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MEMORANDUM FOR: Parents/Guardians of OHWG Basic Cadets

FROM: Ohio Wing Encampment Commandant of Cadets

SUBJECT: Information for Parents/Guardians

1. As the parent of a basic cadet you probably have many questions about what we refer to as the “Encampment experience”. First, rest assured your cadet will be in the best of care at Encampment. Our senior and cadet staff members have been chosen by the Encampment Commander and Executive Staff members. We have held training for cadet and senior staff monthly leading up to encampment to develop our staff’s capabilities to best lead and watch over you son/daughter during this encampment. We have adults (Training Officers) assigned to each squadron to supervisor the cadet staff and basics.

a. Please know that for many of the cadets at Encampment, this will be both the most challenging and rewarding experience of their CAP career. Every cadet staff member and many of the senior staff members have previously experienced what your cadet is about to embark upon, and they will use that experience to ensure your cadet succeeds. At Encampment your cadet will be exposed to leadership training and opportunities designed to prepare them to become successful CAP cadet officers. They will also be exposed to the military lifestyle and culture which will surround them if they choose to pursue a military career. Please understand that Encampment is not designed as a recruiting tool for the military. It is designed to provide the CAP cadet with a small glimpse of the lifestyle, careers and opportunities that are available through the military.

2. Encampment Contact. Please visit and bookmark the Encampment website at [encampment.ohwg.cap.gov](http://encampment.ohwg.cap.gov). We have created a page specifically for parents that will contain information such as driving directions and graduation details. We also have updates with daily photos of activities, on our Facebook page. Be sure to visit both sites periodically for exciting photos and updates on the encampment throughout the week.

3. In Case of Emergency. While emergencies at Encampment are rare, we always plan for them just in case. While basic cadets will not have access to a phone during the week, exceptions will be made if there is an emergency at home. If you need to reach your cadet because of an emergency at Encampment, please call the Chief Training Officer, Lieutenant Colonel David Jennison at (937) 545-7585. This number will be monitored 24 hours a day during Encampment.

4. Graduation and Pass-In-Review You will have the opportunity to watch your cadet graduate and march in the pass-in-review ceremony on the final day of Encampment (pass in review subject to weather). While it is not required, you are highly encouraged to attend. The 2016 Ohio Wing Encampment Graduation Ceremony and Pass-In-Review will begin at 1000. The Graduation Ceremony will last approximately 90 minutes with a Pass-In-Review ceremony immediately following. More details regarding location will become available to you at a later time.

b. Encampment Check out. Cadets will be out processed and released at Lot 10 of WSU after graduation. We inspect each room to ensure is clean and all items are packed, then take the cadets by flight to the lot. A parent or guardian **must** be present to release their cadet. If cadets are driving with other cadets parent permission must be obtained (car keys will be confiscated at check in, labeled, then returned at check out). Exception: (If cadets are traveling in squadron van, the senior escort will sign for the cadets they are transporting). After signing out please load up and depart the lot ASAP to ensure room for all pickups. There are many numerous local restaurants to eat at to converse and share about the encampment experience.

I look forward to meeting you at Encampment Check in!

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2016 Ohio Wing Encampment Commandant of Cadets