



WEATHER
from
THE OLD
FARMER'S ALMANAC

It's hot, hot, hot. And we need rain, rain, rain. You don't have to read the Farmer's Almanac to know that. We will attempt to keep up with the weather trends throughout the year. Just to let you know, the Farmer's Almanac was way off this year.



UMA TODAY



Volleyball players play a little pepper in between activities at volleyball camp last week.

**SPORTS
UPDATE**

UMA cadets prepare for their upcoming seasons. Get all the information you need to be a part of it.

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BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT PLANNED

Utah Military Academy - Hill Campus is proud to announce **Back to School Night on Wednesday, September 1st from 5 to 8 pm.**

Sponsored by the high school and junior high Student Body Officers organization, the event is planned as an Open House for all current and potential cadets and parents. It is an opportunity for everyone to tour the building and receive information and resources regarding many of the programs and activities offered at UMA Hill Campus.



Back to school means back to the rope bridge as Cadet Keller helps Mrs. Carter to the end of her rope. Photo by S. Seward

Tables will be set up throughout the building to highlight some of the popular activities that are available as both curricular and extracurricular programs. Many of the programs are offered as classes or as Team Time after school activities. Cadets are encouraged to check out and participate in as many activities as possible here at UMA.

Some of the examples of activities offered at UMA include the JROTC activities like Unarmed and Armed Drill, Rangers, Marksmanship, and Archery. Others include our premier Cyberpatriot program and our State runner-up Speech and Debate program.

Food trucks will be set up in the parking lot of the UMA campus for those attending the event. The Student Body Officers will provide games and other fun activities for those attending as well.

The Back to School Night is provided as a means of showing the community our pride and resolve in offering the best educational and leadership development program in Utah. All cadets and their families are encouraged to attend and participate in this beginning of the school year event.

MEET OUR WING COMMANDER



Lt Col Mikayla Erickson is the 2021-2022 JROTC Utah Military Academy - Hill Campus Wing Commander

My name is Mikayla Erickson and this will be my sixth year at UMA! I can't believe I have been going to the school since seventh grade! I have big plans for this next school year.

Hopefully, now that we are in person with fewer covid restrictions, we can get back into our "normal." There can be more assemblies, guest speakers, and more attendees to our sports games. I am also the SBO Vice President and I have such high hopes for our activities this year. Some of these include dances and back to school night!

I hold a few different positions at the school: SBO Vice President, Wing Commander, and Armed Drill Commander. As far as school goes, I also do volleyball, academic team, and manage the lacrosse team.

Outside of school, I work at CAL Ranch, I love to paddle board with my mom and my dog, I love boating with my friends, and I also participate in JAKS youth theatre company (my show opens during plebe week and runs through the first week of school).

I personally would like to be as involved with school spirit as much as I possibly can. I would love to meet new people and make UMA feel like a comfortable place for everyone. I would also like to change our awkward "flight time" gap that we have every year. It could be a great opportunity for people to learn more about each other, or learn how to better their own JROTC experience. I expect that our school will continue to grow and help cadets reach their post high school goals.

READ ALL ABOUT IT! UMA TODAY!

The Utah Military Academy Journalism Class announces and publishes this, its first edition of the UMA Hill Campus monthly newspaper, UMA Today!

Each month, the students and advisor will publish a school newspaper highlighting the cadets, faculty and programs that make UMA a special educational and leadership development institution.

The newspaper will be distributed in hard copy form during lunches, but it will also be sent to every cadet and family through email. Make sure your email addresses are updated in the UMA office!

LEADERSHIP THROUGH RELATIONSHIPS



Mr. Michael Stump begins his first full year as Academic Director for the Utah Military Academy - Hill Campus

The new Academic Director/Principal at the Utah Military Academy - Hill Campus has a simple and clear focus for this school year: build a school culture, appropriate climate, and engaged community through relationships.

