

What: Acceptance Day Parade

Where: The Plain - the BIG grassy area with the bleachers on the north side. The baseball field is to the east, Gen. Eisenhower is located on the southeast corner and Gen. MacArthur is located on the southwest corner. The cadet barracks and Washington statue are on the south side.

When: The parade begins at 10 a.m.

Who: The Corps of Cadets (entire brigade - 4000+) will march in this parade. The new cadets will march out separately then join the Corps when the command is given. For those with mobility challenges or elders who may be more comfortable in pop up chairs - please feel free to set up along the fence line near the baseball field. Wheelchairs - also along the fence line is best. The crushed rock in between the bleachers is difficult to navigate.

Recommend hats, sunscreen and water as it is usually a hot/humid day.

The bleachers seat approximately 5000 people. They will be full.

Please do try to make room when possible.

Attire: Comfortable shoes and clothing – many will wear sundresses, shorts/t-shirt/polo, capris, etc. For men – shorts, polos, slacks (if a cooler day), etc. Please be comfortable and think how do I want to be captured in photos?

Special note: There are two reserved areas in the bleachers. To the left of the Superintendent's Box is an area with chair backs.

These are reserved for the TAC teams. And, the first section of bleachers to the immediate right of the Supt's Review Box is also RESERVED as well. (Please see the map.)

Please do not sit in those seats if you arrive early. You will be asked to move.

This area is also reserved for staff photographers and media. It is restricted access.

ETIQUETTE - Please refrain from loud talking during the ceremony.

Please, please remain in your seats until the LAST company has departed the Plain.

Finding your cadet - most families prearrange a meeting spot prior to Saturday via text, phone or email. **Be sure to ask your new cadet what company they are now assigned in order to locate in the formation.**

Please review the parking and shuttle bus map – will be posted next week.

Shuttles will be available from 7:30 a.m. – noon. A handicapped shuttle will be available.

For weather related information, please call 845 938-7000.

Are there other events happening on Acceptance Day?

There is a picnic at Ike Hall sponsored by the Diversity Office (tentative), Fall teams will have practice, you are welcome to walk around the grounds, but the majority of the cadets (especially plebes) will want to spend time with family; enjoying a meal(s), shopping, movies, sleeping, doing laundry, sharing stories about Cadet Basic Training, catching up on news from home, etc.

Enjoy time with your cadets! Great memories waiting to happen!