

# ***FALCON FAMILY NEWS***

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<http://www.usafa.edu/cadetFocus/cadetPhotos/index.cfm> Just select your cadet's class year!

**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 January 2015)**

Class Year	Men	Women	Total
2015	674	190	864
2016	658	188	846
2017	818	249	1067
2018	870	239	1109
<b>WING</b>	<b>3020</b>	<b>866</b>	<b>3886</b>

❖ These numbers include international students.

## **UPCOMING DATES 2015/2016:**

25 – 27 Feb 15	National Character & Leadership Symposium
12 – 14 Mar 15	Recognition
20 Mar - 29 Mar 15	Spring Break Cadets released (Last Military Duty [LMD]). Cadet Wing returns 7:00 pm on 29 Mar 15
21 Mar – 29 Mar 15	Spring Break <b>Cadet Candidates (Preppies)</b> released. Cadet Candidates returns 7:00 pm on 29 Mar 15
11-15 May 15	Finals
18 May 15	Prep School Parade
18 – 21 May 15	First Class Household Goods, Baggage Processing and Shipment
19 May 15	Prep School Graduation
22 May 15	2016 Ring Dance Dinner (Mitchell Hall 1730 – 2000)
22 May 15	2016 Ring Dance (Arnold Hall 2000 – 2100)
28 May 15	2015 Graduation
30 May 15	1 <sup>st</sup> Summer Session Begins
20 Jun 15	1 <sup>st</sup> Summer Session Ends
20 Jun 15	2 <sup>nd</sup> Summer Session Begins
25 Jun 15	Class of 2019 In-Processes
11 Jul 15	2 <sup>nd</sup> Summer Session Ends
11 Jul 15	Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo (0730 No parent access)
11 Jul 15	3 <sup>rd</sup> Summer Session Begins
18 Jul 15	Doolie Day Out (Sponsors pick up approx. 0800-1900) (Cadets can have cell phones today)
TBD	<u>Prep School</u> - Direct Entry report (in-processing)
20 Jul 15	March out to Jacks Valley (0800)
30 Jul 15	March back from Jacks Valley (0730)
4 Aug 15 (tentative)	Acceptance Parade (0900)
1 Aug 15	3 <sup>rd</sup> Summer Session Ends
1 Aug 15	Cadet Wing Returns by 7:00pm
TBD	Laptops Issued
TBD	Freshman E-mail should be up on e-mail
TBD	New Semester Classes Start
TBD	Commitment Dinner
TBD	USAFA/FMF will accept Scholarship Checks
4-7 Sep 15	Parents' Weekend 2015

<http://www.usafa.edu/superintendent/parentsweekend/?catname=Parents%27%20>

### Weekend

24 – 29 Nov 15	Cadet Thanksgiving Break
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)

**TAX SERVICE FOR CADETS:** Free Tax service is provided for the cadets and cadet candidates. The USAFA Tax Center is located near the South Gate, at the 10th ABW/HQ Building, 8034 Edgerton Drive, Suite 237. Cadets can call for appointments at 333-3920. If your cadets need proof of attendance (C4Cs) for parents to claim part of the year the cadet need to go online to USAFA Registrar's website and request a letter. Then the cadet can pick up the letter from the Registrar's office).

**2015 GRADUATION PREPARATION:** The Graduation schedule of events isn't approved yet, but hopefully soon. The webpage will be updated soon. It is highly suggested you register for Graduation. Information that was sent in years past through the mail you will now receive any changes or updates to your e-mail. Registration is tentatively scheduled to open 1 Mar 15. Keep checking the Graduation Webpage at the following link: <http://www.usafa.edu/superintendent/graduation/index.cfm?catname=graduation> for updates. I will e-mail parent clubs when registration has begun.

**CADET MEDIA INFORMATION:** CADET WING MEDIA HAS A NEW WEBPAGE! Check us out at <http://www.usafasupport.com/cadet-media.html> <<http://www.usafasupport.com/cadet-media.html>> and see your 2015 graduation information.

