

Important Notes to Parents and Cadets

It is a great privilege to wear the Navy uniforms. This privilege can be taken away if we do not wear them with pride and professionalism. The way we look and act in uniform reflects on the Navy's image not only the Sea Cadets. Cadets must look as good as possible and act very mature in uniform. Male Cadets should have a fresh haircut before drill weekends and advanced training. Females must be able to keep hair off of their collar. Cadets must conduct themselves in a manner that will reflect credit on the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps and the United States Navy.

Care of uniforms is the Cadet's responsibility. Parents should help the Cadet learn to sew and iron. As a Cadet is advanced they will have to sew on new stripes. As a Cadet grows they will have to let a hem down or start from scratch with a new uniform. It is important that your Cadet learn to do these things themselves. Do not bleach the white uniform. It turns it yellow. Scrub stains with a Cascade Dishwashing Detergent paste before putting in the washer. Soaking whites in regular laundry soap and 1 cup of Cascade in the washer brightens whites. The Male Dress Blues have to be dry-cleaned. They are wool. Females wear a polyester blend Blue Uniform that is washable but should be ironed with a thin towel over the fabric to prevent iron marks.

It is important to keep all of your Sea Cadet gear in one place. If a cadet shows up for an event like a parade without any part of their uniform, they will be sent home immediately. I.D. cards that are lost or damaged in the laundry will cost \$5 to replace. Losing an I.D. card just before a shipboard evolution would disqualify the cadet from participating. I.D. cards take about three weeks to replace. Cadets will have to purchase all lost items from Supply.

Parents should encourage their cadet to do the Basic Military Requirements or course work assigned as homework, to start preparing for the physical fitness test and to start developing a more mature demeanor. Please encourage your son or daughter, but ***do not do the work for them.***

New recruits are often anxious to attend boot camp so they can go aboard Navy ships for advanced training. This is a great opportunity for the mature cadet who learns and accepts responsibility easily; however it could be detrimental to the cadet who needs a little more time to mature. Aboard a Navy ship a Sea Cadet must be well disciplined and must behave as an adult. Ships can be a very dangerous place if running or horsing around. Cadets who do not pass the minimum requirements or are not recommended by the staff may be held back from an event for their safety. If a cadet is sent home early from boot camp or advanced training for any reason, it is at the expense of the parents.