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Dear CACC Families,

Thank you for registering for the 2026 California Cadet Corps Summer Encampment! I am thrilled to welcome our largest group in recent history. We're confident this year will be our best camp yet. For the most recent information about camp, please visit the [Summer Camp page](#) on our website often.

Encampment is split into 3 phases of training: ADVON, Leadership Encampment, and Advanced Encampment. Select cadets that are a part of our cadre are invited to CSLO a couple of days early, from the 15th to the 17th of June, to prepare for the main body of cadets. Leadership Encampment takes place from the 18th to the 21st of June. Cadre will lead cadets through various training blocks and fun events that emphasize Cadet Corps principles and curriculum. Finally, Advanced Camp places cadets into subject-specific training led by experts in their field.

We wrap things up on June 28 with the Pass-In-Review Ceremony, where cadets will march proudly in their units to showcase their well-deserved awards. Families are invited to attend the Pass in Review. More information and the [Encampment Award Ceremony RSVP](#) are included in this letter.

To help cadets and families get a better idea of what Summer Encampment looks like, including some of the facilities, training activities, and daily experiences cadets will participate in, we encourage you to watch the following [Encampment Overview Video](#).

Here are some key details to bear in mind:

1. ARRIVAL:
 - a. Cadet Cadre attending ADVON will arrive on June 15th, 2026, from 1200 and later. It's important to note that transportation will be provided by buses or vans from central points. Once cadets arrive at Camp San Luis Obispo, they must in-process with the S-1 Personnel and Administration Staff to confirm their leadership staff positions before turning in any medication (if appropriate) to the S-2 Safety and Security Staff. The purpose for handing in medication to our staff is to ensure that the medication does not become lost and that cadets take the right dosages at the appropriate times. Then, the S-4 Supply and Logistics staff will give the cadets their lunch, tents, sleeping bags

(if needed), and any additional uniform items cadets are missing. Tents will then be set up and divided by gender for the event, and they will prepare for the setup of the main body of cadets.

- b. Most cadets will be attending Summer Encampment on 18th June 2026 from 1200 onwards via transportation provided from central location points. They will be going through a similar in-processing structure as ADVON, stated above. Cadets will check in with the S-1 Personnel and Administration Staff to confirm which battalion they will be assigned to. Then, cadets will transition to the S-6 Communications and Technology table; here, cadets will be **required** to turn in any technological devices (e.g., cell phones, digital watches, computers) to ensure they do not become damaged or lost throughout the event. If cadets will be taking any online college courses and NEED a computer, please email SEQuestions@cacadet.org prior to encampment. These devices will be securely locked away until the end of the event. Next, cadets will hand in medication to the S-2 Safety and Security Staff and receive their supplies from the S-4 Supply and Logistics Officers. Tents will be set up and divided by gender, and the cadets will slowly be introduced to the encampment with an orientation from the 10th Brigade staff.

2. UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT:

- a. For Leadership Encampment this year, all cadets will be cycling through the same training; this means cadets will be assigned a company and battalion they belong to and go through different training blocks to be trained on Cadet Corps knowledge. Cadet Cadre assignments are listed at https://summercamp.cacadets.org/lc_roster and also emailed out to all Cadre.
- b. For Advanced Encampment, check unit assignments on our encampment page at https://summercamp.cacadets.org/ac_roster. Please ensure all your cadet's information is correct. Cadets with inquiries regarding their Advanced Encampment assignment should email SEQuestions@cacadets.org. **NOTE:** I have received your many emails and DMs; however, many of the Advanced Camp units are full this year. There are waitlists, but we cannot automatically transfer you to a unit.

3. PROMOTIONS & ADVANCEMENT IN RATE

- a. Contrary to years past, and due to the inflated numbers of Encampment, we will not be facilitating promotions to C/SGT and above. Cadets interested in promotion should do so prior to encampment at the battalion and Brigade levels. Cadets can, however, use their skills learned at Encampment to cross

off activities on their PTAs, so we recommend you bring them to sign! We will send you back to your units with progress towards your next promotion.

- b. Field Grade Officer promotion packets should be submitted to the PUAC board PRIOR to encampment to give time to process your promotion. We will do our best to promote you at Encampment, but no packets will be accepted during Encampment.
- c. Those interested in promoting up to C/CPL do not need promotion packets. Our goal is to help you progress up to C/CPL at Encampment if you have not done so.

4. CELL PHONE USAGE:

- a. The CACC Summer Encampment is a special environment where cadets are focused on achieving their goals and performing the rigors of the training program. To avoid potential distraction and the need for cadets to be immersed in the training program and to get valuable sleep at night, cadets will not have access to their phones during the entirety of the activity.
- b. It is still recommended that you bring your cellphone to Camp so you can communicate with your family on the ride to and from San Luis Obispo. However, you will be required to turn all devices (tablets, cellphones, etc.) in when you in-process.
- c. All devices will be secured in an envelope with the cadet's information attached and securely locked away for encampment. Devices will be collected by the cadets on the morning of June 28th before the Pass in Review.
- d. If a parent needs to reach the encampment in case of an emergency, the emergency number will be posted prominently at <https://cacadets.org/Events/SummerCamp/GeneralInfo>. This number will be answered 24/7. You may also email the point of contact charles.wallis@cacadets.org. If a parent needs to reach Encampment leaders for questions, the email to contact is SEQuestions@cacadets.org.
- e. Cadets in some leadership positions and those who attend ADVON will have their devices until the transition to Advanced Encampment. However, it is expected they use their phones for appropriate activities only (i.e. communication, training schedules, and rosters). Any rules broken will result in the device being collected. They will not be allowed to make or receive calls home.