### **CLASS OF 2015 GRADUATION VIDEO, YEARBOOK AND PHOTOS**

You may order the 2015 USAFA Graduation DVD or 2015 POLARIS Yearbook through the Office of Cadet Wing Media. The DVD includes every graduate receiving their diploma on graduation day plus highlights of graduation week activities. This DVD is the only graduation product officially sanctioned by the USAF Academy. Click here <<http://nebula.wsimg.com/4c338d9f4ac8940884bf59547d4bef72?AccessKeyId=C7760A2EE485D3702028&di sposition=0&alloworigin=1>> to order your 2015 Polaris yearbook and/or Graduation DVD. Highlighting the final year at the Air Force Academy for the Class of 2015, the POLARIS yearbook provides a comprehensive, creative collection of academic, athletic, and cadet life events for the Cadet Wing 2015-2016 academic year.

Prestige Portraits by Lifetouch has been contracted to provide professional photographs of your cadet at the Graduation Ball and at the Graduation Ceremony. The contract photographer will mail proofs to each graduating cadet's home of record within six weeks after graduation with instructions for purchasing these photographs. If you do not receive a proof from the photographer, please contact Lifetouch directly. Click here <<http://events.lifetouch.com/usairforceacademycoloradospringsco>> to order Graduation ball and Graduation ceremony photos. For more information call (800) 426-9533 or write to Lifetouch, 1170 Pontiac Ave, Cranston, RI 02920, Attn: AFA Grad.

Contact Cadet Wing Media if you have any questions or would like to purchase a yearbook or DVD by calling (719) 333-4644, sending an email to [cwmedia@usafa.edu](mailto:cwmedia@usafa.edu) <<mailto:cwmedia@usafa.edu>> or writing to 10 FSS/FSLAM, P.O. Box 6066, USAFA CO 80841-6066.

Visit our web page for ordering information at <http://www.usafasupport.com/cadet-media.html> <<http://www.usafasupport.com/cadet-media.html>>

**USAFA Graduation Week 2015 (21–28 May 2015). Don't forget to look for our professional photographers! (See below for photo opportunities)**

#### **GRADUATION CEREMONY**

Thursday, 28 May 15

Falcon Stadium

\*Professional portrait photographers are present on graduation day. All cadets are photographed, no need to sign up, no obligation to purchase, photos will be online and proofs mailed to graduates home of record.

#### **GRADUATION BALL**

Wednesday, 27 May, 8:00–11:00 p.m.

Arnold Hall Ballroom

\*Professional portrait photographers are available at Arnold Hall for formal cadet and family portraits. No appointment necessary.

**RING DINING-OUT (FOR SECOND-CLASS CADETS AND GUESTS ONLY)**

Friday, 22 May, 5:30–7:45 p.m. (Note: Dinner goes until 8:00 pm)

Mitchell Hall

\*Professional portrait photographers are available in Mitchell Hall for formal portraits of cadets, couples, group photos with Ring Dance Cake. No appointment necessary.

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**NO SUMMER BUS TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED:** Summer Commercial Bus Transportation will **NOT** be provided. Cadets/parents can make arrangements for transportation to and from Denver International and Colorado Springs Airports by contacting the following: (you can also check online for other companies)

1. Colorado Springs Shuttle, LLC, 719-687-3456/1-877-587-3456, <http://www.coloradoshuttle.com/index.php>;
2. Front Range Shuttle (direct to airports): <http://www.frontrangeshuttle.com/> <<http://www.frontrangeshuttle.com/>> , (719) 237-2646;
3. A Ride in Luxury: <http://arideinluxury.com/colorado-airport-transportation/> <<http://arideinluxury.com/colorado-airport-transportation/>> , 1-800-813-9916, (719) 243-3365
4. A & B Limo Towncar: <http://www.cartotheairportdenver.com/colorado-springs-to-dia/> <<http://www.cartotheairportdenver.com/colorado-springs-to-dia/>> , (303) 578-4802.

**CABS ALLOWED ACCESS TO USAFA BEFORE AND AFTER VISITING HOURS:** There are two cab companies that have been approved by Security Forces to be allowed on to the base before and after visiting hours. Their contact information is below.

