# FALCON FAMILY NEWS

**August 2015**

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## USAFA'S PUBLIC CALENDER Link: (Managed by the Association of Graduates.)

http://www.usafa.org/Calendar/Events

## Parent Information link:

http://www.usafa.edu/superintendent/cma/parentsclub.cfm?catname=Class%20of%202014

## CLASS STATISTICS (as of 31 July 15)

| Class Year | Men | Women | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2015 | 7 | 6 | 13 |
| 2016 | 645 | 187 | 832 |
| 2017 | 793 | 243 | 1036 |
| 2018 | 842 | 232 | 1074 |
| 2019 | 867 | 304 | 1171 |
| **WING** | **3154** | **972** | **4126** |

- These numbers include international students.

**UPCOMING DATES 2015/2016:**

4-7 Sep 15 Parents' Weekend 2015
http://www.usafa.edu/superintendent/parentsweekend/?catname=Parents%27%20 Weekend

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| 24 – 29 Nov 15 | Cadet Thanksgiving Break (after LMD) |
| 25 Nov 29 Nov 15 | Prep School Thanksgiving Break (released at 9:00 am) |
| 19 Dec 15 – 5 Jan 16 | Cadet Winter Break (Cadet Wing returns 7:00 pm on 5 Jan 16) |
| 17 – 3 Jan 16 | Prep School Winter Break (released at 0900/return by 7 pm on 3 Jan 16) |
| 18 – 27 Mar 16 | Cadet Wing Spring Break (Cadet Wing returns 7:00 pm on 27 Mar 16) |
| 18 -27 Mar 16 | Prep School Spring Break (released LMD/return by 7pm on 27 Mar 16 |
| 24 May 16 | Prep School Graduation |
| 19 Dec 15 – 5 Jan 16 | Cadet Winter Break (Cadet Wing returns 7:00 pm on 5 Jan 16) |
| 18 – 27 Mar 16 | Cadet Wing Spring Break (Cadet Wing returns 7:00 pm on 27 Mar 16) |

**2019 COMPUTER ISSUE INFORMATION:**

**Issue Date Was: Monday, 3 August 2015**

**Specifications:**

- Fujitsu Q775 tablet computer with detachable slate/screen
- 5th Generation Intel I5-5300U vPro
- 8GB DDR3 1600 MHz
- 256 GB Solid State Drive (SSD) + 500GB external USB 3.0 drive
- 13.3 inch, 1920x1080, multi-touch screen, Intel HD5500 chipset
- No DVD or CD drive included (first year dropped as requirement)
- Port replicator with 2nd power charger
- Integrated cameras, front/back
- Integrated smart Card Reader
- Integrated 10/100/1000 Ethernet
- Wireless 802.11a/b/g/n + Bluetooth v4.0
- External Mouse and Keyboard
- 4 years parts-only warranty (includes batteries)

**Costs:**

- $1,814 For all the above, including the 4 year warranty on parts
- $ 115 Accessories (Wenger Legacy backpack, Kensington lock, network cable, power strip, and calculator)
- $1969 Total cost with 2% AAFES fee

**Software Pre-Loaded:**

- Windows 7 64-bit Enterprise with all Fujitsu tablet drivers
- Office 2010, McAfee Anti-Virus, Raptor, SolidWorks, …
- USAFA licensed software for classes (e.g. SolidWorks, MatLab, Mathematica)
- Software costs approximately $160/cadet and is charged in fall

**Items Not Included:**

- Personal printer (inkjet or laser with USB cable) – $60 - $200

- 20"-24" flat panel for their rooms (VGA or HDMI cable) - $100 - $300
- These items make good gifts for parents or grandparents to buy them over Parents' Weekend.

**Email Address: C19first.last@usafa.edu**
There are some exceptions for long names, e.g. Christopher shortened to Chris

**Common Issues and Questions:**

- **When can I email the new cadets?** Please wait until 5 August to email them.

