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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE ACADEMY PREPARATORY SCHOOL
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Dear Future Cadet Candidate

Congratulations on your selection to the United States Air Force Academy Preparatory School. The Preparatory School is rewarding and challenging, and is filled with new experiences. One of the events that we hold every year is Parent's Weekend.

This year, Parents' Weekend will take place during Labor Day Weekend, 29 Aug through 1 Sep 2008. This will be your first opportunity to show your family and friends the exciting path you have chosen. It will also be a great time to take a break and unwind after successfully completing the rigors of Basic Military Training.

Several activities are planned for you and your guests. Some of these activities include, but are not limited to, a Preparatory School military parade and briefing, a Preparatory School football game, an Air Force Academy football game, and a tailgate party on the Air Force Academy grounds prior to the football game. In addition to events specifically provided by us, there are also many tourist attractions in Colorado Springs to visit and explore.

Parent's Weekend is an event held not only for the Preparatory School, but also for the nearly 4,000 cadets at the Air Force Academy. For that reason it is important to make reservations for transportation and lodging as early as possible. As you can imagine, with the onslaught of so many proud parents and friends visiting the Colorado Springs area, the availability of airline tickets, hotels, and rental cars will be limited. For local information, contact Colorado Springs R & R who can help with everything mentioned above (hotel accommodations, rental cars, and local attractions). Their phone number is (719) 333-7367 or 1-877-519-3381 (toll free). For those of you with access to the internet, there is an Academy Web site. The address is <http://www.usafa.edu>. This web site has details on the Air Force Academy as well as information on activities in the surrounding area. There is also a link to the Prep School from this site.

Although the schedule is not yet fixed, there are several events that you may want to consider when making your plans. Parents and family will have the opportunity to attend one class with you on Friday. Classes begin at 0730 and end in the early afternoon. Because of limited classroom space, you must coordinate all visitors with your instructor. You will be required to attend the Preparatory School football game on Friday afternoon, the parade on Saturday morning and the Falcon Football game on Saturday afternoon. You will be allowed to spend the remainder of the weekend with your family and friends until 1800 on Monday, 1 September. More detailed information will be mailed to your home in late July or early August, to include a schedule of events and pricing information.

If you have any questions about anything concerning Parents' Weekend, please feel free to contact me between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Mountain Standard Time at (719) 333-9920.

We look forward seeing you in July and meeting your family and friends in August.

Sincerely

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