1. Yellow Cab, (719) 777-7777, <http://www.yccos.com/community.html> <<http://www.yccos.com/community.html>> has approval access to the base. Other cab companies would have to have a driver that already has a military Identification (retired military) to gain access the installation after visiting hours (0900- 1700 hours every day)

2. Springs Cab, (719) 444-8686.

**PROOF OF CADET HEALTH INSURANCE:** To get proof of insurance cadets can either e-mail Glenda Phillips at [glenda.phillips@us.af.mil](mailto:glenda.phillips@us.af.mil), phone (719) 333-5281 (USAFA TRICARE for cadets) and she can e-mail them their proof of insurance or they can stop by the cadet clinic and the folks there can print out the proof. Parents sometime wish to get the cadet off their insurance and their companies may require proof of coverage. Some parents will wait to ensure their cadet will be staying at the Academy to ensure no loss of coverage.

**MILITARY FAMILY LIFE COUSELORS (MFLC) (FOR CADETS)**

Military Family and Life Counselors are available to all cadets and Cadet Candidates at the Academy. Support and counseling are offered through formal and informal meetings with Cadets, as they may experience issues

such as: balance and self-regulation, family separation, adjustment to cadet life, relationship stress, grief and loss, authority issues, intimacy and trust, and access to self-help resources.

## **MFLC COUNSELORS**

**(719) 651-4810**

**(719) 246-1360**

Our Mission: To provide confidential non-medical, short term, problem-solving, non-record keeping counseling support, coaching, and education to Cadets to ensure readiness, and to address the stressors that can typically be associated with cadet life.

- **Confidential non-medical counseling to cadets.**
- **Licensed masters and doctorate level counselors.**
- **Services can be provided on or off of military installations.**
- **No records are kept.**
- **MFLC program is voluntary and available at no cost to cadets.**

## **AOG INFORMATION:**

**WEBGUY:** In addition to the academic year coverage from Webguy, here are the upcoming major events Webguy will be covering:

100th Night  
Polaris Warrior  
Recognition  
Ring Dance  
Prep TX  
Prep Graduation

To view the coverage, log on to Webguy at <http://www.usafawebguy.com/>

Please let Webguy know of any appointee send-off's and if your cadet is participating in any USAFA Clubs. Webguy may be able to provide additional coverage.

Jostens Schedule:

11 Mar 15: Service call for the Class of 2015  
22 Apr 15: Review ring castings for the Class of 2017  
Service call for the Class of 2015  
Meeting w/Ring Committee Class of 2018

## **SPRING BREAK BUS SCHEDULES**

### **2015 SPRING BREAK BUS TRANSPORTATION**

Tickets on sale starting January 05, 2015 thru March 06, 2015

No refunds or changes after March 06, 2015

All seats sold after March 6 are sold on space available basis

MUST HAVE AT LEAST 15 PAID SIGN-UPS FOR A BUS TO RUN ...

Please call (719) 333-4602 .... All dates, times subject to cancellation per demand

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## **DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

DEPART BASE OF RAMP (northeast corner below Terrazzo, Cadet Area)

20 March: 0400,0600,0800,1000,1200, 1300,1400,1500,1600,1700,1800

21 March: 0400, 0600

RETURN 29 March- 1100, , 1200,, 1300,, 1400, , 1500,, 1600,, 1700, , 1800

Type of Ticket Purchase Tickets

05 Jan 2015 - 06 March 2015

ROUNDTRIP \$45.00

ONE WAY \$30.00

**COLORADO SPRINGS AIRPORT**

DEPART BASE OF RAMP (northeast corner of Terrazzo, Cadet Area)

20 March: 0415,0615, 0815,1015,1215,1315,1415,1515,1615

21 March: 0415,0615

RETURN 29 March: 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500, 1600, 1700, 1800

Type of Ticket Purchase Tickets

05 Jan 2015- 06 March 2015

ROUNDTRIP \$30.00

ONE WAY \$20.00

- 1) Since this is a high volume time at the airports, allow additional time to check luggage or take only one carry-on bag.
- 2) Only bus times that meet sign up requirements are guaranteed a ride. Standby space may be available at the departure site.

