



FAQ for Plebe-Parent Weekend

March 8-11, 2018

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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/snow/ice.

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 Buffalo Soldier Field, and other parking areas to be shared the week of March 5 and take the shuttle bus, especially on Friday.

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 will be posted on the Parent Information page. 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? Yes – please register! Registration will help us to plan for your visit. Thank you! A link will be posted on the Parent Information page – www.westpoint.edu/parents in early February.

When should we plan to arrive? Plan to arrive either Thursday evening or early Friday morning.

Tentative - The Thayer Hotel is hosting a “pay as you go” reception, Thursday, March 8. Time to be announced. The West Point Association of Graduates will host an open house/breakfast on Friday morning, time to be announced, at Herbert Alumni Center – registration required.

The Parent Welcome Center in Eisenhower Hall will open at 8 a.m. There will be tours of various buildings and presentations available on Friday morning. Parents/guests will be formally welcomed on Friday afternoon.

Can we bring additional family members? Yes. Additional family members are welcome; however, the cadets are allowed four seats for the banquet (one for themselves and three 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.

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 are sold via an online link posted to the USCC S4 internal site and on the Parent Information page.

What types of tours or activities will be available to the parents and guests? Activities and events may include, but are not limited to the following - Tours of the uniform factory (tentative), Jefferson Hall Library, Army Sports Hall of Fame, academic open houses, Department of Physical Education demonstration and open house, TAC Team open house and the opportunity to visit your cadet's room in the barracks.

What is the Plebe-Parent Review? The Plebe-Parent Review is a parade with only plebes participating. The formation will consist of plebes from each of the 36 companies, in platoon-size formations (4 x 8). The companies will march in order (Company A1-Company I4 led by the brigade staff. The color guard marches in between the 2nd and 3rd regiments. Parents/guests will observe from the sidewalks on Thayer Walk. Following the parade, weather permitting, the West Point Parachute team will perform a demonstration on the Plain.

What time is the dinner on Saturday evening? The dinner starts at 6 p.m. All cadets and guests are expected to be behind their chairs by 5:45 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 2021 unless on an approved trip section or hospitalized. Suggested attire can be found on the Parent Information page – please look for Cadet Hostess – Formal Attire presentation.

Will there be a photographer available to take photos on Saturday evening in Eisenhower Hall? Yes, Legacy Studios will be available for photos. The photographer will be set up in the Eisenhower Hall 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. A designated area is set up 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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