



# U.S. NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS

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## HQ News and Info for Cadets and Families

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### **A Message to Sea Cadet Volunteers from Executive Director Andy Lennon**

The fervor and enthusiasm you display is truly remarkable. The passion I see when I visit your units and trainings is an indication of your solid commitment to improving the lives of our future leaders. Thanks for your dedication; I'm so grateful to work with you.



## CADET ACTIVITIES

### Celebrate National Volunteer Week

April 21-27 is National Volunteer Week. As you know, Sea Cadet units are 100% managed by adult volunteers who dedicate their time, energy, and passion to helping our cadets become the best version of themselves. Cadets and parents, this is a great opportunity to thank the volunteers who run your home units!

**Please share your photos or videos celebrating your adult volunteers** and we may feature them in our Volunteer Week social media or in our next newsletter! You can send them to [pao@seacadets.org](mailto:pao@seacadets.org).

## CADET IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

### Scholarship Opportunities Still Available

[College/University Scholarship Applications Have Been Extended Until 15 MAY 24.](#)

The Navy League Foundation scholarships are available through 15 MAY 24. Please apply here: [navyleague.org/programs/navy-league-foundation](https://navyleague.org/programs/navy-league-foundation)

Sea Cadet-focused vocational scholarships are available. Please see the 2024 Sea Cadet Scholarship announcement under the News and Info button on your Quarterdeck. Deadline is Sunday, 30 JUN 24.

## FAMILY MEMBERS

### Volunteers Needed

Several trainings still need escort officers to effectively lead and engage our cadets. If you are Sea Cadet volunteers who are also active-duty sailors, Marines, airmen, or soldiers (to include reservists), please use the "Memorandum for Active Duty & Reservists" post under the News and Info tab within your Quarterdeck to apply to volunteer with us this summer. When we say the Sea Cadet Experience is amazing, that applies to all who make our trainings memorable. Be part of our adventure this summer.

## WEBINARS

A recording of the **New Cadet and Family Orientation** webinar is available [here](#) with this passcode nJx^f2MG

### New Cadet Family Summer Training Preparation Webinar

Join us as we walk new families through best practices for getting ready for their first summer training experience.

Time: 05 May 24 8:00 PM Eastern Time/5:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Webinar link [here](#).

Meeting ID: 818 9219 6769 Passcode: 505448

## SUMMER TRAINING INFORMATION

### Training Fees

Summer training fees are non-refundable. Plan accordingly and only pay once you have been APPROVED in the system for the training. Should a cadet have a medical emergency prior to training, please reach out to your chain of command for details.

### Sea Cadet Family Handbook

Find the Family Handbook at **Homeport>Advancement Training>Family Handbook**.

The **2024 Summer Training Guidance** was sent to the field on 02 FEB 24 and made available at Homeport>Advancement Training>Training Guidance. This is also available on the Quarterdeck under the News and Info button. All cadets, parents, and volunteers should read it carefully to plan and prepare for a successful training season.

**Staff Cadet Application Process** - If you are a PO1 looking for a RT/NLO staff cadet leadership position (to meet the CPO qualification), you will need to let your chain of command know. This note will need to be included as part of the CO's endorsement for the training. Some trainings may have a separate process for these roles, so read the details carefully for each training. Cadet leadership roles are limited at each training.

**Best practice for summer training sign-up** - Please be cautious about requesting multiple trainings for your cadet with overlapping dates or trainings that do not leave enough time for cadets to rest in between. We understand the desire for cadets to sign up for multiple trainings to ensure they get into their preferred location; however, this creates heavy burdens on our volunteers at the unit and training locations.

## SPECIALTY SUMMER TRAININGS

### NAVY SPECIAL WARFARE ORIENTATION COURSES (NSWOC)

The NSWOC training courses for the summer of 2024 have been posted. There are actually 3 courses listed.

NSWOC Prep is being held at Naval Air Station Norfolk, VA from 16-23 JUN 24. NSWOC Prep is the preparatory course for the NSWOC Selection course. There is a heavy focus on passing the physical screening test (PST) required for the NSWOC Selection course. The PST will be administered numerous times, with additional time provided for cadets to work on their swim stroke.

The NSWOC Selection course is being held at the same location from 20-30 JUN 24. IT IS A REQUIREMENT TO PASS THE PST (within 2 months prior to training) TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS COURSE. Participating in both courses in the same year will not be allowed. This is due to the need to develop and prove the commitment required for the more demanding training.

There is a third course for adult volunteers only. This is a leadership/training course that will allow interested volunteers to participate in the training for planning and development purposes.

## CYBERSECURITY TRAINING

Sea Cadets Cybersecurity Advanced Training (RK-WI-2401)

We are excited to offer our Sea Cadets a remarkable opportunity to enhance their skills through the Cybersecurity Advanced Training program, scheduled for June 23-28, 2024, in Milwaukee, WI. This intensive, week-long program focuses on strengthening cybersecurity capabilities, with activities tailored to prepare participants for the national CyberPatriot competition and future roles in national defense. The training includes classroom instruction, hands-on exercises, and a mock competition, with guest speakers from leading organizations such as CISA and USCYBERCOM. To assist with travel expenses, the Cyber Threat Intelligence Center is providing a generous scholarship covering airfare for selected cadets. We encourage all eligible cadets to apply for this invaluable experience that not only builds essential skills but also offers significant career advantages in the critical field of cybersecurity.

### DATES TO REMEMBER (Viewable on Quarterdeck, Calendar icon)

- 25 APR [ABF Scholarship](#) deadline
- 03 MAY USCG [Art Contest](#) Submissions Due
- 05 MAY New Family Summer Training Prep Webinar
- 21-27 APR National Volunteer Week
- 15 MAY Deadline for Sea Cadet and Navy League Foundation College/University Scholarship Applications
- 19 MAY Last SLCC meeting for this school year.

Dates for Navy Weeks around the U.S. <https://outreach.navy.mil/Navy-Weeks/>

### The History of National Volunteer Week

Excerpt from: <https://www.calendar.com/blog/national-volunteer-week-be-the-hero-your-community-needs-without-the-cape/>

In 1974, President Richard Nixon established National Volunteer Week (NVW) in the United States. In this week-long celebration, volunteers across the country showcase their diverse volunteer projects and events.

**Points of Light.** Inspires volunteers to become “a thousand points of light” in the wake of President George H.W. Bush’s call to action in 1989.

There are several critical purposes served by National Volunteer Week:

**Increasing awareness.** Volunteerism is brought into the spotlight, inspiring others to get involved and reminding communities of volunteers’ contributions.

**Recognition and appreciation.** During this week, volunteers are celebrated and appreciated for their tireless efforts. It’s an opportunity to thank those who make a difference.

**Recruiting and mobilization.** By showcasing volunteer opportunities, NVW helps organizations attract new volunteers.

Ultimately, National Volunteer Week strengthens communities, fosters connections, and makes society more vibrant and positive by highlighting the power of volunteerism.