5. AWARD CEREMONY INVITATION AND DISMISSAL:

- a. All family members are invited to attend the annual Pass-In-Review to celebrate their cadet's achievements on June 28th. The ceremony begins at 1040 and ends at 1115. Parents are welcome to attend and may bring their cadet home. If you plan on attending, please plan to arrive early (usually guests must walk the ¼ mile from the parking lot to the parade field) and bring a valid ID. Please RSVP with the link found on page 1.
- b. The Cadet Store will be available during the ceremony. Parents and cadets may purchase CACC items and souvenirs at their own expense.
- c. When families come on base to the parade field, they will need to check in with our S-1 Personnel and Administration Staff to confirm that they are on base, and so we can track which cadets will not be boarding buses. You will get a ticket which will help us speed up your departure out the gate when you're leaving. Please keep the ticket until your departure. Check-in will be set up behind the bleachers.
- d. After the pass-in-review, cadets will then be able to gather their belongings; this applies to all cadets, regardless of whether they will be traveling with their buses or with their parents. Please ensure your cadet has ALL their luggage.

6. PACKING LIST:

- a. Families can view the packing list here: [2026 Encampment Packing List](#)
- b. All cadets are asked to bring two sets of Class C Uniforms. Your school should be able to issue you the uniform by the end of the school year. If your school does not have the Class C Uniforms and can't borrow them from a nearby school, we may be able to issue uniforms at Camp San Luis Obispo but can't guarantee that we have your size (especially smaller sizes). Your commandant is encouraged to try to borrow uniforms from nearby units.
- c. On the packing list, we ask that all cadets bring at least five black crew-neck T-shirts. Because this may be an additional cost, we are allowing cadets to bring any black crew-neck T-shirts they have (even ones with logos on them). Logos will be turned inside out when wearing the uniform.

- d. Always remember your shower shoes and hygiene items! Showers will be available to you every other day. For female cadets: California Cadet Corps cannot issue tampons at Encampment due to medical concerns. Regardless of your cycle, we highly recommend you bring your preferred feminine hygiene products. We will have products available with our medics and at the medical tent, but it is always smart to come prepared.
- e. Finally, make sure you mark your bags and items. Luggage, clothes, and uniforms tend to look the same, so for the sake of your belongings and my trips to the lost and found, please mark your gear.

7. SAFETY INFORMATION:

- a. Our Safety and Security team is excited to host you for the 2026 Summer Encampment! Please carefully read the following reminders regarding safety at encampment:
 - 1. All medication is to be collected during in-processing and will be in the care of adult staff. Please make sure that all medication is easily identifiable (e.g., make sure that the medication name is visible and prescription medication is in the original container) and that your cadets know when to take their medication so they can communicate with the adult staff. Please note that this protocol does NOT include EpiPens and inhalers, as they are to stay with the cadet throughout the event.
 - 2. If allergic to sunscreen brands used at Summer Encampment (Banana Boat), please ensure you bring your own for personal use. Make sure to apply sunscreen every 80 minutes.
 - 3. Make sure to bring body and hair wash, as well as (but not limited to) toothpaste and a brush, clean clothes, deodorant, etc. and a towel and washcloth. If participating in Scuba unit, bring at least one extra towel and your swimsuit.
 - 4. Although it is not required, we advise that cadets bring foot powder/baby powder to reduce the risk of blisters forming on the feet. Moleskin is also a great addition to your packing.
 - 5. When wearing Class Cs, hats and blouses are to be worn at all times with the sleeves rolled down. This is to prevent sunburns and insect bites, and it also helps cool down the cadets.
 - 6. Cadet medics will be on-site to help with any minor medical emergencies (eg. scrapes and blisters). If a more severe medical

emergency occurs, paramedics shall be on-site and the necessary medical procedures shall be carried out (e.g. 911 shall be called).

7. Refrain from bringing any snacks to encampment– cadets shall be sleeping in tents outdoors, which may attract animals.

8. TRANSPORTATION:

- a. We are finalizing the bus roster and will release all information regarding transportation. Please continue to check <https://cacadets.org/Events/SummerCamp> to stay up-to-date.

8. SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATES:

- a. Throughout Encampment, our Public Relations Officers will be taking photos, videos, and interviews. To get updates on the encampment - including a daily video newsletter - we suggest you follow our social media: Instagram - @hqacc ; Facebook - @California Cadet Corps. You may also enjoy our Flickr account for a more detailed picture timeline of the day: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/hqacc/albums>.

If you have any questions or concerns about any of the material covered in this letter, feel free to email me at cadetcommander@cacadets.org.

Respectfully,

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