



## Utah Military Academy – Camp Williams Campus

Parent Newsletter 29 Oct 2021

UMA Family,

And just like that we're rolling into a wet, cold second term! This was a great food week at UMA – we had some perfect-for-the-cold-weather chili and HUGE cinnamon rolls Monday, pizza Tuesday, and mashed potato bowls ("Marauder Bowls") Wednesday! Please thank our cafeteria staff every chance you get for all the hard work they do. They are truly a treasure at the school.

The cadets are having a great time today with their costumes and Middle School has their first event for the school year later today with a Halloween Bash. Thank you to all the parents who engaged with their cadets to ensure a safe, fun day.

Fall athletics are wrapping up and we're gearing up for the Winter sports season. Please see notes below about eligibility and registration. Please be aware gym space is at a premium, so the coaches are working hard to come up with a schedule that will get everyone some practice time and work around the busy game schedule, but not everyone will be able to practice right after school.

JROTC continues to issue dress blue uniforms, but all cadets should have ABUs, boots and patrol caps at this point. I am still seeing cadets showing up to school in ABUs with tennis shoes or without their hat in formation. Please help by ensuring your cadet is in boots when he/she leaves home. Also **if your cadets have blues they should be wearing them every Wednesday.** We have an order in for additional unit patches, so whenever those arrive we will distribute those as well. JROTC also had their first field trip, some of our freshmen and sophomores took a trip to the museum at Hill Air Force Base Wednesday. Also in JROTC, we will have a mini drill camp next week for our cadets on the competitive team; and TSgt Mackey is putting the finishing touches on plans for the competitive shooting season. We are so grateful to have him here working with our marksmanship cadets!

Our self-defense class will wrap up next week – thanks so much to the Lehi Police Department for offering that for our cadets and staff.

Looking forward to the coming weeks and months at UMA!

Items for this week:

## 1. ATHLETICS

**Varsity Letters:** If you earned a varsity letter for fall sports your coach will give that to you. If you already have a letter, you will receive a pin for your sport. If you lettered and you would like to purchase a letter jacket, the link to do so is on our athletics page at [www.marauderathletics.com](http://www.marauderathletics.com) under the “more” tab.

### Cross Country Schedule:

**TOMORROW!! State Championship @ Spectrum (867 S 800 W, Pleasant Grove). Good Luck Marauders!!!**

**WINTER SPORTS:** If you plan to participate in a sport you must be registered in REGISTER MY ATHLETE. Go to our Marauder’s athletics page at <https://marauderathletics.com/> and click on “register an athlete.” You’ll also need a **sports physical completed by Nov 8**. If you have a physical from fall sports, you don’t need another one.

**High School Boys Basketball tryouts are Nov 8 at 3:30.** Eligibility is determined by first term grades (Overall GPA 2.0, only 1 "F" allowed to play)! If you have any questions, please contact Coach Taylor at [jtaylor@utahmilitaryacademy.org](mailto:jtaylor@utahmilitaryacademy.org). Players are also covering concessions at BYU for fundraisers for the games on October 30 and November 6. If your cadet is planning to play, please have them help with concessions so we can keep our costs down.

**High School Girls Basketball tryouts are Nov 8 at 5:30.** Eligibility is determined by first term grades (Overall GPA 2.0, only 1 "F" allowed to play).

**Wrestling tryouts for both the girls and boys teams are Nov 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:30.** Eligibility is determined by first term grades (Overall GPA 2.0, only 1 "F" allowed to play).

**2. ASVAB NEXT WEEK!** We will administer the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery **Nov 4 at 0815 in the cafeteria**. Cadets need to be in place no later than 0815 so the testers can read through the instructions etc., in time to administer the test before the cafeteria is needed for lunches! The ASVAB is not only used to explore what military careers cadets are qualified for, but it is also an excellent test to determine strengths for college majors and civilian careers as well. **This test is mandatory for all 11<sup>th</sup> 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. The test interpreters are incredibly good at walking cadets through their scores, state job projections and potential 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>

### 3. **UPCOMING SCHOOL CLOSURES:**

**- Thanksgiving Break 22-26 NOV**

**- Winter Break 18 Dec – 2 Jan**

4. **JOB OPPORTUNITIES:** Ready to Teach is not keeping up with the demand for subs, therefore we are creating our own pool of subs we can contact when the need arises. If you are certified to substitute teach – or are willing to get certified – please call the front office at 385-498-6167. We might also have some full time opportunities opening up, so if you're interested in working at the school please contact Darren Beck at [dbeck@utahmilitaryacademy.org](mailto:dbeck@utahmilitaryacademy.org)

5. **Alpha Flight will be hosting a donation drive for The Road Home that will run from NOV 1st-DECEMBER 1st.** The Road Home is a private nonprofit social services agency that assists individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Salt Lake County and along the Wasatch Front. The Road Home team works with individuals and families, each step of the way to help them overcome their homelessness and move back into a home of their own. Alpha flight will be donating items to the Midvale Family Center.