- **Why tablet computers?** – The selection committee decided the pedagogical reasons for tablets out-weighed the increased cost and weight. The tablet can be used for taking hand-written notes in class, including math formulas, drawings, diagrams, etc.

- **Can upperclass cadets buy the same computer?** Yes, they need to email Larry Bryant before 10 July, so one can be delivered on 3 Aug for them.

- **Printers** are not included in the computer purchase for several reasons:
  - It is a "personal preference" item – some want cheap black and white, while others want high-quality photo printers.
  - They are not necessary, since we provide squadron printers.
  - They make good gifts for parents and grandparents.

- We teach "**computer ethics**" in Comp Sci 110 to convince cadets that certain common practices done in high school (e.g. illegally copying music or movies) are no longer acceptable and are punishable.

I'll be happy to address any other questions the parents ask. They can call me at 719-333-3994 or email larry.bryant@usafa.edu

**AAFES FLOWER SHOP:** Petals & Blooms is the only flower shop on The Air Force Academy with access to the cadet area. We have had the honor of serving the cadets for the last 8 years and know how important the milestones are in the cadets experience. We are gearing up for Acceptance Day, August 4th and would like to let you know we are putting together munchies baskets for the event. We are a full service flower shop with cut floral arrangements, plants, gift baskets with your choice of fruits, snacks or baked goods, balloons and stuffed animals. Thank you for your support of our shop and we look forward to serving you for years to come. Kindly, DeNyse/Owner Petals & Blooms (719)-472-8589 petalsnblooms.com.

News Release #080
June 29, 2015

**Daughters of the American Revolution honor Lt. Gen. Johnson at 124th Continental Congress**

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. - Lt. Gen. Michelle Johnson, Academy Superintendent, received the Margaret Cochran Corbin Award from the Daughters of the American Revolution, June 27 in Washington D.C.

General Johnson was the keynote speaker and one of several individuals honored by the DAR for their contributions to the nation's defense during DAR's National Defense Night as part of its 124th Continental Congress.

The Corbin Award honors the memory of Revolutionary War heroine Molly Corbin, who stepped up to man her husband's cannon when he was mortally wounded in the Battle of Fort Washington in 1775. She became the first woman pensioner of the United States military in 1779.

The award pays tribute to women in all branches of the military for distinguished military service. General Johnson is the first woman to lead a Department of Defense service academy. She has also held numerous command and operational assignments since graduating from the Academy in 1981.

"It is a tremendous honor to receive the Corbin Award from the Daughters of the American revolution," said General Johnson. "Molly Corbin was one of our country's first warrior heroes, and the DAR has helped preserve her memory and valor with this award. I seek to uphold the honored legacy of American heroes like Molly Corbin."

National Defense Night also included awards to several other individuals, including retired Col. Lee Ellis, a former POW and author who spoke at the Academy's 2013 National Character and Leadership Symposium; Diane Carlson Evans, president of the Vietnam Women's Memorial Foundation; and J.R. Martinez, actor, author, motivational speaker, spokesperson and former U.S. Army soldier who served in Iraq in 2003.

The DAR is an active and vibrant women's service organization focused on promoting historic preservation, education and patriotism. DAR's Continental Congress is a time-honored tradition held in the nation's capital as its annual national membership meeting, and drew 3,500 attendees this year.

The DAR has been a supporter of the Air Force Academy for many years, and sponsors annual academic awards to the top cadets majoring in History and Mechanical Engineering.