If you have ever met Mr. Michael Stumph, it is clear that getting to know everyone on a professional and personal level is his mission...always. He believes that by building relationships with cadets, parents, teachers, staff and community members, the Utah Military Academy can accomplish anything it seeks to achieve.

Mr. Stumph, who was hired at the end of last year, has done a great deal of research and

study on the challenges facing the Utah Military Academy. He has engaged cadets, parents, faculty and staff in surveys to discover their perceptions of their school and their place within it. He has delved through the testing and attendance data. He has talked with numerous school experts at the local, state and national level. Using his Master's degrees in Educational Leadership and Marriage and Family Counseling, as well as his graduate work on his Master's in Business Administration, he has developed a comprehensive plan to make every cadet, every teacher, and every program successful at Utah Military Academy.

The plan sounds simple: find proactive, caring staff and establish a variety of support programs to help every cadet where they are in their educational program. This includes their academic needs as well as their social-emotional needs. This support also reaches out to families and the greater community as well.

The newly established EASE program which Mr. Stumph helped implement last spring has already provided outreach to struggling cadets and families and has had an immediate impact on their attendance and academic success. They have created events for cadets and families in the neighborhoods where they live. The EASE team will continue to create these events throughout the school year and they will expand their programs to help support students in their academic endeavors.

Mr. Stumph has made a commitment to developing relationships with cadets, parents, and the community. He expresses his wish and desire to get to everyone in the Utah Military family. To do this, he invites and welcomes everyone to stop in and say hello and to be engaged in the programs and events that will be implemented at UMA.

JROTC NEWSLINE

Below are brief descriptions of the activities provided by the Utah Military Academy's Junior ROTC program. All cadets are encouraged to participate in these outstanding programs.

DRILL TEAM -

The UMA Drill Team is advised and managed by Major Gardenhour. The drill teams are preparing for tryouts next week after school during Team Time on Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 1st and 2nd. Senior Cadet Erickson serves as the Armed Drill commander, while Commander Falkner leads the Unarmed Drill squad.

Competition is divided into three categories: Armed Drill, Unarmed Drill, and Color Guard. The Armed and Unarmed Drill Competition is divided into three phases: the Regulation Phase, The Inspection Phase, and the Exhibition Phase. The Regulation phase focuses on drill command, the Inspection phase focuses on knowledge and bearing, and the Exhibition phase focuses on creating and performing a routine.

RANGER TEAM -

The Competition Ranger team is advised and coached by Mr. Sharkey. Led by senior Cadet Schilleman, the competition requires cognitive skill, and athletic speed and endurance. The teams of two are given a map and a compass. They have to find several points on the map, then run as quickly as they can to each of those points. Their times are recorded to each point, and they are scored on time, accuracy and speed.

ACADEMIC TEAM - The Academic Team is coached by Major Nugen. The competition is an academic trivia competition, testing cadets' knowledge of current events, JROTC information, Science, Mathematics, English grammar and vocabulary. The team is led by its captain, Cadet Adame. See Major Gardenhour or Major Nugen to inquire about joining.

HONOR GUARD - Honor Guard is a very special group that presents the American Flag and other colors at community events. Entirely built on community service, the Honor Guard presents at funerals, parades, memorials, sports events and any other events that the National Anthem and flags are presented. Our Honor Guard is led by Cadet Kaiser.

MARKSMANSHIP - The marksmanship team is advised and coached by Major Workman and Senior Seipert. Marksmanship is a competitive program for shooting air rifles. The competition utilizes two size targets and requires cadets to fire from three different positions within a certain amount of time. The three positions for firing are prone, kneeling, and standing.

ARCHERY - Mr. Mark Sage is the advisor and coach for the Archery team. The competition consists of one target and three rounds of five arrows at two different distances, ten meters and fifteen meters. Each shot can be worth up to ten points.

GOOD LUCK TO EVERYONE IN COMPETITION THIS YEAR! GO UMA!



MEET THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE UMA FAMILY!

