office made out to: Your Congressman's name - Office Supply Account. You can select the day you want the flag to be flown. The flag will then be sent to you with a certificate stating it was flown over the capitol on that particular day.

◆ Silver Dollar

They call these coins "Silver Eagles." The coins are fine silver and have a "Walking Liberty" on one side and an eagle with stars on the other side. They come in a plastic sleeve. They are a beautiful coin. The cost per coin is about \$7.00. There is a \$2.00 shipping charge per order, so it might be cheaper if you consolidate your order from your club rather than each person ordering individually. Here is the information you will need to place an order. You can pay by Visa, MC or by personal check.

Coast to Coast Coins
5570 Sterret Place
Columbia, MD 21044

1-800-638-8869 MD phone 410-997-2223
24 hr Fax 1-410-997-7803

Military Calling Cards (business cards)

These can be ordered through the Association of Graduates Gift Shop at 1-800-426-4725.

◆ **Bicentennial Coins (United States Mint)** <http://www.usmint.gov>

2002 West Point Bicentennial Proof Silver Dollar in Presentation Case (W91)
\$33.00

2002 West Point Bicentennial Uncirculated Silver Dollar in Gift Box (W92)
\$30.00

➤ **100th Night**

On the Friday and Saturday close to 100 nights before graduation, the Firsties produce a show which is a parody of their four years at West Point. It is developed by the class and is the last time that they do something as a class before graduation. Many class members

participate and the skits recall the numerous events that have happened. Normally plebes and yearlings are allowed to attend only the Saturday night performance.

➤ **Ring Hop Weekend**

Ring Weekend is held in late August. The weekend's activities commemorate Firsties receiving class rings, a time honored occasion that dates back to 1835. The weekend starts on Friday afternoon with the Ring Ceremony. The Firsties march out by company onto the Plain in their India white uniforms. After the First Captain presents them to the Superintendent and Commandant, the class proceeds to the amphitheater behind Trophy Point's Battle Monument.

In a private ceremony, rings are passed out by TAC officers and NCOs. Following some appropriate remarks, the rings are all put on at the same time. Afterward, a mass of proud and smiling Firsties become the center of attention. There is a reception at Eisenhower Hall in the late afternoon to allow the rings to be admired by parents and friends. Cadets are free to leave immediately after the ceremony for the evening but are encouraged to join the reception and show off their new rings.

On Saturday evening, cadets and their dates assemble in Cadet Mess for the Ring Banquet. Afterward, the Firsties and their guests go to Eisenhower Hall for a hop. The Commandant and his wife greet each cadet and guest, photographers capture beaming couples on film in front of a large model of the ring, and everyone celebrates.

Information packets concerning the weekend are distributed to first class cadets early in August. Family and friends are welcome to attend all of the events; however, this is an activity for seniors so consider your cadet's wishes regarding your attendance. Only invited guests with reservations can be included at the banquet.

➤ **Summer Training...**

Usual options are Beast or Buckner detail, Airborne, Air Assault, CTLT and other lower density specialty training. Airborne School is at Ft. Benning, Georgia; Air Assault School is at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky or West Point; and CTLT is at one of the larger U.S. Army installations in the world.



FOOTBALL GAMES

2003 ARMY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	STADIUM	TIME
Sept. 6	CONNECTICUT	West Point, NY	1:00 PM
Sept. 13	RUTGERS	West Point, NY	3:30 PM
Sept. 20	TULANE*	West Point, NY	3:30 PM
Sept. 27	SOUTH FLORIDA*	West Point, NY	1:00 PM
Oct. 4	At TCU*	Fort Worth, TX	7:00 PM
Oct. 11	At Louisville*	Louisville, KY	3:00 PM
Oct. 18	EAST CAROLINA*	West Point, NY	1:00 PM
Oct. 25	at Cincinnati*	Cincinnati, OH	4:00 PM
Nov. 1	At UAB*	Birmingham, AL	4:00 PM
Nov. 8	At Air Force	USAFA, CO	2:00 PM
Nov. 15	HOUSTON*	West Point, NY	1:00 PM
Nov. 22	At Hawaii	Honolulu Hawaii	11:00 AM
Dec. 6	Vs. Navy	Philadelphia, PA	4:00 PM

*Conference USA Game

Home games at Michie Stadium

All times Central

Game times/dates subject to change

Away football game info can be located at:

www.aog.usma.edu/soc/football/awaygames.htm

It gives a list of the different hotels in each area, info on tailgate parties hosted by the local West Point Parents Club, and sometimes even directions how to get to the stadiums (such as Army-Navy game).

2003 Football Schedule:

[HTTP://GOARMYSPORTS.FANSONLY.COM/SPORTS/M-FOOTBL/SCHED/ARMY-M-FOOTBL-SCHED.HTML](http://goarmysports.fansonly.com/sports/m-footbl/sched/army-m-footbl-sched.html)

GIFTS

A multitude of West Point gifts can be found if you go through the Resources page of

<http://www.west-point.org/parent/parent-forum/links.html>

GRAPHICS

West Point pictures are available at

<http://www.west-point.org/parent/parent-forum/wallpaper.html>

HEALTH INSURANCE

The Almanac which is the publication that goes out to all new candidate parents, explains the Tri-care system.

Cadets who become ill or injured while on leave, pass or temporary duty (TDY) should go to a military treatment facility (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine, Coast Guard, or VA), if available within a reasonable distance. In the event of an emergency (life, limb, or eye saving), cadets should obtain medical care at the nearest facility (military or civilian).

Since the implementation of TRICARE in Region 1 (West Point), medical care for cadets has slightly changed. All cadets are required to carry a USMA Cadet Medical benefits card with information on the procedures to follow. Prior authorization is not required for Emergencies, but the Region 1 contractor must be notified at the toll free number, 888-999-5195, within 24 hours. The Acute Care Clinic at Keller Army Hospital must also be notified. The phone numbers are listed on the card provided to the cadets. The government will not pay for any medical or pharmacy care received in a civilian medical facility that is not an emergency or if prior authorization is not obtained. Only cadets who leave the academy because of an injury or illness suffered while on active duty may apply for medical care from the Veterans Administration. Cadets who resign or are separated from the academy for reasons other than injury or illness suffered while at West Point generally are not eligible for VA medical care.

If allowed by their health insurance carriers, parents may maintain health insurance coverage for their cadets. Doing so will ensure that if your son or daughter departs the academy for any reason, he or she will have no loss in medical insurance coverage. Some insurance carriers may not allow your cadet to remain on your policy because your cadet is a member of the active duty military.

IMPORTANT DATES (DUE TO INCREASED SECURITY REGARDING CADET ACTIVITIES MANY IMPORTANT DATES ARE NOT YET PUBLISHED.)

- ◆ Class of 2006 CFT Run Back from Buckner: Monday 12 August 2003
- ◆ Class of 2007 CBT Regiment returns ("March Back") from Lake Frederick: 0300, Wednesday, 13 August 2003
- ◆ Acceptance Day Parade starts at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, 16 August 2003 on the Plain

- ◆ Beginning of First Term: 18 August 2003
- ◆ Ring Hop Weekend for Class of 2004: Friday – Sunday, 22-24 August 2003
- ◆ Labor Day Weekend: Saturday – Monday, 30-1 August-September 2003
Cadets with pass privileges may depart after last duty Friday, 29 August, and must be present for the accountability formation, Monday 1 September 2003, 7 PM
- ◆ Yearlings make selection for Field of Study or Major: 7 October 2003
- ◆ Columbus Day Weekend: 10-13 October 2003
- ◆ Homecoming Weekend : 18 October 2003
- ◆ Plebe-Parent Weekend for the Class of 2007: Friday-Sunday, 10-12 October 2003s
- ◆ Thanksgiving Leave: Wednesday – Sunday, 26-30 November 2003
- ◆ Cadets may depart after last duty, Wednesday, 26 November 2003, and must be present for the accountability formation, Sunday, 1 November 2003, 7:00 PM
- ◆ Army/Navy Game, Philadelphia, PA: 6 December 2003
- ◆ Winter Leave: Saturday, 20 December 2003 through Sunday, 5 January 2004
Term end examinations (TEEs) 15-20 December 2003. Cadets may depart after last exam and must be present for the evening accountability formation, Monday, 5 January 2004, 7:00 PM.
- ◆ Kansas City Holiday Military Ball will be held this year on 27 December 2003. It is hosted by our parents' club and is held at the Marriott Crowne Plaza Hotel Ballroom in Kansas City, Missouri.
- ◆ Military Program Intersession: 6-17 January 2004.
- ◆ Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, no classes Monday, 19 January 2004. Cadets with pass privileges may depart after last duty Saturday, 17 January 2004, and must be present for the accountability formation, Monday, 19 January 2004, 7:00 PM
Cadets will use Sunday, 18 January 2004, as a make-up date for Intersession Term End Exams. Cadets in the Class of 2007 not taking a pass have walking privileges.
- ◆ Second Term Begins: 20 January 2003
- * 500th Night Weekend for Class of 2005: Friday – Sunday, 23 -25 January 2004
- ◆ Yearling Winter Weekend: Friday – Sunday, 30 January-1 February 2004
- ◆ President's Weekend: Saturday – Monday, 14-16 February 2004
Cadets with pass privileges may depart after last duty Friday, 13 February, and must be present for the accountability formation, Monday, 13 February, 7:00 PM
- ◆ 100th Night Weekend of Class of 2004: Friday – Sunday, 27-29 February 2004
- ◆ Spring Leave: Saturday – Monday, 12-21 March 2004

Cadets may depart on leave after last duty Saturday (Class Day), 12 March 2004 and must be present for the accountability formation Sunday, 21 March 2004, 7:00 PM

- ◆ Final Class Day, Second Term: 14 May 2004
- ◆ Term-End Exams: 17-22 May 2004
- ◆ Graduation for the Class of 2003: Saturday, 29 May 2004
- ◆ Summer leave begins immediately after Graduation. The Class of 2007 departs for Camp Buckner no earlier than 12:00 PM
- ◆ Friday, 18 June 2004 –5:00 PM (Tentative)
Class of 2007 returns to Camp Buckner from summer leave
- ◆ Saturday, 19 June 2004 (Tentative)
Cadet Field Training begins at Camp Buckner
- ◆ Monday, 28 June 2004
Cadet Basic Training begins for the Class of 2008

LEAVE, PASS, OPPS AND WALKING PRIVILEGES

➤ **Leave**

LEAVE is a vacation period scheduled for the entire Corps of Cadets at certain times during the year. The immediate Leave times that come to mind are Spring Break, Summer Class Leave following graduation, Thanksgiving Leave, and the Holiday (Christmas) Leave. These periods of time off are scheduled on the calendar for the year. While on Leave the cadet is authorized to leave West Point, to go where they want to go, wear civilian clothes, and return. The main point is that LEAVE is something that is scheduled on the calendar and pertains to the Corps of Cadets.