**Helpful Websites/POCs:**

**Life Touch photos:** POC: Maria Turner, Prestige Portrait by Lifetouch, 800-426-9533 x 241

**Cadet Wing Media:** (719) 333-4644

**Academic Calendar website: (2015/2016 calendar)**

http://www.usafa.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-111208-035.pdf

**Curriculum Handbook** (which also outlines what summer programs are available for cadets in what year):

http://www.usafa.edu/df/data/CHB2012-2013.pdf

**Cadet Clubs** (just a listing of clubs and POCs, not a schedule of where they may be):

http://www.usafa.edu/cadetFocus/cadetClubs/

**Admissions:** (parents can help us recruit future cadets):

http://www.academyadmissions.com/

**Sports Schedules**:

http://www.goairforcefalcons.com/calendar/events/

**Base Cadet Treats (Flower Shop)** 719-472-8589, petalsnblooms.com
**Gift Cards order phone numbers:** Cadet Store (Base Exchange) (472-1953); 10 FSS: (719) 472-7930

**PREP SCHOOL INFORMATION:**

Below is the Point of Contact for questions for our Preparatory School Candidate parents.

Central Email for Prep School Questions: PrepInfo@usafa.edu

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Link: http://www.usafa.edu Look under Prep School link at top right (7th tab)

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

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As of: 29 Jul 2015

# USAF Academy Parents' Weekend 2015 Schedule of Events
## 2–7 September 2015

(gray boxes highlight key events, times in red have changed)

### WEDNESDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER 2015

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| *0900-1700* | *North Gate Visitor Hours (Gate is open for ID card holders 0600-2200). Guests may be asked to show a DOD ID card and/or driver's license, proof of insurance and vehicle registration or rental car agreement. All vehicles are subject to inspection/search by security personnel. The South Gate is open 24/7 for DOD ID cardholders only. No guest vehicles may enter the Cadet Area.* |
| 1800-2000 | **Parents Club Presidents Reception** *(The Carlton House).* Reception hosted by the Superintendent for the Parents' Club Presidents. By invitation only. |

### THURSDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER 2015

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| *0900-2200* | *North Gate Visitor Hours (Gate is open for ID card holders 0600-2200)* |
| 0730-1500 | **Parents' Club Presidents Conference** *(Doolittle Hall).* Conference offering Parents' Club Presidents information and briefings from USAFA organizations and Senior Staff. By invitation only. |
| 1630-1800 | **Fourth-Class Parent Orientation** *(Arnold Hall Theater)* ***(no cadets).*** Opportunity for new (or returning) cadet parents to receive an overview of USAFA programs from senior staff, including the Superintendent, Commandant of Cadets, Dean of the Faculty, Athletic Director and Admissions Director. Q&A session will follow presentations. Arrive at 1600 to enjoy the musical talents of the USAFA Band. |
| 1500-1700 | **Men's Tennis Blue-Silver Scrimmage** *(Tennis Courts)* Come watch the USAFA Men's Tennis Team compete against one another in an intersquad competition! |

### FRIDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER 2015

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| *0630-2230* | *North Gate Visitor Hours (Gate is open for ID card holders 0600-2200) Shuttle buses will run throughout the Cadet Area from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Friday.* |
| 0600-0800 | **Cadet Wing Breakfast.** *(Mitchell Hal)* ***(Optional, no guests).*** |
| 0820-0850 | **Cadet Aviation Capabilities Exercise (CAPEX) & Pre-Parade Demonstrations** *(Stillman Field).* Watch the USAFA Wings of Blue parachute team, your National Champion glider team and Air Force Academy powered flight aircraft as they demonstrate the various cadet-led aviation and leadership programs that are offered to your cadets during their four years at USAFA. |
| 0900-1000 | **Cadet Wing Parade** *(Stillman Field)* ***(Mandatory for All Cadets).*** At the parade, the **2015 Distinguished Service Award** will be presented. Cadets will be released on the field to meet their guests. |
| 0900-1600 | **Parents' Weekend Information Fair** *(Arnold Hall Ballroom).* Arnold Hall will be open to visitors 0700-2200. The Info Fair offers invaluable information and giveaways from many USAFA and cadet organizations. Purchase BCT videos and cadet "Warrior" photos and preorder your BCT yearbook. Stop by to have a photo taken with your cadet; portrait sittings are free! Lunch will be available in the Richter Lounge. The BCT video will play in the theater throughout the day. Don't miss this popular event! |
| 1015-1145 | **Academic Majors Fair and Presentations** *(Fairchild Hall)* ***(For 3rd & 4th Class cadets and guests)*** Visit our Academic Building and talk to faculty about majors. Sessions include demonstrations, refreshments and an opportunity to meet your cadet's faculty. A complete schedule of activities will be published on the USAFA website in July. |
| 1015-1145 | **Squadron Open Houses** (*Vandenberg and Sijan Halls)* ***(For 1st & 2nd Class cadets and guests)*** Don't miss this opportunity to visit your cadet's dormitory and meet his/her Squadron leadership. |
| 1100-1700 | **Airfield Open House** *(USAFA Airfield).* Come view static displays of USAFA aircraft and parachuting equipment and visit with the staff of the 306th Flying Training Group. If driving, cadets must escort their guests to the airfield. Guests may take shuttles departing from Fairchild Hall bus stop at 1030, 1130, 1230, 1330, 1430, 1530, 1630 and returning 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700. |
| 1130-1215 | **Cadet Performance Showcase** *(Arnold Hall Ballroom Stage).* Visit the Information Fair and browse the many vendors while watching performances from the Cadet Show Choir, Cadet Orchestra, Saber Drill Team and the Cadet Chorale. |
| 1200 -1300 | **Fourth-Class Luncheon** *(Mitchell Hall)* ***(Mandatory for Fourth-Class Cadets).*** Cadets must purchase guest tickets ($5.55 ea). |
| 1200-1300 | **Squadron Picnics** *(various locations)* ***(Upper-Class cadets and guests).*** |
| 1200-1330 | **Islamic Worship Service** *(Cadet Chapel).* Guests are invited to attend. |
| 1200-1430 | **Prep vs JV football game** *(Falcon Stadium)* Come cheer on our rising football stars at this intersquad scrimmage! |
| 1330-1500 | **Academic Department Open Houses & Air Force Career Path Information** *(Fairchild Hall)* ***(For 1st & 2nd Class cadets and guests).*** Visit our Academic Building and the various Academic Departments. Open houses include demonstrations, refreshments and an opportunity to meet your cadet's faculty. Also, learn about career paths across the Air Force. A complete schedule of activities will be published on the USAFA website in July. |
| 1330-1500 | **Squadron Open Houses** (*Vandenberg and Sijan Halls)* ***(For 3rd & 4th Class cadets and guests).*** Don't miss this opportunity to visit your cadet's dormitory and meet his/her Squadron leadership. |
| **1500-1630** | **Athletics Open House** (*Cadet Gymnasium, Cadet Field House, Hall of Excellence*). USAFA Athletic Director, Mr. Jim Knowlton, welcomes parents in the Boxing Room (Cadet Gym) with opening remarks at 1500. Immediately following remarks, Phys Ed faculty will offer guided tours departing every 15 minutes starting at 1530. |
| **1630** | ***CADETS MAY LEAVE USAFA WITH THEIR ADULT GUESTS AT 1630 OR AFTER LMD, WHICHEVER IS LATER; MUST ATTEND ACCOUNTABILITY FORMATION SATURDAY MORNING.*** |
| 1700-1900 | **Dinner Buffet** *(Mitchell Hall).* Open to cadets and their visitors. Guests may pay cashier ($4.85 ea). |
| 1800-2100 | **Women's Soccer vs FDU** *(Soccer Stadium)* Come cheer on your varsity women's soccer team to victory! |

***For the latest info, visit our web site at http://www.usafa.edu/superintendent/parentsweekend***

1900-2130 **Jewish Shabbat Service** *(Cadet Chapel)*. Guests are invited to attend.