Mr. Tom Schweiger and his wife welcomed Calvin Thomas Schweiger this summer, born July 25th 2021 at about 6:30pm. He weighed in at 8 lbs 11 oz and was 21.25 inches long.

Dress Code Changes for 2021-2022

From SMSgt C. Seipert

There have been some significant uniform changes for this school year. Cadets are required to know the changes and to follow them throughout the school year.

For men: Hair will not exceed two (2) inches in bulk, regardless of length and ¼ inch at natural termination point; allowing only closely cut or shaved hair on the back of the neck to touch the collar.

For female: Hair will not exceed four (4) inches in bulk. Hair can be worn in a ponytail or braid(s) (one or two) and extend to the top of the inseam of the underarm (see photos). Hair can also extend six (6) inches to the left and right of the head for a total twelve (12) inches. See photos below.

Ponytails/braids CAN NOT be worn over the shoulder or in front of the body. Bangs can touch the eyebrows but cannot touch or cover the eyes. Headgear must fit properly. Also authorized: Locs, twists, microbraids, cornrows.



Full guidance can be found in the Cadet Guide posted on the UMA website and AFI 36-2903.



General Dress Code and Grooming Standards/Uniform Policy

*Student IDs must be worn on a lanyard/clip at all times in all uniforms (except during PT/gym)

*Appropriate cover (hats, caps, berets) are required of all cadets in all uniforms when outside.

SOFT UNIFORM: (MONDAY/FRIDAY)

Monday - UMA Oxford Shirt (must be tucked in)

Friday - UMA Polo Shirt (must be tucked in)

- Any shoe/boot No open toes
- Plain belt
- Solid black calf-length socks only
- Khaki pants (no skinny pants/no joggers)
- ONLY UMA jackets are allowed. Jackets must have a zipper and be zipped up at least halfway.

Spirit Fridays - On Fridays, cadets are also allowed to wear UMA club/team shirts and UMA hoodies both zip up and regular. All hoodies MUST have UMA script or our UMA Logo. See Cadet Handbook for details.

ABUs: (TUESDAY/THURSDAY)

Cadets must wear one of the following uniforms, with appropriate colored t-shirts, belt, socks, and cover:

- Air Force ABU
- CAP BDU (Civil Air Patrol Cadets)
- NWU (Naval Sea Cadets)
- Appropriate service camouflage uniform of enlisted cadets.
- Appropriate military jackets ONLY (green fleece) which you must purchase outside of UMA. Cadets may wear thermals under the ABU blouse if they are cold.

BLUES: (WEDNESDAY)

- Black shoes that can be shined
- Solid black calf-length socks only
- Blue belt
- Lightweight Blue issued uniform jackets or UMA Windbreakers ONLY; must be zipped up halfway.

GROOMING AND UNIFORM INFRACTION CONSEQUENCES

- If a cadet's hair does not meet JROTC standards, UMA will give cadets a Class I Uniform Infraction.
- If a hairstyle or uniform issue cannot be fixed, cadets should be sent home until the issue is resolved.

PLEBE WEEK UNDERWAY



Above, Cadets Falkner and McClain demonstrate a drill routine. Below, Alpha flight does some team building in Mrs. McCutchan's room. Photos by S. Seward

Plebe Week is underway at Utah Military Academy. The activities and programs for Plebe Week run from Monday, August 16th to Thursday, August 19th.

Plebe Week is a mandatory school orientation for all cadets. Cadets are expected to participate each day for at least a portion of the day.

Each cadet is assigned to a Flight and will follow the activities of the Flight for the week. Each Flight will follow a rotation schedule for the week.

During the rotation schedule, the cadets will participate in JROTC team building exercises as well as information meetings.

The team building activities include Flight Building and Formation, Rope Bridge, EASE team



MSgt Jimenez oversees the rest after the mile run above. Below, cadets are pumping out the pushups during the PT test. Photos by S. Seward

orientation and physical training. The information meetings include orientation on uniforms, schedules, lockers, Canvas, Aspire and Strong Start procedures.