➤ **PASS**

A PASS is a privilege. A Pass must be granted. It is a reward to be earned. Cadets with no conflicting duties who have a Pass authorization, who have achieved satisfactory standards in all areas, and who have Tactical Officer approval may take a Pass.

Passes may be granted for a 1, 2, or 3 day period. Each class is authorized a certain number of passes per semester, as follows:

Cadet Officers: Unlimited (1st Class)
Cadet Sergeants: Four per semester (2nd Class)
Cadet Corporals: Two per semester (3rd Class)
Cadet Private First Class: **One per semester (4th Class)**
Cadet Private: One per semester (4th Class)

Cadets must request the pass privilege and must do so by signing up in the Company Pass Book. The Tactical Officer will review the names and will annotate written approval or disapproval by each name. The main point to remember about a PASS is that an individual decision is made by each cadet about when to use his/her PASS. In addition to the number of Passes granted by virtue of cadet rank, and listed above, cadets may also earn additional passes based on performance. Being designated "Soldier of the Quarter," for example, may be a reason to grant a cadet an additional pass. There are many other performance reasons that may earn a cadet additional passes.

➤ **OFF POST PRIVILEGES (OPPs)**

OFF POST PRIVILEGES (OPPs). The first (senior), second (junior) classes, and third class (sophomore) at West Point are granted OPPs during the year. The first class has unlimited OPPs each week, the second class has OPPs on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, and the third class has OPPs on Saturday. OPPs allow cadets to leave post at the completion of their duties. They must return that evening no later than Taps. Good judgment should be used in determining how far a cadet travels, but there is no set distance. No overnight privilege is extended with OPPs. Civilian clothes may be worn. Fourth class (plebes) are only allowed OPPs on very specific occasions, Plebe Parent Weekend (fourth class). Last year for Plebe Parent Weekend the fourth class was limited in travel to a maximum distance of seventy-five miles from West Point when taking OPPs. Plebes must remain in the duty uniform while signed out on OPPs.

➤ **WALKING PRIVILEGES**

WALKING PRIVILEGES. This is a smaller restricted area in the vicinity of West Point that generally includes the main post area and the communities of Highland Falls and Fort Montgomery. Boundary limits for Walking Privileges are:

North: Washington Gate at USMA and along Highway 218 to Highway 9W.

West: Highway 9W, except that cadets may visit establishments on the West side of Highway 9W that front directly on Highway 9W

East: The West bank of the Hudson River

South: Bear Mountain Traffic Circle, except that cadets may visit all of Bear Mountain State Park (which includes the Bear Mountain Inn) providing they are driven to this location).

Although specific times when cadets can exercise "Walking Privileges" are announced, the rules of thumb are that they can be exercised as follows:

- ◆ Non-Home Football Saturdays: 11 a.m. until 11 p.m.
- ◆ Saturdays of home football games: 6 p.m. until 11 p.m.
- ◆ Sunday: 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

One of the consequences of these arrangements is that by taking a motel in Highland Falls, your cadet will be able to visit in your motel room. However, this is not possible if you stay at the Hotel Thayer, since it is on the West Point grounds.

Although outside the boundaries of normal Walking Privileges, during Plebe Parent Weekend this year for members of the Class of 2004, Plebes will be allowed to travel to Round Pond (approximately 1 mile West of Highway 9W on State Highway 293). Plebes cannot walk to Round Pond but must be driven in an automobile. Plebes will also have to specifically sign out in their Cadet Company Orderly Room indicating that they will be visiting Round Pond during Walking Privileges. Further regulations concerning visiting Round Pond will be made available to the cadets prior to Plebe Parent Weekend.

Cadets are not authorized to be in civilian clothes when taking walking privileges and cadets must be back in their rooms each night at Taps.

When taking advantage of any of these privileges the cadet must sign out in the cadet company orderly room. When changing from one type of privilege to another, say from OPPs to Walking Privileges, the cadet must return, sign in, and then sign out again stating the appropriate type of privilege being used.

All of these (LEAVE, PASS, OFF POST PRIVILEGES, WALKING PRIVILEGES) are privileges granted to cadets which can be revoked for poor academic performance or for disciplinary reasons.

LODGING

Hotels, Motels Bed & Breakfasts...

Below is a listing of West Point area hotels, motels, and B&Bs. It may aid in obtaining reservations for upcoming events. The first group is arranged by name and the second by city.

914 area code unless otherwise noted...

Name / Type / City / Phone / Notes

American Budget Inns / H/M / Harriman / 783-3211

Andy's Farm House / B&B / Wallkill / 895-3440

Anthony Dobbins Stage Coach Inn / B&B / Goshen / 294-5526

Arrow Park, Inc. / H/M / Monro / 783-2044
 Avacar Motor Lodge / H/M / New Windsor / 562-4704
 Balmville Motel / H/M / W. Newburgh / 565-4949
 Bear Mtn. Bridge Motel / H/M / Fort Montgomery / 446-2472
 Bear Mtn. Inn / H/M / Bear Mountain / 786-2731
 Best Western / H/M / Goshen / 800-528-1234
 Best Western / H/M / Poughkeepsie / 462-4600 / 800-528-1234
 Best Western / H/M / Monticello / 796-4000 / 800-528-1234
 Best Western Nyack / H/M / Nyack / 358-8100 / 800-528-1234
 Best Western Palisades / H/M / Highland Falls / 446-9400 / 800-528-1234
 Blossom Farm Motel / H/M / Middletown / 795-2320
 Breezy Point Inn / H/M / Greenwood Lake / 477-8100
 Budget Inn / H/M / Liberty / 292-6620
 Bykenhulle House / B&B / Hopewell Junction / 221-4182
 Cadet Motel / H/M / Cornwall / 534-4595
 Castle at Tarrytown, The / H/M / Tarrytown / 631-1980
 Christianna Hotel / H/M / Highland Falls / 446-5798
 Comfort Inn / H/M / Nanuet / 623-6000
 Comfort Inn / H/M / Newburgh / 567-0567 / 365 day Max 800-228-5150
 Comfort Inn / H/M / Port Jervis / 856-6611 / 800-228-5150
 Concord Resort Hotel / H/M / Kiamesha Lake / 800-431-3850
 Country Meadows / B&B / Gardner / 895-1066
 Country Side Motel / H/M / Cold Spring / 265-2090
 Courtyard Marriott / H/M / Fishkill / 897-2400 / 800-321-2211
 Courtyard Marriott / H/M / Newburgh / 567-4800 / 48 wk. Max 800-321-2211
 Courtyard Marriott / H/M / Poughkeepsie / 485-6336 / 800-321-2211
 Courtyard Marriott / H/M / Tarrytown / 631-1122 / 800-321-2211
 Cromwell Manor Inn / B&B / Cornwall / 534-7136
 Danbury Hilton Towers / H/M / Danbury, CT / 203-794-0600
 Days Inn / H/M / Montgomery / 457-3163
 Days Inn / H/M / Poughkeepsie / 454-1010
 Days Inn / H/M / Middletown / 374-2411
 Days Inn / H/M / Newburgh / 564-7550
 Days Inn (Tanglewood Motel) / H/M / Wartsboro / 888-2727/2415
 Days Inn / H/M / New Windsor / 800-262-7073
 Daystop / H/M / New Windsor / 562-7661
 Deer Dale Motor Court / H/M / Port Jervis / 856-2635
 Diana's Hotel / H/M / Middletown / 341-0284
 Dorchester Motor Lodge / H/M / Poughkeepsie / 297-3757
 Econo Lodge of New Windor / H/M / Newburgh / 561-6620 / 800-553-2666
 Empty Nest B&B / B&B / New Windsor / 496-9263
 5 Star Hotel / H/M / West Point / 938-6816
 Fonte's Motel / H/M / New Windsor / 561-7570
 Friendship Inn / H/M / Monticello / 794-4700
 Garden Cathay / H/M / Plattekill / 564-3220
 Gino's Motel & Luncheonette / H/M / Middletown / 343-7820

