

WARNING ORDER: 010-2324-013

1) SITUATION:

- a) Name: Wilderness Skills Course
- b) Dates: 18-21 April 2024
- c) Start and End Times: Event starts 18 April 2024 at 1200 HRS and ends 21 April 2024 at 1000 HRS.
- d) Location: Camp San Luis Obispo (CSLO)
- e) Participation Requirements:
 - (1) Enrollment is limited to 25 qualified cadets.
 - (2) Cadets must be enrolled in 8th-12th grade for the 2023-2024 school year to participate.
 - (3) Participants must not have had any serious disciplinary infractions.
 - (4) Commandants must vet cadet's record/character prior to attendance.

2) MISSION: California Cadet Corps (CACC) will conduct the Wilderness Skills Course at Camp San Luis Obispo IOT instill vital survival, bushcraft, and primitive skills, foster a deep reverence for the natural world, and forge enduring connections among the participants.

3) EXECUTION:

- a) Intent: Provide safe, in-depth instruction of wilderness skills in a field environment.
- b) Concept of Operations:
 - (1) Participants will report to CACC HQ, 10 Sonoma Ave BLDG 1301, Camp San Luis Obispo, CA 93405 NLT 1200 HRS on 18 April 2024.
 - (2) Upon arrival, cadets will in-process, receive a safety brief, and be issued necessary equipment.
 - (3) Once the equipment issue is complete, personnel will move to a remote base-camp setting where all training will be conducted.
 - (4) When training is completed, cadets will return to CSLO, return their gear, and receive a certificate of completion for the course.
 - (5) The event will conclude NLT 1000 HRS on 18 April 2024; cadets will be picked-up NTL 1200 HRS on 21 April 2024.
- c) Application Process: Cadets should register using the application portal at <https://CACCWSCSpring24.eventbrite.com>
 - (1) Commandants will receive a list of their respective cadets for approval.
 - (a) Cadets who do not meet their commandant's screening criteria will be issued a refund (if paid online) and removed from the list.
 - (2) Once applications are completed, they will be ranked by the following criteria:
 - (a) Order that application is received (1-25 points).
 - (b) Grade level (12th: 5 points, 11th: 4 points, 10th: 3 points, 9th: 2 points).
 - (c) Essay submittal (Yes: 5 points, No: 0 points)
 - (d) Letter of recommendation (Yes: 5 points, No: 0 points).
 - (3) Once the top 25 applicants are established, additional participants will be notified that they have been wait-listed.

- d) Cost: The enrollment fee is \$50 to cover the cost of meals and training materials utilized during the event.
 - (1) Payment may be completed online during the registration process, by separate invoice mailed after the cadet's application is approved, or by check turned-in at in-processing (if pre-approved by course manager).
 - (2) Graduates of the Cadet Survival Instructor Course (CSIC) are exempt from the enrollment fee but are expected to perform staff instructional duties.
- e) Duty Status: CACC/CSG adult personnel supporting the event will be in a TSAD duty status; CACC personnel must submit a [travel order request](#) prior to attendance and are not required to register in the application portal. Adult Supervisors attending the event do not need to have Survival/WSC experience.
- f) Key Suspense Dates:
 - (1) Application portal closes: 12 April 2024
 - (2) Payment due 18 April 2024
- g) Uniforms: Cadets and adult staff are not required to report in uniform. Civilian clothing appropriate for outdoor training in a field environment is authorized.
- h) Packing List: Participants will be Emailed a packing list once their application is accepted.

4) SUSTAINMENT:

- a) Transportation will not be provided for this event; traveling to and from CSLO is the participant's responsibility.
- b) Participants will receive prepared meals and will be issued all necessary equipment during the event.

5) COMMAND & SIGNAL:

- a) The Course Manager is 1SG (CA) Dustin Dionne and can be contacted by Email at dustin.dionne@cacadets.org.
- b) Instructors & Assignments: Instructors will be assigned based on experience and/or attendance at previous Outdoor Adventure Training events. Instructors wishing to participate in the program will send an Email to survival@cacadets.org with full contact information, area of expertise, and desired topics of instruction.
- c) Participants accepted into the course will receive a welcome letter and packing list via Email and updates via Microsoft Teams.

ACKNOWLEDGE:

Dustin Dionne
First Sergeant (CA), CSG

DISTRIBUTION:

All Commandants