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# Falcon Family News

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### PHOTO ACCESS FOR PARENTS -

The U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs office provides command information to the installation and the public. One of the ways we do this is through social media venues such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube. All information provided is official, but there is also fun stuff on there too. Did you know you can download photos from our Facebook page for free?

- [Official USAFA Facebook site](#)
- [Official USAFA Twitter site](#)
- [Official USAFA Instagram site](#)

We also want your Academy photos. Upload them to Instagram using #YourAcademy. You might see it on Facebook and Twitter. If you have any questions, please call the Public Affairs office at (719) 333-7731.

There are also more **FREE** pictures on the Academy website. You can gain access from the following website:

[www.usafa.edu/cadetFocus/cadetPhotos/index.cfm](http://www.usafa.edu/cadetFocus/cadetPhotos/index.cfm)

Just select your cadet's class year!

**GOLD PROP AND WINGS** - The Cadet Site Picture states that Cadets will wear standard chrome plated prop and wings on flight caps upon recognition. Direct descendants of Army Air Corps, Women Air Force Service Pilots, or parent USAF Academy graduate are authorized to wear gold prop and wings.

**PROOF OF CADET HEALTH INSURANCE** – Please review the below link. The link will provide you with the phone number and information on how you can receive proof of medical coverage. I would suggest calling the Beneficiary Line below for urgent requests. Please let me know if you have any additional questions.  
1 (800) 444-5445

[TRICARE Website](#)

### ACADEMY APP AVAILABLE –

Do you have an iTunes or Android enabled device? Scan one of the QR codes below with your barcode scanner to download the new Air Force Academy App. Get the latest Academy news, photos, videos, and more.



iTunes



Android

### CLASS STATISTICS (as of 31 May 2016)

Class Year	Men	Women	Total
2016	640	185	825
2017	775	235	1010
2018	817	221	1038
2019	828	287	1115
<b>WING</b>	<b>3060</b>	<b>928</b>	<b>3988</b>

55 International Cadets are counted in the Cadet Wing Strength, but do not count in the Fiscal year Strength.

**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)

- **Colorado Springs Shuttle, LLC**  
(719) 687-3456, 1-877-587-3456  
[www.coloradoshuttle.com/index.php](http://www.coloradoshuttle.com/index.php)
- **Front Range Shuttle** (direct to airports):  
(719) 237-2646  
[www.fronrangeshuttle.com](http://www.fronrangeshuttle.com)

## **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:

- **Yellow Cab** (719) 777-7777  
<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 to the installation after visiting hours (0900- 1700 daily)
- **Springs Cab** (719) 444-8686  
[www.springscabllc.com](http://www.springscabllc.com)

**In-processing Day:** (30 Jun 2016) As far as in-processing day there will not be anything for parents to do before you drop off your cadet. You will show up at the specified time for your cadet (not earlier), get a quick brief and then your cadet will be separated from family and friends and begin official in-processing. There is a small parents' information fair right where you will drop your cadet off and can see your cadet come down the stairs and walk to the bus. After that you can check out the cadet chapel, visitor's center, or other available Academy sites – such as the Heritage Trail at Doolittle Hall.

**Swearing In Ceremony:** On Friday (1 Jul 16, 8:30 am) there is the Class of 2020 swearing in ceremony where you can watch the class swear-in. Just stand along the chapel wall overlooking the terrazzo. They will be below you. Some people make signs of encouragement (only) etc... for their cadet. Advise you arrive early to get a good spot along the wall and for parking, but no earlier than 0730. Note: **BACKPACKS ARE NOT ALLOWED.** Diaper bags are allowed.

**Doolie Day Out (DDO):** (23 Jul 16) On DDO the cadets get to meet their sponsor families. The sponsor families pick the cadets up around 0930 and take them back to their house for the afternoon. This is the day your cadet will be able to call you during BCT. Only registered sponsor families with assignment letters will be permitted to enter the pick-up area. They must have their assignment letter and dash pass. If for some reason someone makes it all the way in without these documents, the cadet will be reported and there will be serious consequences for the cadet upon return. The cadets will be briefed about being released only to the family they are assigned to for the day. Your cadet will be able to talk with you on this day. If you are local you must become your cadet's sponsor to be allowed to pick them up on Doolie Day Out.