Glenwood House, The / B&B / Pine Island / 258-5066
 Global Budget Inns of America / H/M / New Hampton / 374-3020
 Global Budget Inns of America / H/M / Middletown / 374-6040
 Globe Hotel / H/M / Middletown / 341-1262
 Golden Manner Motel / H/M / Hyde Park / 229-2157
 Green Valley Motel / H/M / Marlboro / 562-7700
 Greenwood Country Motel / H/M / Greenwood Lake / 477-0700
 Hampton Inn / H/M / Newburgh / 567-9100 / 8 mos. Max. Advance
 Hampton Inn / H/M / Fishkill / 896-4000
 Harriman Motor Inn / H/M / Central Valley / 928-2266
 Harvest Inn Motel / H/M / Pine Bash / 744-5700
 Havarest Motel / H/M / Newburgh / 565-7330
 Heritage Motel / H/M / Middletown / 361-1211
 Hilton of Tarrytown / H/M / Tarrytown / 631-5700
 Holiday Inn Express/ H/M / Fort Montgomery / 800-465-4329/ 845-446-4277
 Holiday Inn / H/M / Middletown / 342-1474 / 800-465-4329
 Holiday Inn / H/M / Suffern / 357-4800 / 800-465-4329
 Holiday Inn / H/M / Newburgh / 564-9020 / 800-465-4329
 Holiday Inn Express / H/M / Poughkeepsie / 473-1151 / 800-465-4329
 Holiday Inn / H/M / Fishkill / 896-6281 / 800-465-4329
 Hotel Thayer / H/M / West Point / 446-4731 / 800-247-5047
 Howard Johnson / H/M / East Middletown / 342-5822
 Howard Johnson / H/M / Newburgh / 564-4000
 Imperial 400 Motel / H/M / Newburgh / 565-3400
 In at 40 Oakland / B&B / Warwick / 987-8269
 James' Motel / H/M / Monroe / 783-9651
 Jeronimo Farm / H/M / Bloomingburg / 733-1219
 Jeronimo Farm / H/M / Walker Valley / 733-5652
 Knight's Inn / H/M / Newburgh / 562-6170
 Lake Ann CC Hotel & Apts. / H/M / Monroe / 783-6575
 Lakewood Manor Inn / B&B / Bloomingburg / 733-1161
 Lighton Electric Inc. / H/M / West Point / 446-4168
 Marlo Inn / H/M / Marlboro / 236-7085
 Marriott Courtyard / H/M / Newburgh / 567-4800
 Marriott Hotel / H/M / Saddle Brook, NJ / 800-228-9290
 Marriott Hotel / H/M / Park Ridge, NJ / 800-228-9290
 Marriott Residence Inn / H/M / Fishkill / 896-5210 / 800-228-2100
 Middle Hope Motel / H/M / Newburgh / 561-0541
 Middletown Motel / H/M / Middletown / 342-2535
 Morgan House / B&B / Newburgh / 561-8806
 Murphy's Park Inn / H/M / Greenwood Lake / 477-8519
 National Hotel / H/M / Montgomery / 457-9590 /
 New Continental Hotel / H/M / Greenwood Lake / 477-2456
 Olde Post Inn / H/M / Cold Spring / 265-2510
 Orange Inn / H/M / Goshen / 294-5144
 Orange Lakes Motel / H/M / Newburgh / 564-1770

Palisade Motel / H/M / Highland Falls / 446-9400
 Peach Grove Inn / B&B / Warwick / 986-7411
 Pearl River Hilton / H/M / Pearl River / 735-9000
 Peekskill Inn / H/M / Peekskill / 739-1500
 Pig Hill / H/M / Cold Spring / 265-9247
 Point of View B&B / B&B / Campbl Hall / 294-6259
 Pointer's Echo Motel / H/M / Highland Falls / 446-2696
 Ramada Inn / H/M / Newburgh / 564-4500
 Ramada Inn / H/M / Mahwah, NJ / 800-228-2828
 Rhoda Court Motel / H/M / Newburgh / 562-7477
 Ridgebury Inn & Hunt Club B&B / B&B / Slate Hill / 355-4868
 Roosevelt Inn / H/M / Hyde Park / 229-2443
 Roscoe House, The / B&B / Monro / 782-0442
 Sheraton Civic Center / H/M / Poughkeepsie / 485-5300
 Sheraton Crossroads / H/M / Mahwah, NJ / 201-529-1660
 Spruce Lodge / H/M / Montgomery / 564-1830
 Sunset Knolls Motel / H/M / Wappingers Falls / 297-3149
 Super 8 Motel / H/M / East Middletown / 692-5828
 Super 8 Motel / H/M / Hyde Park / 229-0088
 Super 8 Motel / H/M / Middletown / 692-5828
 Super 8 Motel / H/M / Montgomery / 457-3143 or 800-800-8000
 Super 8 Motel / H/M / Newburgh / 564-5700 / 800-800-8000
 Susse Chalet Hotel / H/M / Spring Valley, NY / 426-2000
 Tarrytown House / H/M / Tarrytown / 591-8200
 Three Rock B&B / B&B / Cold Spring / 265-2330
 Toulon-Sapicourt / B&B / Montgomery / 457-5770
 Trading Post Hotel / H/M / Highland Falls / 446-3442
 US Academy Motel / H/M / Highland Falls / 446-2021
 Village Victorian / B&B / Cold Spring / 265-9159 /
 Warwick Motel / H/M / Warwick / 986-4822 / 888-892-7942
 Warwick Valley B&B / B&B / Warwick / 987-7255
 Wellesley Inn / H/M / Fishkill / 896-4995 / 800-444-8888
 West Point Motel / H/M / Highland Falls / 446-4180
 Westchester Marriott / H/M / Tarrytown / 631-2200
 Windsor Motel / H/M / New Windsor / 562-7777
 Woodcliff Lake Hilton / H/M / Woodcliff Lake, NJ / 201-391-3600

Sorted by City:

(Some of these have distances noted. However, if the motel is 5 miles away, it will take longer than 5 minutes to get to West Point in most cases); i.e., Woodcliff Lake, NJ, is only 27 miles away, but it takes 40-45 minutes to get to West Point.

City / Name / Type / Phone / Notes

Bear Mountain / Bear Mtn. Inn / H/M / 786-2731

Bloomingsburg / Jeronimo Farm / H/M / 733-1219
Bloomingsburg / Lakewood Manor Inn / B&B / 733-1161
Campbl Hall / Point of View B&B / B&B / 294-6259
Central Valley / Gasho Inn / H&M / 928-2387 / 11 miles away
Central Valley / Harriman Motor Inn / H/M / 928-2266 / 10 miles away
Cold Spring / Country Side Motel / H/M / 265-2090
Cold Spring / Olde Post Inn / H/M / 265-2510 / 18 miles away
Cold Spring / Pig Hill / B&B / 265-9247 / 5 miles away
Cold Spring / Three Rock B&B / B&B / 265-2330
Cold Spring / Village Victorian / B&B / 265-9159
Cornwall / Cadet Motel / H/M / 534-4595 / 7 miles away
Cornwall / Cromwell Manor Inn / B&B / 534-7136
Cornwall-on-Hudson / Cornwall Inn / H/M / 534-2212 / 8 miles away
Crown-on-Hudson / Watergate Motel / H/M / 271-4322 / 12 miles away
Danbury, CT / Danbury Hilton Towers / H/M / 203-794-0600
East Middletown / Howard Johnson / H/M / 342-5822
East Middletown / Super 8 Motel / H/M / 692-5828
Fishkill / Courtyard Marriott / H/M / 897-2400 / 800-321-2211
Fishkill / Hampton Inn / H/M / 896-4000
Fishkill / Holiday Inn / H/M / 896-6281 / 800-465-4329 / 21 miles away
Fishkill / Marriott Residence Inn / H/M / 896-5210 / 800-228-2100
Fishkill / Wellesley Inn / H/M / 896-4995 / 800-444-8888
Fort Montgomery / Bear Mtn. Bridge Motel / H/M / 446-2472
Fort Montgomery / Holiday Inn Express / H/M / 800-465-4329/845-446-4277
Fort Montgomery / Trading Post Hotel / H/M / 446-3442
Gardner / Country Meadows / B&B / 895-1066
Garrison-on-Hudson / The Bird and Bottle Inn / H/M / 424-3000 / 12 miles away
Goshen / Anthony Dobbins Stage Coach Inn / B&B / 294-5526
Goshen / Best Western / H/M / 800-528-1234
Goshen / Orange Inn / H/M / 294-5144
Greenwood Lake / Breezy Point Inn / H/M / 477-8100
Greenwood Lake / Greenwood Country Motel / H/M / 477-0700
Greenwood Lake / Murphy's Park Inn / H/M / 477-8519
Greenwood Lake / New Continental Hotel / H/M / 477-2456
Harriman / American Budget Inns / H/M / 783-3211 / 15 miles away
Highland Falls / Best Western Palisades / H/M / 446-9400 / 800-528-1234
Highland Falls / Christianna Hotel / H/M / 446-5798
Highland Falls / Palisade Motel / H/M / 446-9400
Highland Falls / Pointer's Echo Motel / H/M / 446-2696
Highland Falls / US Academy Motel / H/M / 446-2021
Highland Falls / West Point Motel / H/M / 446-4180
Hopewell Junction / Bykenhulle House / B&B / 221-4182
Hyde Park / Golden Manner Motel / H/M / 229-2157
Hyde Park / Roosevelt Inn / H/M / 229-2443
Hyde Park / Super 8 Motel / H/M / 229-0088
Kiamesha Lake / Concord Resort Hotel / H/M / 800-431-3850

