



Utah Military Academy – Camp Williams Campus

Parent Newsletter 8 Jan 2021

Happy Winter Break UMA Family!

Welcome to a new year – and soon to be a new term! This term ends Jan 15 – Jan 18 is a holiday and we are back for the next term Jan 19 - so be sure to check with your cadet(s) to ensure everything is turned in and any possible makeup assignments are complete.

If you are starting in person class in the next term after being 100% online, please check our cadet guide for a reminder of grooming standards and uniform requirements. Cadets not meeting grooming standards will be given an infraction and not allowed to go to class until it is corrected.

<https://vahara-o2-public.s3.amazonaws.com/media/50630/2020-2021-UMA-CW-Cadet-Guide--18-Sep-2020.pdf>

If you have specific questions about grooming and uniform standards please send an email to tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org or ksater@utahmilitaryacademy.org

Our uniform schedule is:

Monday – Soft Uniform (Oxford)

Tuesday – ABUs

Wednesday – Soft Uniform (Polo)

Thursday – ABUs

Friday – Soft Uniform (Polo)

If your cadet was never issued uniforms and plans to return to in-person school for the next term, we will be issuing uniforms Jan 19 and 20.

Other notes:

1. We will continue COVID testing of all cadets who participate in extracurricular activities – including Team Time (not study halls) every two weeks to ensure they are all current. Parents are welcome to have their cadets tested off-site if they prefer –with proof of a negative test,

cadets will be cleared for participation for two weeks following that test date. With proof of a positive test, cadets will be cleared for participation for 90 days following their test date.

Some of our Team Time offerings and days will change with the new term. I will be emailing those out to cadets as soon as they are finalized and they will need to sign up with the instructor for any they plan to attend.

We will only test cadets who have parent permission through this link:

<https://c19.health.utah.gov/surveys/?s=3XDE77E4CK&dagid=PTI-UtahMilitaryAcademy>

2. Thank you to all of the parents who have signed up to be a FLIGHT PARENT! We still have lots of flights open at this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054EAFAD2FA13-flight>. Flight parents are similar to a “team mom” (or dad) and can assist with a variety of activities for their cadet’s flight – for example birthday celebrations, service projects, or arranging guest speakers.

3. ATHLETICS:

Spring Sports are just around the corner! Questions about which sports will be offered and requirements to play should be sent to the athletic director at jtyler@utahmilitaryacademy.org.

Girls interested in playing softball in the Spring (season starts next month), please contact the athletic director at jtyler@utahmilitaryacademy.org/ so we can get an idea of how many cadets are interested.

We will continue livestreaming home basketball games through the end of the season on our ‘Utah Military Academy Lehi’ YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAo3s3vLhzrszZiA8t958PA>

The channel also maintains the recordings of previous games if you missed one.

Attendance and livestream availability at away games will be up to the host team.

4. Save the date(s) for the Multicultural Youth Leadership Summit: Jan 26 & 28 and Feb 2 & 4. This is a virtual event for 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students and educators. Applications are now open – **DEADLINE IS DEC 16** at 11:59pm. Find your day at multicultural.utah.gov/youthleadership/

5. Scholarship Opportunities:

- **UIAAA is awarding six \$2,000 scholarships to qualified high school seniors.** The deadline is January 31. The link for the requirements and paperwork is below. Hard copy applications may be sent to the address below or emailed to utahiaaa@gmail.com in completed pdf format.

<https://uiaaa.org/awards/student-athlete-scholarships/>

**Utah Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association
199 East 7200 South**

Midvale, Utah 84047

Phone (801) 560-0854

- **The Amazon Future Engineer Scholarship** awards \$40k for college and an internship with Amazon. You must be a senior planning to major in Computer Science to apply:

<https://www.amazonfutureengineer.com/scholarship>

- **Coolidge Scholarship (Juniors):** The Coolidge Scholarship is a full-ride, four-year, merit scholarship. Any high school junior who plans to enroll in college in the fall of 2022 and is an American citizen or legal permanent resident is eligible to apply.

- **USCA Scholarship:** Applications are due Jan 15 for this \$500 scholarship awarded based on an essay about a school counselor who has helped you. Cadets can apply here:

<http://www.utschoolcounselor.org/counselor-recognition.html>.

