



Utah Military Academy – Camp Williams Campus

Parent Newsletter 3 Sept 2021

UMA Family,

Welcome September! Not quite to fall yet, but we are settling into a more regular routine at the school – Team Time has started, fall sports are underway, and thankfully everyone has figured out how to use a combination lock by now. Now if we can just get this smoke to clear! Cadets are working this week on a calendar of events for the school year – first event is Homecoming so if you'd like to help with that, contact Ms Bobadillo at nacde@utahmilitaryacademy.org. We should have a date and other details soon!

Items for next week:

1. **Make-up school pictures Sept 10.** Bell photography will be here at 1100 and will continue taking photos until we get through all cadets. Cadets should wear their soft uniform for photos NO SPIRIT GEAR. **Seniors may wear their blues if they have them.** Please ensure cadets are in standards for their photos – that includes a haircut and they should shave if necessary. **Cadets not in standards will not be permitted to have their photo taken.**

2. Seminary: **Cadets who want to take seminary this year should contact Brandon Jones at jonesb@churchofjesuschrist.org** to get registered. We will not offer transportation from seminary to the school this year; however, cadets can take their seminary class here at the school starting at 7am. They can also register for an online option through Mr Jones. Again, we cannot provide transportation to the school for the morning class, but the school will be open for parents to drop their cadets off early so they can attend.

3. **The Parent Involvement Committee will host the first parent meetings of the new school year SEPTEMBER 9 AT 3PM and 7PM IN THE CAFETERIA.** There is a bug in the google doc system that messed up the RSVP links so please RSVP to Kimberly Horinek at khorinek@gmail.com and let her know which meeting you plan to attend.

4. **ATHLETICS:** IF YOU WANT TO PLAY ANY SPORTS THIS YEAR FOR THE SCHOOL, PLEASE GO TO THE FOLLOWING LINK:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1E55-JgOIKyFxSSj5tV6VjFgB2TbJ_4tv/view?usp=sharing

Download the document, follow the instructions for Register my Athlete (RMA), fill out and sign all documents and return them to MSG Graham.

A Physical is required to play sports (No Physical No Play). You can upload the physical form into RMA or turn it in with your packet to MSG Graham.

Please be aware there is also an academic requirement to play, **cadets must have at least a 2.0 GPA and no more than one 'F' to qualify**. For fall sports we are using 4th Qtr from last year.

Sports Fees need to be paid prior to the first game of the season or you must have a payment plan in place. Please see the last document of the packet for Sports fees and payment plan options.

If you have any questions, please email MSG Graham at mgraham@utahmilitaryacademy.org

Cross Country: James Taylor (jtaylor@utahmilitaryacademy.org) and Mike Bunko (mbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org) will be coaching cross country this fall. Open to grades 7-12.

Girls Volleyball: This team is now closed. If you have questions about the season or need further information, please email the coach at kiravanreusen@gmail.com

Girls Soccer: We are still in need of 3-5 more girls to make a full team. First game is September 15th, must be signed up by September 7th to play. Please contact SGT Tanner tlaub@utahmilitaryacademy.org for information about girls soccer. She is permitting all grades, boys and girls, to practice to help our girls get ready for the upcoming season. Games will be for official team members only. Practices are Monday - Thursday 4:30 – 6pm. Cadets need to have their own Cleats, Shin Guards, and Water Bottle at every practice. M.S. League play possible if we get enough cadets. We can do a winter H.S. & a M.S. Co-ed team for indoor league if we have enough interest.

Boys Volleyball: CPT Tidwell mtidwell@utahmilitaryacademy.org has volunteered to coach a boys volleyball team under the Utah Small Schools Association. Please contact her with questions.

Baseball: Baseball practice is held M/W/Th and games are T/Fr at 4pm at Patriot Park. Baseball questions should be directed to MSG Graham at mgraham@utahmilitaryacademy.org.

Basketball: The boys basketball team will have open gym sessions on Monday and Wednesday from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm starting Sept 8. These are open to grades 7-12. If you have any basketball questions, email Coach Taylor jtaylor@utahmilitaryacademy.org or follow the team's Instagram @umacwbasketball.

ATHLETIC CONDITIONING FOR ALL SPORTS STARTS AUGUST 31ST, TUESDAY AND THURSDAYS, 3:30-4:15PM.

5. **Cadets are not allowed to use their cell phones during class.** If you need to call your cadet, please call the front office and we will pull them out of class to take the call in the office.

6. **TEAM TIME** offerings for the first two terms is at this link (works best with chrome).
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jgqAHwx5mZOZOaPwGDxx5rFNLSkLzkgv/edit?usp=sharing&oid=108770188794733916450&rtpof=true&sd=true>

Cadets should sign up with the Team Time teacher so they are accounted for after school. We will run a bus to the Lehi station after Team Time (4:30pm). Cadets not attending a Team Time or other official UMA after school activity should depart the school grounds at 3:15.

The Team Time labelled “Military Skills” will have a different topic and instructor every Tuesday. Cadets can participate in any one or all of these. The activities are listed (and you can also volunteer) at this link. We will continue to update these throughout the year:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yp06UPD-Eybz9CYqC6FfyyfuuyPmrUgA/edit?usp=sharing&oid=108770188794733916450&rtpof=true&sd=true>

7. UNIFORM SCHEDULE

Mon –khakis and either the oxford/polo shirt

Tue – ABUs (may wear flight suit, CAP, Sea Cadets or OCP uniforms where applicable)

*cadets who have ABUs but do not yet have boots can wear sneakers/tennis shoes with their ABUs until the order gets in.