Liberty / Budget Inn / H/M / 292-6620
 Mahwah, NJ / Ramada Inn / H/M / 800-228-2828
 Mahwah, NJ / Sheraton Crossroads / H/M / 201-529-1660
 Marlboro / Green Valley Motel / H/M / 562-7700
 Marlboro / Marlo Inn / H/M / 236-7085
 Middlehope / Ka-Jaz Motel / H/M / 562-7700 / 14 miles away
 Middletown / Blossom Farm Motel / H/M / 795-2320
 Middletown / Days Inn / H/M / 374-2411
 Middletown / Diana's Hotel / H/M / 341-0284
 Middletown / Gino's Motel & Luncheonette / H/M / 343-7820
 Middletown / Global Budget Inns of America / H/M / 374-6040
 Middletown / Globe Hotel / H/M / 341-1262
 Middletown / Heritage Motel / H/M / 361-1211
 Middletown / Holiday Inn / H/M / 342-1474 / 800-465-4329
 Middletown / Middletown Motel / H/M / 342-2535
 Middletown / Super 8 / H/M / 692-5828
 Monroe / Arrow Park, Inc. / H/M / 783-2044
 Monroe / James' Motel / H/M / 783-9651 / 21 miles
 Monroe / Lake Ann CC Hotel & Apts. / H/M / 783-6575
 Monroe / Roscoe House, The / B&B / 782-0442
 Montgomery / Days Inn / H/M / 457-3163
 Montgomery / National Hotel / H/M / 457-9590
 Montgomery / Spruce Lodge / H/M / 564-1830
 Montgomery / Super 8 Motel / H/M / 457-3143 or 800-800-8000
 Montgomery / Toulon-Sapicourt / B&B / 457-5770
 Monticello / Best Western / H/M / 796-4000 / 800-528-1234
 Monticello / Friendship Inn / H/M / 794-4700
 Montvale, NJ / Ramada Inn / H/M / 201-391-7700 / 25 miles away
 Nanuet / Comfort Inn / H/M / 623-6000
 New Hampton / Global Budget Inns of America / H/M / 374-3020
 New Windsor / Avacar Motor Lodge / H/M / 562-4704
 New Windsor / Days Inn / H/M / 800-262-7073
 New Windsor / Daystop / H/M / 562-7661
 New Windsor / Econo Lodge / 561-6620 / 8 miles away
 New Windsor / Empty Nest B&B / B&B / 496-9263
 New Windsor / Fonte's Motel / H/M / 561-9869 / 9 miles away
 New Windsor / Windsor Motel / H/M / 562-7661 / 8 miles away
 Newburgh / Balmville Motel / H/M / 565-4949 / 16 miles away
 Newburgh / Comfort Inn / H/M / 567-0567 / 365 day Max 800-228-5150
 Newburgh / Courtyard Marriott / H/M / 567-4800 / 48 wk. Max 800-321-2211
 Newburgh / Days Inn / H/M / 564-7550 / 12 miles away
 Newburgh / Econo Lodge of New Windor / H/M / 561-6620 / 800-553-2666
 Newburgh / Hampton Inn / H/M / 567-9100 / 8 mos. Max. Advance
 Newburgh / Havarest Motel / H/M / 565-7330 / 14 miles away
 Newburgh / Holiday Inn / H/M / 564-9020 / 800-465-4329 / 13 miles away
 Newburgh / Howard Johnson / H/M / 564-4000 / 13 miles away

Newburgh / Imperial 400 Motel / H/M / 565-3400 / 14 miles away
 Newburgh / Knight's Inn / H/M / 562-6170
 Newburgh / Marriott Courtyard / H/M / 567-4800
 Newburgh / Middlehope Motel / H/M / 561-0541
 Newburgh / Morgan House / B&B / 561-8806
 Newburgh / Orange Lakes Motel / H/M / 564-1770
 Newburgh / Ramada Inn / H/M / 564-4500 / 12 miles away
 Newburgh / Rhoda Court Motel / H/M / 562-7477 / 14 miles away
 Newburgh / Super 8 Motel / H/M / 564-5700 / 800-800-8000/ 13 miles away
 Nyack / Best Western Nyack / H/M / 358-8100 / 800-528-1234 / 25 miles away
 Park Ridge, NJ / Marriott Hotel / H/M / 800-228-9290
 Pearl River / Pearl River Hilton / H/M / 735-9000
 Peekskill / Peekskill Inn / H/M / 739-1500 / 8 miles away
 Peekskill / Town Lyne Motel / H/M / 737-8202 / 12 miles away
 Pine Bash / Harvest Inn Motel / H/M / 744-5700
 Pine Island / Glenwood House, The / B&B / 258-5066
 Plattekill / Garden Cathay / H/M / 564-3220
 Port Jervis / Comfort Inn / H/M / 856-6611 / 800-228-5150
 Port Jervis / Deer Dale Motor Court / H/M / 856-2635
 Poughkeepsie / Best Western / H/M / 462-4600 / 800-528-1234
 Poughkeepsie / Courtyard Marriott / H/M / 485-6336 / 800-321-2211
 Poughkeepsie / Days Inn / H/M / 454-1010
 Poughkeepsie / Dorchester Motor Lodge / H/M / 297-3757
 Poughkeepsie / Holiday Inn Express / H/M / 473-1151 / 800-465-4329
 Poughkeepsie / Sheraton Civic Center / H/M / 485-5300
 Saddle Brook, NJ / Marriott Hotel / H/M / 800-228-9290
 Slate Hill / Ridgebury Inn & Hunt Club B&B / B&B / 355-4868
 Southfields / Tuxedo Motel / H/M / 351-4747 / 15 miles away
 Spring Valley / Susse Chalet Hotel / H/M / 426-2000 / 30 minutes away
 Stony Point / Stony Point Motel / H/M / 942-0681/ 800-523-8384 / 15 miles away
 Suffern / Holiday Inn / H/M / 357-4800 / 800-465-4329 / 23 miles away
 Tarrytown / Castle at Tarrytown / H/M / 631-1980
 Tarrytown / Courtyard Marriott / H/M / 631-1122 / 800-321-2211
 Tarrytown / Hilton of Tarrytown / H/M / 631-5700
 Tarrytown / Tarrytown House / H/M / 591-8200
 Tarrytown / Westchester Marriott / H/M / 631-2200
 Walker Valley / Jeronimo Farm / H/M / 733-5652
 Wallkill / Andy's Farm House / B&B / 895-3440
 Wappingers Falls / Sunset Knolls Motel / H/M / 297-3149
 Wartsboro / Days Inn (Tanglewood Motel) / H/M / 888-2727/2415
 Warwick / Inn at 40 Oakland / B&B / 987-8269
 Warwick / Peach Grove Inn / B&B / 986-7411
 Warwick / Warwick Motel / H/M / 986-4822 / 888-892-7942
 Warwick / Warwick Valley B&B / B&B / 987-7255 / 888-280-1671
 West Nyack / Nyack Motor Lodge / H/M / 358-4100 / 24 miles away
 West Point / 5 Star Hotel / H/M/ 938-6816

West Point / Hotel Thayer / H/M / 446-4731 / 800-247-5047
West Point / Lighton Electric Inc. / H/M / 446-4168
Woodcliff Lake, NJ / Woodcliff Lake Hilton/ H/M / 201-391-3600 / 27 miles away
Yorktown Heights / Yorktown Motor Lodge / H/M / 243-4000 / 14 miles away

In the past, the following people in Highland Falls are willing to let out rooms for graduation.

Ann Marie Scott	845-446-5479 (five rooms)	NERO5202@aol.com
Joe D'Onofrio	845-446-3828	
Curt Brewer	845-446-4323	
Joshua Brewer	845-446-1107(H)	845-446-2424(W)
Joe Galu	845-446-3074	
Maple Galu	845-446-3829	
Natalie Hazell	845-446-2305(H)	845-446-1576 (W)
	Yn0132@usma.edu	or Nshzhill@juno.com

Entire home to let.

Dawn & John Giordano 914-446-2424 (Dawn at work)

For the graduating class, now is the time to get reservations! Following is info on the motels as provided to us. This is only meant to be used as a guide. Please check with the hotel for complete information.

<u>CITY</u>	<u>MOTEL</u>	<u>DEPOSIT REQUIRED</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DATE RESERV.</u>	<u>ROOM FEE</u>
Bear Mt.	Bear Mountain Inn	Y	full	wed-sun 1 yr, waiting list early	\$110/rm for 2, \$10 each extra person
Central Valley	Harriman Motor Inn	Y	full	3 nights 1 /1 of grad yr by phone	\$70
Cornwall	Cadet Motel	Y	\$100/rm 4 nights	1 year	2 full size beds \$69
Cornwall	Manor Inn	Y	card 6 nights	no info	135-165 (***) hotel)
Cornwall-on Hudson	Painters Inn	Y	50%	none 1 year	\$100 (7 rooms)
Fishkill	Marriot Courtyard	N	N/A	50 WKS	139/KING 149/ DBL 169/ SUITE
Fishkill	Holiday Inn	Y	full cost? Will Know May 2001	?	?
Fort Montgomery	Holiday Inn Express	N	N/A	1 year	est. 149/night
Highland Falls	West Point Motel	Y	\$250/rm 5 nights	PPW Plebe yr	\$125
New Windsor	Windsor motel	Y	150./rm 5 nights	Now for '00,'01,'02	99 2pr/1bd, 119 2pr/2bd 15/ex pr
Newburgh	Days Inn	Y	rm and tax 1 night 3 night	1 yr	TBA when res accepted
Newburgh	Hampton Inn	Y	3 night	53 wks	est 160/night
Peekskill	Peekskill Inn	Y	1 night rm and tax 4 nights	1 yr(1 wk after grad)	90-120 night
Middletown	Middletown Motel	Y	?	1 Jan of the year of grad.	139/KING 149/ DBL 169/ SUITE

MAIL

West Point has two zip codes. 10996 is used for all mail except that for cadets' P.O. Boxes. 10997 is used "only" for mail addressed to cadets' P.O. Boxes. Some parents have experienced extra charges from Federal Express when using the 10997 zip. Therefore, it is wise to use the 10996 address when sending material via an express carrier!

If a street address is insisted upon, the following can be used:

Cadet's Name & Year
Academic Year Company
c/o Central Guard Room, USMA
Building 745C
West Point, NY 10996

The preferred solution is to use the Postal Service's Priority mail which can be sent directly to a Box Number.

MASTER SCHEDULE

The Master Schedule for the academic year can be found at
<http://webdata.usma.army.mil/mastersc/app/rtrv.stm>

*Due to recent increased security regarding cadet activities, this site may not reflect the entire schedule.