Parents from out-of-state should **NOT** come to town in hopes of spending Doolie Day Out with their son/ daughter on this day. Doolie Day Out is for sponsor families to get to know their sponsored cadets.

The appropriate time for parents to come is on Parents' Weekend (Labor Day Weekend). They may then meet their son/ daughter's sponsor families if they so desire.

**Acceptance Day Parade:** (9 Aug 16, 9:00 am) If you are close, you can spend 1 or 2 hours with your cadet after the parade. This is a parade officially accepting the Freshman (C4Cs) into the cadet wing. You must stay on campus and suggest you bring a picnic lunch or you will spend all your time in line at Subway, WingZone, or Godfather's Pizza in Arnold Hall. Appointees will not be allowed cell phones so plan on meeting up on the parade field after the parade. Shoulder boards have to be put on by the Cadets, but parents are allowed on the field to observe. To help you find your cadet, the squadrons are organized from your left to your right. Cadets squadrons 1-10 followed by squadrons 11-20. To the right of the center are Cadet squadron(s) 21-39, followed by 31-40.

**Family Emergencies:** Feel free to contact your cadet's AOC (Commander) or AMT (enlisted superintendent) in case of family emergencies. You can also contact me Toll Free at 1-877-268-3383, (719) 333-3828, if you need their phone numbers or need me to contact them for you. The commanders really do try and work out emergencies as quickly as possible.

**Communicating with Your Cadet during Basic Cadet Training (BCT):** BCT consists of two parts – 1<sup>st</sup> BCT, which is conducted in the Cadet Area, and 2<sup>nd</sup> BCT, conducted in Jacks Valley. Mail is the only way to communicate during this time. Mail those letters and cards often. Cadets won't be allowed phone calls and the letters from family and friends mean so much to them. Suggest you put your cadet's BCT squadron letter after their name to help get the mail to the cadet faster. Encourage them to hang in there. It gets better, and once the Fall semester starts they will have e-mail and should have their cell phones full time. Cadets will also have time to write letters during BCT as well, and are encouraged to do so by their trainers. If your cadet is thinking about quitting they will be allowed to call home so you can talk to them and maybe give them encouragement to stay.

**Jacks Valley:** This is the location of the second part of BCT. The cadets are sent on "Deployment" to a tent city where they learn combat skills, train on the obstacle course, confidence course, and assault course, and participate in team building exercises. This is a rewarding, but difficult part of BCT. Encourage your cadet to get as physically fit as they can to prepare for BCT. Drink lots of water before coming to Colorado Springs as the high altitude is very hard on people who aren't used to it. Water will help keep the cadet hydrated and hopefully keep the headaches down due to altitude sickness.

## **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](mailto:PrepInfo@usafa.edu)

Website: [www.usafa.edu/?catname=Prep School](http://www.usafa.edu/?catname=Prep%20School)

Mail: HQ USAFA/PL

5229 Cedar Drive, Suite 117

USAF Academy, CO 80840-3100

## **HELPFUL WEBSITES and POCs –**

### **Parent Information Link:**

[www.usafa.af.mil/Leadership/CadetDevelopment/ParentsClub.aspx](http://www.usafa.af.mil/Leadership/CadetDevelopment/ParentsClub.aspx)

### **Graduation Information Link:**

[www.usafa.edu/superintendent/graduation/index.cfm?catname=graduation](http://www.usafa.edu/superintendent/graduation/index.cfm?catname=graduation)

### **USAFA's Public Calendar Link:**

(Managed by the Association of Graduates.)

[www.usafa.org/Calendar/Events](http://www.usafa.org/Calendar/Events)

### **2016-2017 Academic Calendar Link:**

The Academic Calendar for 2016-2017 has been approved and you can find it at the following link:

[http://www.usafa.af.mil/Portals/21/documents/About\\_Us\\_Docs/2016\\_2017\\_Final%20ApprovedMay252016.pdf?ver=2016-05-25-101000-790&timestamp=1464185360408](http://www.usafa.af.mil/Portals/21/documents/About_Us_Docs/2016_2017_Final%20ApprovedMay252016.pdf?ver=2016-05-25-101000-790&timestamp=1464185360408)