2000-2200 **USAFA Observatory Open House** *(Observatory, East of Fairchild Hall).* Open to cadets and their visitors. The USAFA Physics and Astronomy Club invites you to view the night sky through our 24" telescope! Tour the facility, see images taken on our telescope, use it to explore your universe first hand (weather permitting) and hear some of the incredible history and lore behind the constellations that can be seen from our vantage point, 7,258 feet above sea level! ***NOTE:*** *This event may be cancelled if poor viewing conditions exist. Signs will be posted at bus stops and at Arnold Hall.*

## SATURDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER 2015

*0900-1700* *North Gate Visitor Hours (Gate is open for ID card holders 0600-2200) (Football game event cordon will be open at North and South Gate from 0800-1200)*

0700-0900 **Breakfast Buffet** *(Mitchell Hall)*. Open to cadets and their visitors. Guests may pay cashier ($3.45 ea).

0930 ***ALL Second-, Third- and Fourth-Class cadets report to squadron accountability formation at the stadium (First-Class at 1030)***

1330-1730 **USAFA Home Football Falcons vs. Morgan State** *(Falcon Stadium)* ***(MANDATORY FOR ALL CADETS).*** For tickets, call the USAFA Athletic Ticket Office (800) 666-8723 or purchase on-line at http://www.goairforcefalcons.com/tickets/afa-tickets.html). Cadets are required to attend the game and must sit with the Cadet Wing; they do not need to purchase tickets. ***CADETS MAY MEET THEIR GUESTS AND DEPART FALCON STADIUM AFTER THE THIRD VERSE OF THE AIR FORCE SONG AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE GAME; CADETS MUST SIGN IN BY MONDAY, 1900 (2300 FOR FIRSTIES).***

## SUNDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER 2015

*0700-1700* *North Gate Visitor Hours (Gate is open for ID card holders 0600-2300)*

0700-0900 **Breakfast Buffet** *(Mitchell Hall)*. Open to cadets and their visitors. Guests may pay cashier ($3.45 ea).

0800-1300 **Cadet Chapel Services.** Guests are invited to attend worship services at the Cadet Chapel: Protestant Services at 0930 and 1100; Catholic Services at 0800, 1000 and 1200; and Buddhist Service at 1000. For more info, please call (719) 333-2636.

1000-1400 **Jacks Valley (JV) Orientation Tour.** Shuttle buses will run from the Field House parking lot every 15 minutes. The last bus departs for JV at 1330 and the last bus returns to parking at 1430. Cadets must escort their guests.

1100-1300 **Lunch Buffet** *(Mitchell Hall)*. Open to cadets and their visitors. Guests may pay cashier ($5.55 ea).