MILITARY INSTALLATIONS

Cadets possess military ID cards that authorize them to use U.S. military facilities throughout the world. Major military facilities typically contain medical, dental, eye clinics, and hospitals. They also have the following: post exchange (PX) or base exchange (BX), like a department store; Commissary (grocery store); Shoppette (like a mini-mart); gas station, barber shop, beauty shop, dry cleaning and military clothing store.

The four major military installations in our general area are:

Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas - 15 miles west of I-29 and Platte City, Missouri

Ft. Riley, Kansas - on I-70 west of Manhattan, Kansas

Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri - on I-44, east of Springfield, Missouri

Whiteman Air Force Base, Knob Noster, Missouri, near Warrensburg, Missouri

PARADES

Reviews prior to home football games normally are held 3 hours prior to kick-off. Some games have been moved up to accommodate TV and the review will be an hour earlier.

2002-2003 CADET REVIEW SCHEDULE (Can confirm schedule next year at <http://www.usma.edu/uscc/corpsocdts/cdtreviewschedule.htm>)

- Saturday, 16 August 2003, Class of 2007 Acceptance Day Parade
10:00 AM Brigade
- Saturday, 6 September 2003, Army vs UConn 10:00 AM
- Saturday, 13 September 2003, Army vs Rutgers 11:30 AM
- Saturday, 20 September 2003, Army vs Tulane, 11:30 AM
- Saturday, 27 September 2003 Army vs South Florida
- Wednesday, 3 October 2003, Thayer Award 5:00 PM, Brigade
- Saturday, 11 October 2003, Plebe Parent Weekend, Class of 2007
11:30 AM
- Saturday, 18 October, 2003, Home Coming Football Game Review vs East Carolina
Brigade 10:00 AM.
- Wednesday, 29 October, 2003, Fall Retiree Review
10:00 AM.
- Saturday, November 2003, Army vs Air Force
10:00 AM
- Friday, 28 May 2004, Superintendent's Award Review
11:00 AM.
- Saturday, May 31, 2004, Graduation Parade
10:30 AM. Brigade

PET BOARDING WHILE AT WEST POINT

Morgan Farms is now open to the General Public. Formerly the USMA stables were only available to army personnel. The stable is near Highland Falls High School, a few miles south of West Point. They offer trail rides, horseback riding lessons, boarding of horses and most importantly to traveling West Point families, boarding of cats and dogs. The number for info is 914-938-3926. It's a good idea to check with them before traveling since I believe they have requirements regarding shots, etc.

PICNIC AREAS

There are some excellent picnic spots at West Point.

- ◆ South Dock area, and the South Athletic Fields, below Thayer Hall on the river level.
- ◆ Buffalo Soldier Field (by Thayer Gate) has some areas surrounding it that have nice shade trees.
- ◆ Lusk Reservoir across from Michie Stadium has some nice areas.
- ◆ Down by the river at Shea Stadium provides out of the way areas to picnic.
- ◆ There are small picnic areas all over the main post area -- look for shaded area with a nice place to sit and good views -- some by the hospital -- just don't go into housing areas.
- ◆ If you don't need a table, then Trophy Point is lovely and you could sit on the grass. There are a few benches out there, too.

Printers

Cadets do NOT have to have a printer. They are networked to the company printer, and to every other printer in everybody else's room, including their roommate(s). Sharing a printer by contributing to paper cost/cartridges/toner is a realistic possibility.

Buying from the bookstore is a no brainer. No sales tax, no mailing cost, no chance of damage, no chance of incompatibility, proper supplies guaranteed in stock, etc. The PX will have a truckload of printers on the floor at the start of the academic year. But as New

Cadets are NOT permitted to possess a printer prior to ReOrgy Week, the timing is critical. Low stress, low hassle is the key, and for that the Bookstore is the best.

Unless your cadet is a certified computer guru, and you trust your cadet to do the necessary without benefit of your telephone assistance or participation, do not purchase ANY other printer unless you know it is compatible with his/her computer system's latest version of Windows NT. There are some printers on the market, especially from HP, which are Windows 95/98 compatible only, and there are NO drivers for these printers available from HP, and none planned. In recent years printers have been available to cadets through the Bookstore. If you go with your cadet for R-day the Bookstore allows parents to order printers.

PUBLICATIONS

➤ **Pointer View**

POINTER VIEW is published weekly and has many interesting articles about different aspects of cadet life, cadet sports, interviews with cadets, etc. Subscription orders should be addressed to <http://www.pointerview.com/>

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West Point, N.Y. 10996
Comm. (845) 938-3883

A one year's subscription, including mail deliver, is \$60 payable by check. They do not take credit cards. For questions, and to obtain an order form, visit their website at [<www.ccipvscan.com>](http://www.ccipvscan.com) or call (914) 561-7500. Back issues of the newspaper are available from a stock maintained by the printer until they run out. Contact the above references to determine if desired issues are available.

If your cadet appears in any of the Pointer View's many pictures, you can request the original photo by sending an e-mail to [<yi9121@exmail.usma.army.mil>](mailto:yi9121@exmail.usma.army.mil). USMA's Pointer View staff will honor your request based upon availability. They make a limited number of copies of the photos, but they will gladly provide one for you if it is in stock.

The web page address for the paper is - <http://www.usma.army.mil/publicaffairs/PV/>

➤ **Gray-Matter...**

Gray-Matter seeks to keep you informed of recent events at West Point in a brief, weekly e-mail newsletter written by local journalist talent. Subjects covered are wide-ranging but always focused on the interests of cadet and Association members.

Anyone can receive Gray Matter by sending a message to join-gray-matter@mail.aog.usma.edu

PUBLICITY

For information on how to get the word out about your Cadet's achievements, go to

http://www.usma.army.mil/PublicAffairs/helpful_information.htm

Scroll down to: Getting the Word Out About Cadet Achievements

RESTAURANTS

Schades. 54 Main Street, Highland Falls 914-446-2626

The Park. 53 Main Street, Highland Falls 914-446-8709

The restaurants listed below are all outside the walking privilege area; however, they all rank high on our list and are among the best restaurants within easy driving distance of West Point.

Gasho Japanese Steakhouse. One of the cadets' favorites...authentic reassembled Japanese steakhouse - excellent food, excellent service and entertainment also. Reservations are suggested.

Address is: Route 32, Central Valley, NY 10917. Phone 914-928-2387.

Schlesinger's Steakhouse. One of the cadets' favorites...great steaks, great seafood, hearty portions, good prices. Reservations are suggested.

Address is: 293 Temple Hill Road, New Windsor, NY 12553. Phone 914-561-1762

Rainbow Restaurant. It is excellent Northern Italian cuisine, huge portions, excellent service. Reservations can be made the day before.

Address is: 16 Route 17M, Monroe, NY 10950. Phone 914-783-2670.

The Lakeview House. House on the Lake converted into a quiet, unique restaurant. Perfect for that special occasion. Reservations are recommended.

Address is: 205 Lakeside Rd, Newburgh. Phone 914-566-7100

Bella Rose Ristorante. 9W, Cold Springs (Italian). Phone 914-265-7837

The Blue Heron. 631 Route 17K, Montgomery. Phone 914-567-0111
(voted best in Hudson Valley) 4*

Cosimos. Just a little south of the Hampton Inn on SR 300. It is a lovely, contemporary Italian restaurant with delicious food and reasonable prices.

Food gift certificates or credit accounts can be set up for your cadet as gifts during the academic year. These places vary in whether they deliver to West Point, have take out, etc., so call these places and see what they offer – all services may not be available at all places. All have area code 914...until later this year.

Schades - 446-2626

McDonald's – 446-4935

Dong Fong Chinese Restaurant – 446-0763

West Point Pizza and Restaurant – 446-5544

Highland Falls Market (sandwiches, soups, salad, chili, desserts) – 446-3992

New World Kitchen Chinese – 446-8000

Brothers Pizza – 443-4988

Park Restaurant – 446-8709

The Ice Cream Shoppe – 446-2380

Chewens' Sub & Sandwich Shop – 446-SUBS

Country Kitchen Café – 446-1111

Nicole's – 446-4729

SHOPPING (IN THE AREA)

Cadets often like to get away from West Point to shop.

Central Valley has one of the largest (220 stores) and most famous Shopping Outlets in the World - it's called Woodbury Common Outlets. People from all over the world travel to shop here. Take Highway 293 out of Highland Falls; follow the signs for Central Valley. Highway 293 turns into Highway 6. Take the exit for Highway 32 (you will see the outlet from the road). It is about a 15 minute drive.

About 25 miles SOUTH of West Point is the Nanuet Mall. The exit off of the Palisades Parkway is marked MIDDLETOWN ROAD. At the exit, make a left, go one block to the traffic light. Make a right and then go about two miles and the mall will be in front of you. The mall is actually located at the intersection of Middletown Road and Route 59.

If you travel about 6 miles EAST on route 59 you will come to another mall.

This is the Pyramid Mall which just opened recently. Several large stores are open (Lord and Taylor, BJ Warehouse, etc), but so far very few of the small stores are open. This is going to be the second LARGEST mall in the US. Aren't we lucky??

All along Route 59 there are strip malls, restaurants and the like. ENJOY!

Also, you can call the Orange County Tourism Bureau at 914-291-2136 (fax is same but 2135, <http://www.orangetourism.org>). They will send you a booklet that has a great area map and includes restaurants, hotels, BB, malls--even birdwatching, ballooning and golfing. It is a great reference.

Telephone Numbers

845 area code will serve the Hudson Valley and Catskill Region. This includes Putnam, Dutchess, Orange, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster and a small part of Columbia, Delaware and Greene counties.

Under a Public Service Commission directive, Westchester County will keep its existing 914 area code. Other counties in the Hudson Valley and Catskill Region currently served by 914 will be assigned the new 845 area code. All customers will keep their 7-digit telephone numbers.