**BUSES DO SELL OUT PLEASE PURCHASE EARLY!!**

DEPARTURE INFORMATION:

- 1) Cadet Buses leave from the BASE OF THE RAMP ON TIME! Luggage is limited to one large bag or two medium bags and one carry-on bag. Cadets are responsible for loading their own luggage onto the bus. Luggage should be clearly marked. REMEMBER all Cadets luggage looks the same.
- 2) Please allow at least 3 hours for driving time and security to Denver International Airport.
- 3) Please allow at least 2 hours for driving time and security to Colorado Springs Airport.
- 4) Additional departure times will be set up if the date or time for release of cadets changes.
- 5) Additional departure times can be requested and added if minimum count is achieved.

RETURNING INFORMATION:

- 1) There will be standby tickets sold at DIA for \$35.00, COS \$25.00 but there is NO GUARANTEE a seat will be available!!
- 2) Meet at DIA level 5 East baggage claim Door 505
- 3) Colo Spgs-ORC rep will be present outside baggage claim area

Vandenberg Hall Outdoor Recreation Center, ROOM ICI5 (719) 333-4602

\*Note- Cadets must purchase tickets in person

Parents may purchase a bus ticket by phone for their Cadets with a MC or VISA. Open Moo, Tues, Thurs, Fri, 08:00 to 17:00 Closed Wed and Holidays

\*Note all dates and times are subject to change or cancellation

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**2015 PREP SCHOOL SPRING BREAK BUS TRANSPORTATION**

Tickets on sale starting January 05, thru March 06, 2015

No refunds or changes after March 06, 2015

All seats sold after March 06 are sold on space available basis

MUST HAVE AT LEAST 15 PAID SIGN-UPS FOR A BUS TO RUN ...

Prep school students will be notified by E-mail about cancellations or changes.

Or call (719) 333-4602 for updates .... All dates, times subject to cancellation per demand

**DENVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

DEPART from Prep school parking lot 20 Mar 2015: 1530

RETURN 29 March- 1430

Type of Ticket Purchase Tickets

OS Jan 2015- 06 March 2015

ROUNDTRIP \$45.00

ONE WAY \$30.00

**COLORADO SPRINGS AIRPORT**

DEPART from Prep school parking lot 21 Mar 2015: 1545

RETURN 29 March: 1430

Type of Ticket Purchase Tickets

OS Jan 201S- 06 March 201S

ROUNDTRIP \$30.00

ONE WAY \$20.00

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1) Since this is a high volume time at the airports, allow additional time to check luggage or take only one carry-on bag.

2) Only bus times that meet sign up requirements are guaranteed a ride. Standby space may be available at the departure site.

**BUSES DO SELL OUT PLEASE PURCHASE EARLY!!**

DEPARTURE INFORMATION:

1) Prep Buses leave from the Prep school parking lot ON TIME! Luggage is limited to one large bag or two medium bags and one carry-on bag. Students are responsible for loading their own luggage onto the bus. Luggage should be clearly marked. REMEMBER all luggage looks the same.

2) Please allow at least 2 hours for driving time to Denver International Airport.

3) Please allow at least 1 hour for driving time to Colorado Springs Airport.

RETURNING INFORMATION:

1) There will be standby tickets sold at DIA for \$35.00, COS \$25.00 but there is NO GUARANTEE a seat will be available!!

2) Meet at DIA level 5 East baggage claim Door 505

3) Colo Spgs-ORC rep will be present outside baggage claim area

Vandenberg ORC-ROOM ICI5 (719) 333-4602

Parents or Prep school students may purchase a bus ticket by phone with a

MC or VISA. Open Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, 08:00 to 17:00 Closed Wed and Holidays

\*Note All dates and times are subject to change or cancellation

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### Helpful Websites/POCs:

**Cadet Academic Calendar website: (2014/2015 calendar)**

<http://www.usafa.af.mil/academics/calendar.asp>

**Cadet 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/>

**Association of Graduates and USAFA Endowment:**

<http://www.usafa.org/>

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

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

**Base Cadet Treats (Flower Shop)** 719-472-8589, [petalsnblooms.com](http://petalsnblooms.com)

**PREP SCHOOL INFORMATION:**

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

Contact 2Lt Kyle Mahan at (719) 333-2583, [kyle.mahan@usafa.edu](mailto:kyle.mahan@usafa.edu) and the USAFA website below Dawn Ellis, (719) 333-2583. [dawn.ellis@usafa.edu](mailto:dawn.ellis@usafa.edu) will be starting approximately 23 Feb 15.

<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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