Cadets will also take the NWEA tests this week in language, reading, math and science. These important assessments inform parents, teachers and administrators about the current level of learning for each cadet. It also allows teachers and cadets to set goals for their academic achievement.

In conjunction with the Utah Military Academy's mission to develop leaders, Plebe Week is the first opportunity for cadets to use their leadership skills to run activities and help fellow cadets orient to the policies and procedures here at UMA.

A KEY TO SUCCESS: GET INVOLVED in ATHLETICS!

There is extensive research that suggests that students who engage in activities outside of their academic pursuits in school have a greater chance of academic success and preparation for life after high school.

It is with this in mind that Utah Military Academy strongly suggests that every cadet find and participate in activities and programs that are available at UMA. Not only are they great activities, but they promote regular attendance and develop responsibility and leadership qualities.

Below is a list of fall sports that are offered at Utah Military Academy. Though some of the teams have already begun their seasons, many of the sports are still beginning. If you are interested in participating in these activities, please see their respective coaches or contact Sgt. Keller, the Athletic Director in the Academy office.

- High School Baseball** - Coach Mark Summers
- Girls Volleyball** - Coach Dan Peters
- Boys Volleyball** - Coach MSG Phillip DeVault
- Boys Golf** - Coach Paul Kapp
- Boys/Girls Cross Country** - Coach Paul Murray
- Girls Soccer** - Coach Nick Lopez
- Junior High Lacrosse** - Coach Tom Yancheski

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION -FYI

Each week typically on Fridays, Director of Operations, Jordon Chandler sends a newsletter to all cadets, parents and families. These newsletters are filled with important information regarding events and/or procedures at Utah Military Academy. Please make sure you look for this important information each week. Remember, if you have any questions about this information or anything at Utah Military Academy, please contact the Hill Campus office:

Utah Military Academy - Hill Campus
5120 South 1050 West
Phone - 801-689-3013
Fax - 801-689-3325
info@utahmilitaryacademy.org

Here is some of the information from this week's newsletter:

LUNCH SCHEDULE - EVERYBODY EATS!!

2021	August					
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
26	27	28	29	30	31	01
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Ham and cheese, lettuce/tom/pickle, Applesauce cup, Scooby Snack	Roast Beef & Cheese sub, Carrots, Apple slices, Chips	Turkey/Cheese Snackable, Celery/p/b Orange, Craisins.	Chicken salad Pita, Veggies/dip, Apple slices, string cheese, goldfish	NO SCHOOL		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Crispy Chicken, lettuce, tom, pickles, Fries, Oranges, Chips	Crispitos, Corn, Spicy Beans, Oranges, Doritos	Chicken tenders, Mashed Potatoes gravy, Roll, Applesauce	Meatball/cheese marinara sub, Green beans, peaches, Chex mx	French Toast stx, Sausage patty, yogurt Hashbrown, Fresh fruit,		
30	31	Notes: Choice of lowfat white, chocolate or strawberry milk is offered daily. Full salad bar is available daily. Menu is subject to change depending on availability. Lunch applications can be found at www.utahmilitaryacademy.org. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.				
Hamburger, Tomato lettuce, pickles, Tater tots, Mx Fruit, Chips	Bean and Cheese Burrito, Salad, Corn, Peaches, Doritos					

A KEY TO SUCCESS: GET INVOLVED in SOMETHING!

As mentioned in the above article, students who engage in activities outside of their academic pursuits in school have a greater chance of academic success. This is why UMA offers so many different programs; most of them as part of the TEAM TIME after school program. Here is a short list of all the other programs offered for cadets:

Archery	Rangers	Marksmanship
Boy Scouts	Military Film	Strategic Gaming
CyberPatriot	E Sports Club	Mixed Martial Arts
Art Club	Debate Team	Academic Team
Weightlifting	Chess	Ping Pong Club
Dungeons and Dragons		Military Awareness