➤ **Emergency telephone numbers**

On the Parent Forum web site:

<http://www.west-point.org/parent/parent-forum/>

Select the RESOURCES link

From that page, see "IMPORTANT USMA PHONE NUMBERS" under USMA LINKS.

That takes you to the phone numbers for every living soul at WP :-)

All phones at USMA can be found in the on-line phone book at:

http://www.usma.edu/guide_page/agencies_phone.htm#F

under "C" COMMANDANT OF CADETS, OFFICE OF UNITED STATES CORPS OF CADETS scroll down..... you will find.....

(I'll put them below for our members who do not have web access)

All Army installation guest houses – 1-800-GOARMY1

Brigade Tactical Department (MACC-O)

Brigade Tactical Officer 938-6005

Brigade Executive Officer 938-6004

Secretary to the BTO 938-4343

Regulations & Discipline (MACC-O-RD)

Discipline Officer 938-5185

Discipline Assistant 938-3204

Center for Personal Development (MACC-O-CPD)(720)

Director of CPD 938-3022

Clinical Director 938-2360

Counselor 938-3327

Brigade Tactical Department Operations

Operations Officer 938-6004

Assistant Operations Officer 938-6004

First Regt HQ (MACC-O-1)

Regt Tactical Officer 938-2901

Regt Executive Officer 938-2904

Regt Admin Supervisor 938-4117

A1 Co Tac Off (751) 938-2613

A1 Co Tac NCO (751) 938-3190

A1 Orderly Room (751) 938-2663

B1 Co Tac Off (751) 938-2905

B1 Co Tac NCO (751) 938-5004

B1 Orderly Room (751) 938-3238

C1 Co Tac Off (751) 938-3803

C1 Co Tac NCO (751) 938-2125

C1 Orderly Room (751) 938-2897

D1 Co Tac Off (602) 938-3603

D1 Co Tac NCO (602) 938-4555

D1 Orderly Room (602) 938-3033

E1 Co Tac Off (602) 938-2903

E1 Co Tac NCO (602) 938-2102

E1 Orderly Room (602) 938-2391

F1 Co Tac Off (602) 938-3307

F1 Co Tac NCO (602) 938-2551

F1 Orderly Room (602) 938-2944

G1 Co Tac Off (740) 938-2408

G1 Co Tac NCO (740) 938-4853

G1 Orderly Room (740) 938-4330

H1 Co Tac Off (740) 938-2427

H1 Co Tac NCO (740) 938-2195

H1 Orderly Room (740) 938-3260

Second Regt HQ (MACC-O-2)

Regt Tactical Officer 938-3706

Regt Executive Officer 938-2623

Regt Admin Supervisor 938-2623

A2 Co Tac Off (756) 938-2725

A2 Co Tac NCO (756) 938-4830

A2 Orderly Room (756) 938-3570

B2 Co Tac Off (756) 938-4119

B2 Co Tac NCO (756) 938-3750

B2 Orderly Room (756) 938-4431

C2 Co Tac Off (756) 938-2622

C2 Co Tac NCO (756) 938-3043

C2 Orderly Room (756) 938-3761

D2 Co Tac Off (756) 938-3643

D2 Co Tac NCO (756) 938-5444

D2 Orderly Room (756) 938-3293

E2 Co Tac Off (756) 938-2824

E2 Co Tac Off (756) 938-2421

E2 Orderly Room (756) 938-3195

F2 Co Tac Off (756) 938-3108

F2 Co Tac NCO (756) 938-3962

F2 Orderly Room (756) 938-3556

G2 Co Tac Off (751) 938-2528

G2 Co Tac NCO (751) 938-2196

G2 Orderly Room (756) 938-2983

H2 Co Tac Off (756) 938-2620

H2 Co Tac NCO (756) 938-3557

H2 Orderly Room (756) 938-3285

Third Regt HQ (MACC-O-3)

Regt Tactical Officer 938-4402
Regt Executive Officer 938-4405
Regt Admin Supervisor 938-4409
A3 Co Tac Off (745C) 938-3501
A3 Co Tac NCO (745C) 938-3935
A3 Orderly Room (745C) 938-2962
B3 Co Tac Off (745C) 938-3302
B3 Co Tac NCO (745C) 938-2823
B3 Orderly Room (745C) 938-3236
C3 Co Tac Off (745C) 938-2101
C3 Co Tac NCO (745C) 938-2694
C3 Orderly Room (745C) 938-2664
D3 Co Tac Off (745C) 938-2619
D3 Co Tac NCO (745C) 938-3289
D3 Orderly Room (745C) 938-2763
E3 Co Tac Off (745C) 938-4877
E3 Co Tac NCO (745C) 938-4116
E3 Orderly Room (745C) 938-2466
F3 Co Tac Off (745D) 938-2902
F3 Co Tac NCO (745D) 938-2089
F3 Orderly Room (745D) 938-5476
G3 Co Tac Off (745D) 938-2827
G3 Co Tac NCO (745D) 938-4393
G3 Orderly Room (745D) 938-3085
H3 Co Tac Off (745D) 938-2921
H3 Co Tac NCO (745D) 938-5993
H3 Orderly Room (745D) 938-3189

Fourth Regt HQ (MACC-O-4)

Regt Tactical Officer 938-2028
Regt Executive Officer 938-2825
Regt Admin Supervisor 938-2826
A4 Co Tac Off (745E) 938-3118
A4 Co Tac NCO (745E) 938-5265
A4 Orderly Room (745E) 938-4125
B4 Co Tac Off (745E) 938-2922
B4 Co Tac NCO (745E) 938-2468
B4 Orderly Room (745E) 938-3343
C4 Co Tac Off (745E) 938-3719
C4 Co Tac NCO (745E) 938-3089
C4 Orderly Room (745E) 938-4120
D4 Co Tac Off (745E) 938-3718
D4 Co Tac NCO (745E) 938-3034
D4 Orderly Room (745E) 938-3370
E4 Co Tac Off (735) 938-2009
E4 Co Tac NCO (735) 938-2770
E4 Orderly Room (735) 938-3364
F4 Co Tac Off (735) 938-2727
F4 Co Tac NCO (735) 938-3853
F4 Orderly Room (735) 938-3776
G4 Co Tac Off (735) 938-2602
G4 Co Tac NCO (735) 938-5252
G4 Orderly Room (735) 938-2444
H4 Co Tac Off (735) 938-2627
H4 Co Tac NCO (735) 938-3577
H4 Orderly Room (735) 938-4346

TRAVEL TO WEST POINT

➤ **Bus Info...**

When your cadet travels, more than likely he will take a bus to the airport and back again. The schedules for these buses are linked off the Parent-Forum resource page at

<http://www.west-point.org/parent/parent-forum/bus.html>

➤ **Driving directions from the airports to West Point...**

There are three routes. The first one is direct but may get into some traffic. The second is slightly longer but is easier and there are no trucks. The third is the longest but has lower tolls and uses less hectic traffic routes.

◆ **From Newark Airport**

Route A

A-1. Exit Newark Airport and take Rt. 95 and New Jersey Turnpike north. (Rt. 95 and the Turnpike are the same)

A-2. The Turnpike will end and you will pay your toll, about \$1.20. Follow Rt. 95 north from the Toll booth.

A-3. Proceed about 4 mi. north on Rt. 95 from the toll booth. At this point there will be a green tinted glass building with "AGFA" in orange letters on the right. Here the highway divides into Express and Local lanes. Get into the Local lanes which are on the right.

A-4. Follow the Local lanes of Rt. 95 North until you come to a big arched overpass that crosses overhead. Try to be in the far left lane of the local lanes as you approach the arch. Do not enter the HOV diamond lane which originates in this area to the left of the lane that you want to be in.

A-5. Under the arch is a sign pointing to the Palisades Parkway. Follow this lane, which exits Rt. 95 North going up and off to the left. When you come to a stop light, make a 90 degree left turn.

A-6. You are now be in city traffic. Proceed 2-3 blocks past a Kentucky Fried Chicken and the Red Oak Diner until you come to a gas station on your right. Just past the gas station on your right is the entrance to the Palisades Parkway (North) which is poorly marked with a small sign on the side of the road.

A-7. You will be on the Palisades Parkway (not a toll road) for about 45 minutes. Go with the traffic but be alert for occasional speed traps. Speed limit is initially 50 mph, then gets up to 55. Try to use the left lane - the right lane has slow moving cars entering the parkway.

A-8. Follow any sign that says Bear Mountain (Rt. 6E). At the end of the Palisades Parkway is the Bear Mountain traffic circle.

A-9. Go 3/4 of the way around the traffic circle and exit at 9W North to West Point. Observe all speed limit signs on 9W.

A-10. Stay on 9W until you get to a sign for West Point on your right. Exit from 9W and get on 218.

A-11. Follow 218 into Highland Falls and go past the Grand Union, McDonald's and right up to the main (Thayer) Gate. Observe speed limit.

Return (Southbound) directions

RA-1. Retrace the directions above, except when you are southbound on 9W from Highland Falls, you will only do 1/4 of the Bear Mtn Traffic Circle to the right (you can take the traffic circle bypass to Rte. 6 and Palisades Parkway just before you get to the traffic circle).

RA-2. Follow the Palisades Parkway south to Ft. Lee and I-95.

RA-3. As you near the end of the Parkway (where you entered it on the Northbound trip), there will be a (Sunoco?) gas station on the right. Get in the ****left**** lane immediately if you haven't already done so as the left lane exits to I-95 West and the NJ Turnpike (where you want to go!). (The right lanes will put you on the George Washington Bridge!)

RA-4. Follow the signs for I-95 and the NJ Turnpike back to Newark.

RA-5. Get off at exit 14 and follow the signs to Newark Airport.

Route B

B-1. Take Interstate 78 West to Garden State Parkway North (approximately 8 miles). Pay 35 cent toll at mile marker 143.