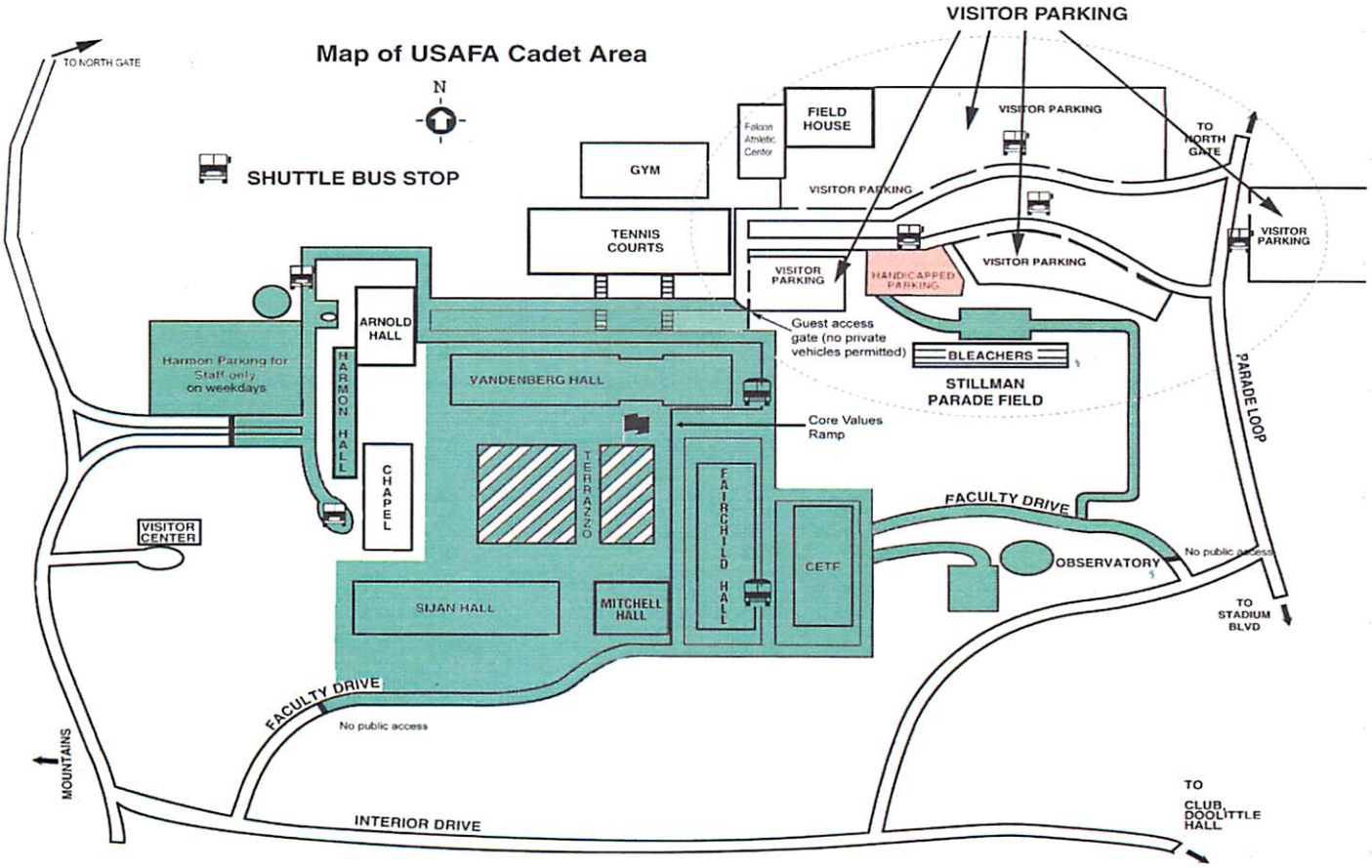
## MONDAY (LABOR DAY), 7 SEPTEMBER 2015

*0900-1700* *North Gate Visitor Hours (Gate will be open for ID card holders 0600-2300)*

0700-0900 **Breakfast Buffet** *(Mitchell Hall)*. Open to cadets and their visitors. Guests may pay cashier ($3.45 ea).

1100-1300 **Lunch Buffet** *(Mitchell Hall)*. Open to cadets and their visitors. Guests may pay cashier ($5.55 ea).

1900 ***SECOND-, THIRD- , AND FOURTH-CLASS CADETS MUST SIGN IN. (FIRST-CLASS CADETS AT 2300).***



# USAF Academy Preparatory School
# Parent's Weekend 2015
# Schedule of Events
## 4-7 Sep 2015

**FRIDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER (UOD for Prep Staff/Students - Short Sleeve Blues)**

6:15 a.m. **Breakfast:** **MANDATORY FOR ALL CADET CANDIDATES** (No guests)

7:00 a.m. Cadet Candidates may meet their parents at the F-100 aircraft static display (next to Prep School parking lot)

7:30 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. **Academic Overview:** (*Academic Building/Bldg 5216)*

**0730 – 0750: Period M1**
**0800 – 0820: Period M2**
**0830 – 0850: Period M3**
**0900 – 0920: Period T1**
**0930 – 0950: Period T2**
**1000 – 1020: Period T3**

10:25 a.m. **Lunch:** For football players, volleyball players, and managers (No guests)
Cadet Candidates who are non-football/volleyball players will help escort guests to remaining activities

