

FAQ for Plebe-Parent Weekend

March 9-11, 2012

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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 Monday, February 13. The schedule will be posted on the class of 2015 page and the West Point Parents Facebook page; www.westpoint.edu/class/2015 and www.facebook.com/westpointparents. Hard copies will also be available at the bus pick up point, WPAOG and at the Parent Reception Center in Eisenhower Hall on Friday, March 9.

Is there a registration process for anything? YES! There will be an **ONLINE** registration process for the Cadet Mess Tours. This will allow the opportunity to coordinate staff, volunteers and venues.

When should we plan to arrive? Plan to arrive either Thursday evening or early Friday morning. ***The West Point Association of Graduates will host a breakfast on Friday morning, 7:30-10 a.m. at Herbert Alumni Center.*** The Parent Welcome Center in Eisenhower Hall will open at 8 a.m. There will be tours of various buildings and two speakers available on Friday morning. The Commandant will formally welcome parents and guests on Friday afternoon.

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? Yes. It will be possible to eat in the Cadet Mess for lunch **on Saturday**. Cadets will register their guests via an online process.

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 Taco Bell (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.

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 11 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? 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 2015 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. There will be a designated area within each company.

There are many events to choose from. Are there any must dos?

This schedule is designed to give you options (or choices) of various activities to enjoy while attending Plebe-Parent Weekend. Please use this information as a planning guide and do not feel you have to attend EVERYTHING! Discuss with your cadet as they may have suggestions on what to see based on their experience to this point. Questions – let us know!

This document will be updated as needed!

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