B-2. Pay three additional 35 cent tolls at mile markers 150, 160, and 166.

B-3. Go 8 miles to Exit 14-1. Take Interstate 287 toward the Tappan Zee Bridge (East).

B-4. Go 3 miles to Exit 13N. Take Palisades Interstate Parkway North.

B-5. Go 16 miles and stay in right lane toward Route 6 East toward Bear Mt. Bridge.

B-6. Go 3 miles to third exit on circle. Take 9W North.

B-7. Go 3 miles to exit for 218 toward West Point.

B-8. Go 1 mile and bear right toward West Point.

B-9. Go 1 mile to enter West Point at Thayer Gate.

Route C

C. This route is for you, if you are not partial to the traffic in and around the NYC area. This is another way to get to WP that only involves a 50 cent toll (one way) and is a scenic drive to boot!

From the airport, take I-78 West past the Parkway to Route 24 West. On 24, take the exit for I-287 North. That will turn into the NY State Thruway at the state line. Take the Harriman exit (50 cents) and follow the signs to WP. Until you get off the Thruway, it is all interstate-type driving. Once you get out of the airport, the drive is about an hour and a half. Traveling in NJ rush hours is NOT recommended!

♦ From JFK to LaGuardia

(LaGuardia is about 10 miles north of JFK, on the way to West Point from JFK). Take the Van Wyck Expressway (I-678) north then the Grand Central Parkway west following signs to La Guardia Airport. Distance is about 10 miles.

♦ From LaGuardia

1/ Take the Grand Central Parkway toward Manhattan and the Triboro Bridge, about 5 miles.

2/ Pay the \$2.75 toll, follow signs for the Major Deagan Expressway (I-87) and take it, about 3 miles.

3/ Follow signs to the Tappan Zee Bridge.

4/ As soon as getting off the bridge, follow signs for and take the Palisades Parkway North, about 35 miles. Stay in the right lane after 30 miles and follow signs for the Bear Mountain Bridge.

5/ At the Bear Mountain Traffic Circle, make a 270 degree sweep and take 9W north for about 3 miles.

6/ Follow signs to West Point.

♦ Stewart and White Plains Airports

Factors to evaluate for "other" airports like Stewart and White Plains:
The apparent proximity to West Point makes Stewart seem to be a good alternative. For many situations, it can be. Frequency of service can be a problem, especially if the next flight is after your cadet's deadline for return. . . not a good thing! Higher prices for tickets should also be considered when

examining this as an alternative. On the plus side, a 30-minute drive from West Point is certainly attractive, even if a taxi must be used.

White Plains Airport is a good alternative in limited circumstances. The travel time is about 45 minutes, compared with over an hour for Newark. The "frequency of flight" issues are the same as for Stewart and connection to West Point via public transportation is difficult. A combination of taxi, train, and ferry must be used. Because of the low volume of use, special buses for cadets are never available to White Plains.

Of course, the above comments are generalizations and you should evaluate the options with your travel agent and make an informed decision based on your own circumstances.

To speed your investigation, the following carriers provide service to Stewart:

Delta 800-221-1212

United Express 800-241-6522

USAir 800-428-4322

American 800-433-7300

Midway 800-446-4392

◆ Getting Between Airports

There is a New York-New Jersey web page which lists how to move between all three big airports, with pricing info and phone numbers.

Helicopter between airports (called Airporter) is actually reasonable --\$28 from Newark to LaGuardia. There are also rapid buses (\$10-\$12).

This information can be found on

<http://www.panynj.gov/aviation/ewrconframe1.htm>

◆ Driving directions from West Point to Camp Buckner

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- 1.8 Left at Washington Gate onto 293
- 2.9 Bear Right onto 293 at 9W - 293 fork
- 6.9 Right at Blinking Yellow Light into Camp Buckner
- 7.4 Straight into Parking Lot - it has 50 spaces and more parking is available along the side of the road.

B. From Bear Mt. Bridge:

- 0.0 "Straight" across at the circle toward the Palisades Pkwy
- 3.0 Right exit onto 6 West
- 6.0 Right exit onto 293 toward West Point

8.9 Left at Blinking Yellow Light into Camp Buckner

C. From Palisades Parkway:

0.0 North to left exit for 6 West

3.0 Right exit onto 293 toward West Point

5.9 Left at Blinking Yellow Light into Camp Buckner

D. From Rte 17:

0.0 Exit 130A "Bear Mountain"

3.3 Left exit onto 293 toward West Point

6.2 Left at Blinking Yellow Light into Camp Buckner

E. From NYS Thruway:

0.0 Rte 17 exit, take 9 toward "Bear Mountain"

4.3 Left exit onto 293 toward West Point

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◆ West Point Map

Here's a link to an on-line topographical map.

<http://topozone.com/map.asp?lat=41.3966&lon=-73.9661&size=l&s=25>

The scale, 1:25,000, so it takes a bit to load, but you will find great detail; the buildings (some even labeled), and you can move it around using the arrows in the margin to get the route to Lake Frederick.

◆ Army/Navy Games

◆ Information for this year's Army/Navy games can be found at:

<http://www.usna.edu/LibExhibits/Archives/Armynavy/Armynavvgames.htm>

<http://goarmysports.ocsn.com/sports/m-footbl/spec-rel/042303aaa.html>



➤ Fort Trains & Ferries from New York City to West Point

At Grand Central Station take the Metro North train to Garrison, NY, which is located across the river from West Point. Your cadet can either take the ferry across the Hudson from Garrison to South Dock or can call a taxi from Highland Falls for the trip to West Point (see ferry and taxi info on following page). The total trip should take about three hours assuming average connections.

The charge for the train is \$10.20 (peak) and \$7.75 (off peak). The telephone number for Grand Central Information is (212)532-4900 or you can call 1-800-MetroInfo. The schedules can be checked on the internet at:

<http://www.mta.nyc.ny.us/mnr/html/planning/schedules/hudsched.htm>

There is another line that does not stop at Garrison, so don't panic if a train comes through that does not stop.

It is very dark at the train stations at night, and it is not recommended that anyone be left there alone.

◆ **Tips for Broadway Ticket purchase**

1. Check with the Cadet Hostess at WP and see what they can do.
2. The desk at the Soldiers, Sailors, and Airmen's Club (Hotel) in Manhattan. This is a little used gem of a resource with clean beds for \$35/night and discount tickets in the lobby.
3. One of the several TKTS kiosks (the most famous one is in Times Square) on the day of the show. Up to 1/2 off same day shows. Decide what shows you would be willing to go to beforehand because not all shows are available and that will make selection easy. Had to wait in a line but, it moved fast (cash only, by the way) and there were street people entertaining. That was a show in itself ! Tickets were \$75-\$100 each before discount.
4. My Cadet has bought a ticket directly from the box office for the show. He just asks if they will discount with military ID and he has received a discount on a ticket.
5. Your cadet can contact the ITR office at the PX by phone or on foot. They often have cheaper tickets and they also can put him in contact with the USO office.
6. Go to the USO website at <http://members.aol.com/usonyc16/> or <http://www.usotroupeny.com> then select links and then USO Of Metro NY. They have all sorts of info there including info on FREE tickets.
7. There may be a bus that leaves the Visitors Center at West Point every morning for NYC. Also, you can take the ferry across the Hudson to Garrison and take the train from there to NYC.

➤ **Ferry**

The ferry between West Point and the train station at Garrison runs during the "season" (it does not run during Winter months) continually from 1PM to 7:15PM on Fridays and Saturdays, and from 12noon to 8:15PM on Sundays and holiday Mondays. Cost is 25 cents one way. Schedules coordinate with train arrivals and departures. Additional information is available by calling (914)938-3011. The Ferry Service runs from 1200 to 1930 on Fridays and Saturdays and 1100 to 1830 on Sundays. Boats depart on the hour and half hour from West Point and on the quarter hours from Garrison. The service appears to be expanded somewhat on the third weekend of May.

Harborcraft Division's
Cadet Ferry Service
West Point - Garrison

➤ Planes

Everyone has his/her own opinions of which airlines to take. If you don't want your cadet to have to change planes somewhere between NYC and KCI, your best bet is Continental Airlines. They USUALLY have adequate schedules as well - leaving Newark around 4:30 - 6:30PM and leaving KCI again around 9:30AM to get the cadets back to Newark in time to catch West Point buses. Check the KC Star travel section each Sunday to get an idea of lowest current fares. Price breaks are usually available by booking three weeks in advance.

If your son or daughter misses his/her flight home for a weekend, have the cadet wear his/her uniform and be there early next day. Be patient, use the best of manners and explain why they missed previous flight. The agent has AUTHORITY to decide when seat is available (which there usually is) whether they can go ahead and use ticket. There is not even the \$75 charge to change ticket plans over the phone. (You cannot change ticket for \$75 fee with one day notice) Cadet can call from phone on plane to let you know which flight he/she gets on and when to be at airport. There's nothing like the anticipation of waiting for that call that says, "Mom, I'm coming home."

Point: work with airlines, be patient and explain the situation, talk to supervisors of airlines if you have to. They'll work with you. Remember, if cadet misses a flight, his/her return flight is canceled out. Call to confirm that he/she has seat for return trip back. Don't try this tip going back, just for trip coming home. They have to be back at certain time to catch buses to West Point.

➤ Taxis

The cab fare from the Garrison Train Station (across the river) to West Point is about \$20.

Highland Falls taxis ~

Bosch's Taxi – 914-446-4588 (office hours to request svcs are 8AM-2:30PM)

Superior Taxi Service – 914-446-1000 (They close at 6PM)

Academy Taxi – 845-466-8294

Newburgh taxis ~

Bob's Taxi – 561-8330

J-Ris Taxi II – 561-3160

Orange Express Taxi – 561-5000

Tony's Taxi – 562-7444

Victor's Taxi – 565-6123

Estimated cost from West Point to Newburgh is \$25.00

Uniform Cleaning while home

The uniforms should be dry cleaned like any good wool or blend suit. The white cotton pants should be laundered. Any spots, stains should be taken care of in the same manner as any other wool suit etc.