### **Curriculum Handbook:**

(which also outlines summer programs available for cadets in what year):

[www.usafa.edu/df/dfr/curriculum/CHB.pdf](http://www.usafa.edu/df/dfr/curriculum/CHB.pdf)

### **Cadet Clubs:**

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

[www.usafa.edu/cadetFocus/cadetClubs/](http://www.usafa.edu/cadetFocus/cadetClubs/)

### **Cadet Survival Guide:**

[www.usafasupport.com/home.html](http://www.usafasupport.com/home.html)

### **Cadet Media:**

[www.usafasupport.com/cadet-activities/cadet-media](http://www.usafasupport.com/cadet-activities/cadet-media)

### **Admissions:**

(parents can help us recruit future cadets):

[www.academyadmissions.com/](http://www.academyadmissions.com/)

### **Sports Schedules:**

[www.goairforcefalcons.com/calendar/events/](http://www.goairforcefalcons.com/calendar/events/)

### **Base Cadet Treats (Flower Shop):**

(719) 472-8589

[petalsnblooms.com](http://petalsnblooms.com)

### **Gift Cards order phone numbers:**

Cadet Store (Base Exchange) (719) 472-1953

10 FSS: (719) 472-7930

### **Hometown News Release (must have CAC card):**

<https://jhns.release.dma.mil/public>

### **Life Touch photos:**

POC: Sherri Peloso

1 (800) 426-9533 extension 128 or 241

<http://lifetouch.com/>

## UPCOMING DATES:

25 Jun 16	1 <sup>st</sup> Summer Session Ends
25 Jun 16	2 <sup>nd</sup> Summer Session Begins
30 Jun 16	Class of 2020 In-Processes
1 Jul 16	Class of 2020 Swearing In Ceremony (8:30 am) at Chapel Wall
15 Jul 16	Field Day (viewing only...no cadet access)
16 Jul 16	2 <sup>nd</sup> Summer Session Ends
16 Jul 16	Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo (No parent access)
16 Jul 16	3 <sup>rd</sup> Summer Session Begins
17 Jul 16	<u>Prep School</u> – Prior Service report (in-processing)
20 Jul 16	<u>Prep School</u> - Direct Entry report (in-processing)
23 Jul 16	Doolie Day Out (Sponsors pick up approx. 8:00 am to 7:00 pm (Cadets can have cell phones that day)
24 Jul 16	March out to Jacks Valley (8:00 am)
3 Aug 16	March back from Jacks Valley (8:00 am)
6 Aug 16	3 <sup>rd</sup> Summer Session Ends
6 Aug 16	Cadet Wing Returns by 7:00 pm
8 Aug 16 (tentative)	Laptops Issued
9 Aug 16 (tentative)	Freshman E-mail should be up on e-mail
9 Aug 16	Acceptance Parade (9:00 am) (2020 class are allowed cell phones)
10 Aug 16	2018 Class Commitment Dinner (time TDB)
12 Aug 16	New Semester Classes Start
15 Aug 16	USAFA/FMF will accept Scholarship Checks
2-5 Sep 16	Parents' Weekend 2016
	<a href="http://www.usafa.edu/superintendent/parentsweekend/?catname=Parents%27%20Weekend">http://www.usafa.edu/superintendent/parentsweekend/?catname=Parents%27%20Weekend</a>
22-27 Nov 16	Cadet Thanksgiving Break (after LMD). Return by 7:00 pm on 27 Nov 16
TBD	Prep School Thanksgiving Break (released at 9:00 am)
12-16 Dec 16	Cadet Winter Finals
17 Dec 16 – 4 Jan 17	Cadet Winter Break (Cadet Wing returns 7:00 pm on 4 Jan 17)
TBD	Prep School Winter Break (released at 0900/return by 7 pm on TBD)
22 - 24 Feb 17	Character & Leadership Symposium (NCLS)
9 - 11 Mar 17	Recognition for Class of 2020
24 Mar 17 – 2 Apr 17	Cadet Spring Break (Cadet Wing returns 7:00 pm on 2 Apr 17)
TBD	Prep School Spring Break (Returns TDB)
15-19 May 17	Cadet Spring Finals
31 May 17	2017 Graduation

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

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