R-Day Rehearsal Volunteers Needed

Come help the cadet leadership hone their leadership skills

Volunteer to be a “Cadet Candidate”

Friday, 30 June 2017, 9:00am to 1:00 pm

Reception Day (R-Day) is an annual event held at the U.S. Military Academy to receive over 1150 incoming Cadet Candidates to West Point initiating the beginning of Cadet Basic Training on the road to becoming members of the Corps of Cadets.

Each summer the cadet leadership must rehearse this complex process that transforms 1150 civilians into new cadets in approximately eight hours. In order to achieve this, the Corps of Cadets needs volunteers from the community to serve as cadet candidates and go through the process as if they were arriving on R-Day.

If you are 12 years of age or older and in good health, please sign up and spend a Friday morning at West Point to be a part of a storied tradition and help West Point prepare for this historic event. There is a lower limit to the age due to the physical, environmental and emotional challenges that the volunteers will be put through. The web registration is limited to the first 300 volunteers.
All vehicles that do not have a Department of Defense sticker displayed must enter through Thayer or Stony Lonesome Gates. Please plan to arrive early due to security searches. All personnel over 16 years of age must be prepared to present valid identification when entering the installation.

Volunteers should be at Eisenhower Hall no later than 8:30 a.m. on Friday, 30 June 2017 with completed volunteer agreement form. Parking is available. The rehearsal begins promptly at 9 a.m. and concludes with lunch in the Cadet Mess from 12 to 1 p.m. Participants should dress comfortably in proper seasonal attire, bring a water bottle, and bring one piece of luggage or a duffel bag no larger than a standard carry-on bag. Mark luggage with your name to simulate that of a cadet candidate reporting.

You are welcome to bring a snack and carry it in your bag along with a bottle of water if desired; however, you will not be allowed to readily access your bag until the rehearsal is over. Water will be available throughout the rehearsal and the cadets will be aware of the environmental strains on the volunteers.

Your support is greatly appreciated and is a crucial element to the Corps’ success. It is guaranteed to be a fun-filled day that you will remember for years to come.

Please note: If you will be a member of the incoming USMA class of 2021, you may not participate in this event.

If you have questions after registration or need to cancel please contact Ms. Catherine Weidenhof at Catherine.Weidenhof@usma.edu or (845) 938-8686.