



U.S. NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS

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HQ News and Info for Cadets and Families

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NEW

International Exchange Program (IEP) Australia Exchange Cadet Applications Open

The IEP is excited to announce the application period for the Australian exchange is now open for the cadets. More information on adult applications and summer exchanges to be announced.

The application deadline is **next Thursday, 15 FEB 24**. The exchange will take place from Wednesday, 10 APR 24 to Saturday, 27 APR 24. Please read the below documents for more information.

Cadets: Submit applications online only through:

[Sea Cadet Australia IEP 2024 Application](#)

Cadets should send this link to their personal reference and their commanding officer (plus the additional Sea Cadet officer if the CO is a family member):

[Sea Cadet Australia IEP 2024 Recommendation](#)

If you have any questions, please email iep@seacadet.org.

SEA AIR SPACE Expo Registration is Open

Middle and high school 5th to 12th graders looking to get involved in STEM are invited to register for the STEM Expo on Sunday, 07 APR 24 and stay for the conference and exposition 8-10 APR 24. Use this [link](#) to register.

Location: Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, National Harbor, MD

Summer 2024 Trainings

Sea Cadet members will start seeing summer trainings posted online between March 1st and April 1st.

Federal service academies summer events are now open for applications. Please see the attached document.

Summer Training Guidance

The 2024 Summer Training Guidance is attached. All cadets and parents should read through it carefully to plan and prepare for a successful training season.

Summer Training Guidance (Continued)

Many families will have their first experience with trainings, and all of the steps from applying to checking in may be strange. Work with your unit to set up a time to have a parent session on how Sea Cadet trainings operate and the best way to have an exciting experience.

US Naval Academy Webinar Recording

The webinar held on 07 FEB 24 with staff from USNA admissions is now available for viewing via this [link](#). Families and cadets interested in applying for Summer Stem or Summer Seminar, or cadets that are in grade 11 should listen to this webinar if interested in academy applications.

Passcode for the webinar: M1B^nu0K

Best Practice Tip for Spring PRT Season

Start preparing for spring physical readiness tests at your home units. Fitness Level 2 is required to attend recruit training and Fitness Levels 3-4 are required for cadet advancements. Practicing your pushups and planks daily will increase stamina and strength. Increase cardiovascular endurance by running, walking, or biking (weather permitting) in safe environments or adding cardiovascular exercises to your daily regime. Encourage your family to join in on your training and remember to train safely.

REMINDERS

Selective Service

Male cadets updating their Sea Cadet Application, sheet 2-A, upon turning 18 years old should be reminded about registering for the [Selective Service](#). For additional information via [Youtube](#) or [Civic Organization Toolkit](#) open the links provided.

Senior Leadership Cadet Council

The Senior Leadership Cadet Council (SLCC) represents cadet voices in all matters impacting the Sea Cadet program. Made up of senior Sea Cadet representatives from units across the country, council members assist in the development and rollout of new program initiatives. The 2023-2024 session is underway. This is a monthly meeting for cadets nominated as leaders by their chain of command. **The next meeting will be Sunday, 18 FEB 24.**

If you have questions on how to join the council, please follow up with your unit chain of command.

If you have any thoughts, questions, or initiatives for the council, please email slcc@seacadets.org

Training Fee Increase Effective Thursday, 01 FEB 24

As part of our commitment to providing top-notch cadet trainings, we want to inform you of the adjustment to our training fees. Over the past two years, we have experienced the rising costs of doing business due to the impact of inflation. These external factors have led to increased expenses in various aspects of our cadet training operations including, but not limited to, venue rentals, rental vehicles, lodging, food, training supplies, etc. In order to maintain the high-quality standards you expect from Sea Cadet training programs, we find it necessary to implement a cadet training fee increase. This adjustment took effect on Thursday, 01 FEB 24.

We understand that changes in pricing may raise questions, and we want to assure you that this decision was made after careful consideration. Our priority remains delivering value-driven training that equips cadets with the skills and knowledge needed for success. We look forward to serving you with excellence in the upcoming training season. Typically, cadet training fees will follow the schedule below; however, specialty training may have a higher cadet training fee.

Number of Days	Fees
1 Days	\$ 30.00
2 Days	\$ 60.00
3-4 Days	\$ 100.00
5-7 Days	\$ 250.00
8-9 Days	\$ 300.00
10+ Plus Days	\$ 350.00

Generally, trainings of 5+ days are overnight and necessary for promotion credit; thus, training fees correspond with the length of training.

Note: High-cost trainings like SCUBA, sailing, aviation programs will typically charge a higher fee than those outlined above.

Sea Cadet Family Handbook

All cadet families and volunteers should familiarize themselves with the new Family Handbook. Within it, you will find tips on the best practices for the Sea Cadet Experience.

Find the Family Handbook on Homeport>Advancement Training>Family Handbook.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February - Black History Month

18 FEB SLCC Meeting

01 MAR Summer trainings will begin posting online.

Trailblazers: Meeting the Challenge

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During the 1960s and 1970s, African Americans began commanding ships, submarines, and shore establishments. In 1974, the Navy issued its first Navy Equal Opportunity Manual and two years later issued its first Navy Affirmative Action Plan. And now, as in previous periods, African American officers and enlisted personnel have continued to stand out among the Navy's best and brightest, gaining recognition in their roles as trailblazers:

Trailblazers: Meeting the Challenge (Continued)

Fleet Master Chief: Master Chief April D. Beldo

First African American to command a nuclear-powered submarine: Captain Chancellor Alphonso "Pete" Tzomes

Master Diver: Master Chief Boatswain's Mate Carl M. Brashear

Naval Aviator: Ensign Jesse Brown

First African American U.S. Naval Academy Graduate: Wesley A. Brown

Naval Flag Officer: Vice Admiral Samuel L. Gravely Jr.

Navy Cross Recipient: Cook Third Class Doris Miller

WWI Chief: Chief Gunner's Mate John Henry "Dick" Turpin



First African American Female Officers: Frances Eliza Wills and Harriet Ida Pickens