Wed – 1) khakis and either the oxford/polo shirt, OR 2) dress blues

Thu- ABUs/Flight suit

Fri – 1) khakis with oxford/polo, OR 2) UMA Marauder team gear, teacher approved flight T-shirt or fan gear purchased at marauderathletics.com (more tab)

<https://apparelnow.com/uma-marauder-gear-apparel>)

8. **Most questions about uniform rules can be answered in the cadet guide at this link:**

<https://vahara-o2-public.s3.amazonaws.com/media/50630/2020-2021-UMA-CW-Cadet-Guide--18-Sep-2020.pdf>. If you have a question not addressed in the cadet guide or need further clarification, please email the JROTC staff (ksater@utahmilitaryacademy.org or mbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org), the commandant at tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org, or the senior military advisor at mgraham@utahmilitaryacademy.org.

9. Our first **Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB)** is scheduled Nov 4 at 0815! The ASVAB is not only used to explore what military careers you are qualified for, but it is also an excellent test to determine your strengths for college majors and civilian careers as well. This test is mandatory for all 11th grade cadets and optional but highly encouraged for sophomores and seniors. Once the test is complete, we will schedule a test interpretation at the school.

These experts are incredibly good at walking cadets through state job projections and growth careers as well as guiding cadets toward a college or program that best fits their goals.

Please encourage your cadet to study! There are free study materials at:

<https://www.asvabpracticetests.com/asvab-free-online-study-guide/>

<https://www.npsk12.com/cms/lib/VA02208074/Centricity/Domain/4432/ASVAB%20Study%20Guide.pdf>

<https://www.march2success.com/>

<https://uniontestprep.com/asvab>

10. The regional **AIR FORCE ROTC admissions advisor** and a representative for **the AIR FORCE ACADEMY** will be at the school **Sept 7**. If you would like to sign up to be a part of this meeting, please email the commandant at tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org.

11. **A representative from EMBRY RIDDLE UNIVERSITY** will visit the school **Sept 9** at 0935 and will be available until 1100. She will address interested junior and senior cadets as a group and then meet with them one on one as needed. If you would like to sign up to be a part of this meeting, please email the commandant at tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org.

12. **A representative from NEW MEXICO MILITARY INSTITUTE** will visit the school **Sept 9**. If you are interested in this **2-year Army commissioning program**, please email the commandant at tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org to ensure you get to speak with him while he's here!

13. The Utah Healing Field (<https://www.healingfield.org/utah/>) organization is looking for volunteers to help set up and tear down flags for their 9/11 commemoration.

The tradition of setting up the flags on the Utah Healing Field has taken place every year since the first anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11th, 2001 in honor of the nearly three thousand victims killed that day. This year will mark the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks and once again we need your help. Please sign up at the links provided below:

Setup of Utah Healing Field® – at the Sandy City Promenade Wednesday, Sept 8, 2021 – 5:00-8:00 PM
<https://signup.com/go/YJrJhUQ>

(Note: end time is approximate based on the number of volunteers signing up)

Take down Utah Healing Field® – at the Sandy City Promenade Monday, Sept 13, 2021 – 5:30-8:00 PM
<https://signup.com/go/ynKCEAO>

(Note: end time is approximate based on the number of volunteers signing up)

If you have questions, please contact Karen Paris at theekarenparis@gmail.com

14. Sept 14 we will have two Vietnam veterans visit the school to speak to cadets from 0915-1015. We will also livestream the assembly via our new NFHS network equipment. There

is a subscription fee for this service, but it also gives you access to all of our sporting events.

<https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/subscribe/retail>

15. SAVE THE DATE! **The first Parent Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Sept 16.** Look for emails/information soon from your cadets' teachers.

16. Upcoming school closures: **THERE IS NO SCHOOL SEPT 6 and 17.**

17. A representative from the **ARMY NATIONAL GUARD** will be at the school Sept 21 at 0925 and will meet with interested juniors and seniors during flight and formation. If you would like to be included in this meeting, please email the commandant at tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org.

18. We will be administering the **Air Force Fitness Test Friday October 1** after school (2pm) for all seniors applying for an ROTC scholarship. This test includes a 1.5m run and as many pushups/situps as you can do in one minute each. Please email Lt Col Bunko at tbunko@utahmilitaryacademy.org if you plan to take the test.

19. We will be administering the **Military Service Academy Cadet Fitness Assessment (CFA)** Friday Oct 8 after school (2pm) for all seniors applying to an appointment to a service academy. All service academies use the same assessment, which includes a basketball throw, pull-ups/flexed arm hang/shuttle run/situps/pushups/one mile run. Instructions for the CFA can be found here: <https://www.gainserviceacademyadmission.com/candidate-fitness-assessment-score-calculator/> and there is additional information on each academy's admissions site.

20. Speaking of fitness tests... we will conduct a **running clinic at the school Sept 21**. This would be a great opportunity for any cadet all grades who even THINK they might want to apply for an Academy or ROTC scholarship in the future. They all require running!

21. Lastly, CHROMEBOOKS. Please ensure your cadet has a charged Chromebook when they come to school. We are no longer checking out loaner chromebooks and the cadets need them for class.

Happy Friday and have a great long weekend!

-Your Utah Military Academy Staff