Needs list: towels, men's clothing and underwear, face masks, ethnic hair & skin products, 3x+ size clothing, maternity clothing, bras, women's hygiene products, baby lotion/shampoo, diapers (especially size 5 & 6), baby wipes, diaper cream, full-size hygiene products, pack & plays, strollers, twin-size sheets, non-perishable foods, new car seats, new sippy cups/bottles, and new pillows.

We ask that all donations be clean and in good condition when they are donated, ex. clothing items are washed prior to donation, hygiene items are new. Donation boxes will be in the main foyer across from the office. Thank you for supporting your local community!

6. **Our Speech & Debate Team has its first tournament TOMORROW!** We have team members competing in the following events: Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Public Forum Debate, Congressional Debate, Humorous Interpretation, Original Oratory, and Dramatic Interpretation. **Good luck Marauders!**

### 7. **SCHOLARSHIPS:**

Sign up at Complete Scholarship to be matched to local scholarships:

<https://completescholarships.org/>

Sign up at Keys to Success to be matched to scholarships, internships and other opportunities that match your career interests: <https://www.ktsutah.org/>

The Unigo Zombie Apocalypse Scholarship is open for application until Oct 31 and awards a \$2000 scholarship to an applicant 14 or older. Submit an online written response to the question, "Imagine your high school or college has been overrun with zombies. Your math professor, the cafeteria staff and even your best friend have all joined the walking dead. Flesh out a plan to avoid the zombies, including where you'd hide and the top five things you'd bring to stay alive." (250 words or less).

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/zombie-apocalypse-scholarship>

The Mary Kawakami Scholarship Speech Contest (\$100-\$1000) is open to Jr High and High School students in North Utah County. More information at

<https://americanforkarts.com/speechcontest/>

The voice of democracy essay contest, sponsored by the VFW is open until Oct 31 and awards \$1000-\$30000. The 2021-22 theme is "America: Where do we go from here?" and submissions can be sent to Kraig Thorne at

Kraig Thorne

301 South Cherry Hill Dr.

Pleasant Grove Utah 84062

Seniors: College Discovered Scholarship is open until Jan 31 and awards \$5000.

<https://www.discover.com/student-loans/college-planning/scholarships/award>

Seniors: The Cola-Cola scholarship is open until Oct 31 and awards \$20000:

<https://www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/>

Seniors: The DP Law encouraging Diversity scholarship is open until Oct 31 and awards \$1000.

<https://www.dplaw.com/encouraging-diversity-scholarship/>

DP Law Aspiring Attorney Scholarship is open until Oct 31 and awards \$1000. Candidates for this scholarship should have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and be in good overall academic standing. The candidate must submit a 750-1,000 word essay response to the prompt: Why do you want to become a lawyer? What type of law are you pursuing? What motivates you? The candidate must submit a professional resumé that lists their experience, both professional and academic. The candidate must submit a transcript from their current school.

<https://www.dplaw.com/aspiring-attorney-scholarship/>

8. UMA is excited to bring back the **legislative internship program** for this year! This is a great resume' builder and a great experience for our cadets! **Cadets who are interested should sign up at the office** and will be required to attend several live zoom online events to compete for

selection. More information on the dates and times of these events will be released when available.

9. The next credit recovery session for seniors is Nov 13.

10. **Saturday School is by invitation only.** If your cadet is on the list of recommended attendees, you will receive an email from Mr Beck.

11. Winter fan gear is 15% off through Oct 31 in our Marauders store. Cadets can wear these jackets on Fridays with their soft uniforms:

<https://m.ssastores.com/4JKJ-FPS7-5QY91C-DOO0W-1/c.aspx>

12. Speaking of winter gear – we are again low on green fleece jackets. We’ve given all but a few size small jackets out. We expect to get more soon. In the meantime cadets who do not have a green fleece can wear the black one if they have it or the black UMA windbreaker. Cadets are also authorized to put layers UNDER their uniforms. A black, white or tan long sleeve T-shirt or thermal can be worn under the oxford or polo and a sand color (tan) base layer thermal or long sleeve T-shirt can be worn under their ABUs.

Thank you all and have a great weekend!

-Your Utah Military Academy Staff