10:30 am. – 11:30 a.m. For Squadron 1 & Guests: Lunch at High Country Inn (Guests may eat with their Cadet Candidates. Guests pay cashier with cash only)
For Squadron 2 & Guests: Commander's Welcome Briefing (Community Center Theater)
For Squadron 3 & Guests: Commander's Welcome Briefing (Community Center Theater)

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. For Squadron 1 & Guests: Commander's Welcome Briefing (Community Center Theater)
For Squadron 2 & Guests: Lunch at High Country Inn (Guests may eat with their Cadet Candidates. Guests pay cashier with cash only)
For Squadron 3 & Guests: Open House (Squadron Dorm)

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. For Squadron 1 & Guests: Open House (Squadron Dorm)
For Squadron 2 & Guests: Open House (Squadron Dorm)
For Squadron 3 & Guests: Lunch at High Country Inn (Guests may eat with their Cadet Candidates. Guests pay cashier with cash only)

1:00 p.m. **Football game** *(USAFA/Athletic Fields).* **Mandatory** for all Cadet Candidates

TBD **Tentative Volleyball game :** Husky Gym (lower/east)

6:00 p.m. ***CADET CANDIDATES MAY SIGN OUT FROM THEIR SQUADRON NO EARLIER THAN 1800, FOLLOWING ATHLETIC CONTESTS***

10:00 p.m. ***CADET CANDIDATES MUST BE SIGNED IN***

11:00 p.m. **Taps**

## SATURDAY, 5 SEPTEMBER (UOD for Prep Staff/Students - Service Dress for Parade, ABUs for Falcon Game)

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| 6:00 a.m. | **Breakfast:** **MANDATORY FOR ALL CADET CANDIDATES** (No guests) |
| 9:00 a.m. | **Parade:** *(Black Field)*. Open to all guests (Inclement weather plan ; parade cancelled - Cadet Candidates will notify their guests) |
| 10:25 a.m. | Buses depart from the F-100 (**Mandatory** for all C/Cs...no guests) |
| 12:00 p.m. | **USAFA vs. Morgan State:** *(Falcon Stadium)*. For tickets, call USAFA Athletic Ticket Office (800) 666-8723 or (719) 472-1895. Guests of Cadet Candidates should identify themselves as such for seating near their Husky. Game is **Mandatory** for all Cadet Candidates. |
| 3:45 p.m. | Buses will return Cadet Candidates to the F-100 (**Mandatory** for all C/Cs...no guests) |
| 4:00 p.m. | ***CADET CANDIDATES MAY SIGN OUT FROM THEIR SQUADRON NO EARLIER THAN 1600 (at MTO discretion)*** |
| 5:45 p.m. | [Optional] Dinner at High Country Inn...No Guests |

## SUNDAY, 6 SEPTEMBER

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| 7:00 a.m. | [Optional] Breakfast at High Country Inn...No Guests |
| 12:00 p.m. | [Optional] Lunch at High Country Inn...No Guests |
| 5:30 p.m. | [Optional] Dinner at High Country Inn...No Guests |

## MONDAY (LABOR DAY), 7 SEPTEMBER

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| 7:00 a.m. | [Optional] Breakfast at High Country Inn...No Guests |
| 12:00 p.m. | [Optional] Lunch at High Country Inn...No Guests |
| 4:00 p.m. | ***CADET CANDIDATES MUST BE SIGNED IN*** |
| 5:30 p.m. | **[Mandatory]** Dinner at High Country Inn |
| 7:00 p.m. | **Academic Call to Quarters** |
| 10:00 p.m. | **Taps** |

**Note 1: The Husky Pack Booster Club will be selling Preparatory School t-shirts, sweatshirts, and souvenirs on Friday; keep an eye out for their booths around the Prep School grounds!**

**Note 2: All C/Cs will eat lunch in the DFAC on 4 Sept with or without guests**

**Note 3: All C/Cs will be provided lunch prior to Falcon FB game on 5 Sept (boxed lunch or carry out)**

**Note 4: CQ/SDOs must be in place NLT 1 hour before sign in each day/night**