Webcam and Virtual West Point

<http://www.eecs.usma.edu/clubs/hams/pages/webcam.htm> (Due to current events, the webcam is currently not operational.)

West Point also has a site called Virtual West Point that has video streaming.
<http://www.virtualwp.org>

WEBSITE

Some parent clubs have websites. Ours is located at
<http://www.wesy-point.org/parent/wppc-kansas/>

To locate other clubs' websites, go to our "Links" page.

Weekends

The following explanation of A and B weekends can be found at:

http://www.usma.army.mil/PublicAffairs/cadet_rules_and_regulations.htm

➤ **A and B Saturdays**

A and B weekends refer to two kinds of Saturdays in the cadet academic year schedule. The following explanation is from an academy regulation.

Alpha (A) Saturdays are those during which all cadets, except those participating in Corps Squad and selected club competitions at or away from West Point, are expected to be in attendance for events scheduled on Saturday morning by the Commandant (A/C) and the Dean (A/D). Operating rules for A/D include a Friday formal evening study period (ESP) and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. for Dean's activities. Operating hours for A/C do not include a formal ESP on Friday, but do provide Saturday from 7:30 a.m. until 11 a.m. for Commandant's activities.

Bravo (B) Saturdays are those when cadets will pursue discretionary events. Extracurricular groups try to schedule their away events on Bravo Saturday

weekends.

Plebes will have the specific schedule of Saturdays at the start of the academic year. Many parents who plan a trip to West Point often schedule it on a B Saturday weekend, which may allow them more time with their cadet. Remember that all information provided in this almanac is subject to an individual cadet's circumstances and duty requirements.

WHERE DID THOSE NAMES COME FROM??

PLEBES...YEARLINGS...COWS...FIRSTIES...

These are the names which are used at West Point to denote Freshman, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors. Alternatively they are 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year students. Derivation of the terms provided by Pete Gizzi is presented below.

PLEBE - Taken from ancient times, members of the lower class were referred to as plebeians. The word Plebe is just a truncated form of plebeian. Also known as fourth classmen, in their first year as cadets.

YEARLING - This term is the same as that used in referring to horses which are over one year old. Sometimes it is abbreviated as "Yuk." Also known as third classmen, in their second year as cadets.

COW - The only term which seems to puzzle most folks (and rightly so) is the term COW. One of the stories related to this term had to do with summer activities years ago. In cadet folklore it is related that after their 3rd class year, the new 2nd classmen took a trip, or performed some activity which included much eating, and not much physical activity. Hence, after completing the first two rigorous years of the program at the academy, these cadets had a tendency to put on weight during that third summer. Upon return to the academy most had gained weight - and when the yearlings spoke of the new second classmen they would warn the plebes..."Just wait till the COWS come home!" I don't know how true this vignette is, nor do I know where I heard it first, but at least it makes a good story!!!

There is nothing "official" about the above information, and you'll probably get as many different stories as you get responses.

Another popular explanation for the "Cow" nickname dates back to GEN MacArthur's reign as the Superintendent. In those days, cadets were restricted to post for their first two years. Further, automobiles and airplanes were not very common then either. Consequently, when the new cows returned from their first summer leave, they would ordinarily return by train. As it just so happens, the train station here is located at the bottom of an extremely steep hill. To make a long story short, apparently one summer General MacArthur was standing at the top of the hill when a trainload of returning 2nd class cadets arrived. The

General observed their labored ascent up the hill carrying their baggage and is reported to have turned to his aide de camp and remarked "My God, they look more like a herd of cows coming up that hill than they do a group of West Point cadets;" or words to that effect. At any rate, the General's aide repeated the story to several of the staff and faculty and the name was quickly adopted.

Another Cow version...The old Corps encamped on the plain each summer. The plebes, of course, had just arrived. The yearlings just finished their first year of academics. The new Firsties had just finished their third year of academics. And the Graduates had just left on graduation leave. Those cadets who had just finished two years of academics were allowed to go on leave for the FIRST time. Nobody got to go home at Christmas. Nobody got Spring leave. The first time a cadet left West Point on leave after R day was after his yearling year. When the Second Classmen came back from visiting their families for the first time in two years they usually congregated in New York City to catch the steamboat up the river (there were no trains yet). Thus they arrived back at South dock together. As they climbed up to the level of the plain together they looked like that familiar sight of cows

coming home at the end of a day to be milked. (Most cadets 150 years ago were familiar with the typical behavior of dairy herds). When the Yearlings and Firsties saw their long absent friends, they rushed across the plain to greet them. The greetings were jubilant. Many backs were slapped. Over the years Cadets tried to outdo prior classes. The backslapping became very vigorous. Many Cadets ended up in the Hospital. The Supe had a problem and finally was able to curb the enthusiasm of the greetings. However, the name Cow stuck.

FIRSTIE - shortened from the term First Classman. Firsties are in their final year at West Point.



YEARLINGS (YUKS)

➤ **Camp Buckner**

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◆ **Emergency Telephone Numbers**

Emergency telephone contact numbers for cadets at Camp Buckner:

The West Point switchboard can be used 24 hours per day in an emergency situation. Their number is (914)938-4011. In addition, the Military Police number at West Point, another 24 hour contact, is (914) 938-3333 or 3312. Finally, the Staff Duty Officer at Buckner for the summer is (914) 938-7875. Of course, these numbers should "only" be used in case of bona fide emergency!

◆ **Camp Buckner Weekend Leave**

Weekend leave / visiting opportunities during Camp Buckner:

In recent years, with the exception of the July 4 holiday, weekend leave has normally not been extended. This is always at the local command's discretion, so no firm guidelines are possible. However, since there is free time on the weekends, many families have found that bringing a picnic to the Camp provides an excellent way to have a nice visit with their cadet. There are many good picnic sites along the lake's shore. If it is possible to leave the grounds, the picnic can be held at some other location. Of course, you should check in advance with your cadet, since individual circumstances and schedules will vary.

◆ **Buckner Mail**

Cadet's mailing address during Camp Buckner

A cadet's post office box number is the same throughout all four years at WP. The company changes from plebe summer to their academic company, which will be their home for the plebe year. They join a different summer company at Buckner, but their mail box number remains the same. Mail is delivered to Camp Buckner after being sorted at West Point. The academic year company changes at the end of the plebe year and possibly for Firstie year again if they are in the Battalion, Regimental or Brigade Chain of Command. However, their P.O. Box always remains the same. Unfortunately, e-mail is not available during the summer at Buckner.

◆ **Non-PO Box address for UPS delivery to West Point & Buckner**

"Regular" letter mail should be addressed to your cadet's academic year P.O.Box.

Packages should be addressed as follows:

Cadet "FirstName MiddleInitial LastName"
Camp Buckner - Co. # ____
c/o Central Guard Room - USMA
Bldg. 745C

West Point, NY 10996

If a street address is insisted upon, the following can be used:

Cadet's Name & Year
Camp Buckner or Academic Year Company ("as appropriate")
c/o Central Guard Room, USMA
Building 745C
West Point, NY 10996

As an alternative, you may want to consider using the Post Office's Priority Mail which can be sent directly to a West Point Post Office Box Number!

◆ **Supplies**

Camp Buckner Supplies:

Send your cadet with postcards with stamps and labels to write quick notes. Give everyone you know a postcard with a stamp and label to send your cadet encouragement.

Send your cadet a throw-away camera so he/she can take pictures... you'll love them later.

They all enjoy Buckner, but it doesn't hurt to bring a little bug spray.

Sun screen and sunglasses will be needed for Lake Popolopen activities.

Of course, boodle is always high on all their lists.

They have jungle combat boots at the PX at West Point, as well as jungle fatigues, which are MUCH lighter and cooler.

➤ **Fort Knox, Kentucky**

During the Yearlings' Buckner training, they will spend one week at Ft. Knox, Kentucky. To learn more about this post, go to the Fort Knox Web Site:

<http://147.238.100.101/cec/cec.htm>

For a map of Fort Knox, go to

<http://www.knox.army.mil/Facilities/facilities.htm>

➤ **Yearling Winter Weekend**

This is the social highlight of the Yearling academic year. Cadets attend a formal banquet and dance with their dates. Since it is held early in the second semester, it

provides a welcome break to what is called "gloom period" (the period between Christmas break and Spring Break).

Useful Telephone Numbers

Admissions Office	938-4041	Hotel Thayer Reservations	446-4731
Athletic Ticket Office	446-4996	Information Center	938-4034
Brigade Tactical Dept	938-6004	Jewish Chapel	938-2766
Bus Transportation	938-4420	Keller Army Hospital Info Desk	938-5169
Cadet Bookstore	938-5356	Museum	938-2203
Cadet Chapel	938-2308	Old Cadet Chapel	938-2433
Cadet Counseling Center	938-3022	Parents Club Coordinator	938-5650
Catholic Chapel	938-2784	Post Chapel	938-2959
Credit Union	446-4946	Sports Scores	446-ARMY
Ike Hall Box Office	938-4159	Visitors Center	938-2638
Central Guard Room	938-3030		

<http://www.west-point.org/parent/wpp-net/faq/> Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

<http://www.west-point.org/parent/wpp-net/> WPP unofficial "official" information site from USMA

<http://www.west-point.org/parent/parent-forum/> West Point Parents

<http://www.west-point.org/parent/plebe-net/> Plebe Parents

<http://www.west-point.org/parent/parent-forum/cbtfaqs.html>

<http://www.west-point.org/> West Point Organization

<http://www.west-point.org/parent/wppc-kansas/> Greater Kansas City Parents Club