

FAQ for Plebe-Parent Weekend

March 11-13, 2011

Any additional questions should be directed to Deb Dalton,
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Weather – The weather can range from very cold, freezing temps to spring-like conditions. Continue to check the weather forecast before departing for West Point. Always be prepared for a shower/rain.

Walking/transportation/parking – shuttle buses will be available throughout, but a fair amount of walking still required. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes. Additional shuttle bus information can be found in the PPW Information Guide. You will be encouraged to park in either A Lot, west of Michie Stadium or Buffalo Soldier Field and take the shuttle bus, especially on Friday. If you are in need of a handicapped parking pass, please ask your cadet to request the pass through their chain of command.

Attire – Business casual for most events. Dinner and dance on Saturday night require more formal attire; cocktail or long dress or party pant suit; dark suit or military uniform as appropriate; cadets will be in their full-dress for the event.

When and where will the schedule be available? The schedule should be available early-mid February. The schedule will be posted on the West Point Parent Information page, class of 2014 page and the West Point Parents Facebook page; <http://www.westpoint.edu/DComm/wppc.asp>, www.westpoint.edu/class/2014 and www.facebook.com/westpointparents. Hard copies will also be available in various locations and at the Parent Reception Center in Eisenhower Hall on Friday, March 11.

Is there a registration process for some of the events/activities? YES! There will be an **ONLINE** registration process for some of the events/activities. This will allow the opportunity to coordinate staff, volunteers and venues.

When should we plan to arrive? **UPDATED** - Plan to arrive either Thursday evening or early Friday morning. **NEW - The West Point Association of Graduates will host a breakfast on Friday morning, 7:30-9:30 a.m., at Herbert Alumni Center.** The Parent Welcome Center will open at 8 a.m. There will be tours of various buildings available on Friday morning. The Commandant will formally welcome parents and guests on Friday afternoon. For more information, please see the full schedule – www.westpoint.edu/DComm/wppc.asp

Can we bring additional family members? Yes. Additional family members are welcome; however, the cadets are allowed three seats for the banquet (one for themselves and two additional). Cadets can often find additional seats through their company. It is the cadet's responsibility to procure any additional seats. There is often reference to "tickets" for the dinner. There are no actual "tickets" sold. It is based on a head count and cost of the meals is deducted from the cadet's account.

Dates for cadets? Many cadets will invite dates to attend the dinner and dance.

Will it be possible to eat in the Cadet Mess at a time other than the formal dinner? UPDATED

Yes. It will be possible to eat in the Cadet Mess for lunch **on Saturday**. Tickets **must be purchased by cadets** for their family members. (more information to follow – **deadline is March 4**)

Are there other restaurants on West Point that will be open to parents and guests? Grant Hall, West Point Club, Thayer Hotel, Subway, Lil' Skeeters (West Point Bowling Center) and Burger King (located at the PX). Hours of operation can be found in the PPW Information Guide. Restaurants can also be found on Main Street in Highland Falls, ranging from sandwich shops to full service restaurants.

When will the cadets be released on Sunday? UPDATED - Cadets will be released on Sunday morning (9-10 a.m.) All rooms must be cleared and inspected before their departure for spring break.

Will there be transportation to various airports for cadets who will be departing separately from their parents or for those who do not have parents attending? YES! Transportation is available on Sunday, March 13 for those plebes who require transportation to the major airports. Tickets will be sold on the week prior in Grant Hall.

What types of tours or activities will be available to the parents and guests? Tours of the uniform factory, library, Army Sports Hall of Fame, academic open houses, Department of Physical Education demonstration and open house, Tactical Team open house, the opportunity to visit your cadet's barracks and possibly a few more options.

What time is the dinner on Saturday evening? UPDATED TIME - The dinner starts at 7 p.m. All cadets and guests are expected to be behind their chairs by 6:45 p.m. Remember to bring bubble wrap or socks to wrap your souvenir wine glasses. Attendance is mandatory for all members of the class of 2014 unless on an approved trip section or hospitalized.

Will there be a photographer available to take photos on Saturday evening in Eisenhower Hall? Yes, Academy Photo will be available for photos. The photographer will be set up in the Eisenhower Hall Theater after the dinner. They will be glad to capture a memory for you and your family/group.

Will there be a place to change if traveling back to the hotel is a challenge?

YES! If traveling back to your hotel is a challenge, you may change in the barracks.

UPDATED – March 7, 2011 – 5:05 p.m.

This document will be updated as needed!