- **The Utah Promise Scholarship** is a needs based scholarship available at all USHE institutions (all Utah tax payer funded colleges). Just google Utah Promise and the college of your choice.

The University of Utah combines the Utah Promise, FAFSA awards and the "For Utah Scholarship" to cover all 4 years at the U. Find out more here:

<https://attheu.utah.edu/facultystaff/new-for-utah-scholarship-at-the-u/>

- **Scholarships for Engineering and Architecture-Bound Students:** High school seniors who plan to pursue an ABET (Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology) accredited engineering degree, a NAAB (National Architectural Accreditation Board) architecture degree, or a Construction Management degree can apply for an \$1,800 college scholarship. Award of multiple scholarships is anticipated. Find the application at: <http://same.org/Great-Basin> and contact Evan Gabrielsen evan.gabrielsen@gmail.com with questions. **Applications due January 8, 2021**

6. Applications for Academy Summer Seminars are open now or will open soon. These are open to Juniors only – and your best chance to get a slot is to apply early!

Air Force is open now and closes Jan 15. The application is at this link:

<https://www.academyadmissions.com/prepare/high-school/summer-seminar/>.

Navy opens on January 4 and closes as soon as it is filled, which typically is within a couple of weeks.

Army applications will open Jan 15 and close on March 15.

Remember, if you can't find the link, just google the name of the academy and the words "summer seminar."

7. The **Air Force ROTC Scholarships and Admissions Advisor** for Utah and Wyoming is wrapping up the scholarship window for seniors and is now reaching out to current juniors and other underclassmen who want information about Air Force ROTC and going to the Air Force Academy as well as advice on applying and preparing for college. There are information sessions throughout January that cover those three topics that students can attend if they are interested! Information on the sessions is available [here](#). Students can register by clicking on the dates or scanning the QR code.

8. UMA is looking for **parents who can help with sewing projects**. We need people who can sew on patches, hem pants, and also a talented individual who can do more extensive alterations to merge a couple of uniforms into a larger size. If you can help, please contact SMSgt Mario Reeve at mreeve@utahmilitaryacademy.org. Alterations are a reimbursable expense under the JROTC program so we are able to pay a small fee for your services.

9. **We will administer the ACT to juniors free of charge March 17 at the school.** Juniors who want to take the test more than once before the end of the academic year – or any cadet who is not a junior, but wants to take the test - should go to ACT.org to schedule. **The next available test is Feb 6 and they must register no later than Jan 8.** It is especially important for cadets hoping for a scholarship or admission to an Academy to take the ACT multiple times to ensure the best score possible. **There are free study materials and courses to help at march2success.com.**

10. Believe it or not, it's time for us to begin planning for NEXT SCHOOL YEAR! We sent a text earlier in the week with a link to our '**intent to return**' document. If you haven't completed that yet, please take a moment to do so. You can [CLICK HERE](#) for the link. If we don't have this form completed by Feb 1st, you will not receive the registration information for next year. Thanks so much for getting this completed as soon as possible.

11. We will be filling the top cadet wing leadership positions soon – including the selection of a new Wing Commander! Cadets will hold these positions from the time they are filled until Jan 2021. *Other positions will be filled before the end of the year and begin in the fall semester.*

You can find extensive information about our wing organizational structure and cadet job descriptions in our cadet guide at <https://vahara-o2-public.s3.amazonaws.com/media/50630/2020-2021-UMA-CW-Cadet-Guide--18-Sep-2020.pdf>

If your cadet is interested in taking on more responsibility at the school, please encourage them to talk to their JROTC instructor about the roles and apply!

12. **WE NEED KHAKIS!** It happens that a cadet tears, stains or otherwise needs to change their khakis during the school day. We are happy to loan them a pair, but right we have a limited number available. If you have khakis you can donate to the cause, please send them to the front office with your cadet. THANKS!

13. We will be doing NWEA state testing Jan 25-28.

Lastly, this weekend kicks off our **competition season for our Drill Team and Color Guard!** We are excited to see their hard work pay off - wish them luck!

Thank you for everything you do and enjoy your weekend!

Your Utah Military Academy Staff