



Meet Notes

Welcome to the 27th annual A-meet at West Point! We trust you will enjoy running through our rugged, hilly terrain one more time. Your support helps keep our club running. We extend our gratitude to all of the people that have offered their time to consult and vet our courses over these past few months.

We are again hosting our meet out of Camp Buckner. Registration will be in the two-story white building across the one-lane bridge. T-shirts and other items will be on sale there throughout the weekend. We will have our classic competition on Saturday and Sunday morning, with the first starts being 9 a.m. and 8 a.m., respectively. In addition to our events, Peter Gagarin will be hosting a sprint as part of the 2006 Sprint Series, which will begin at 2 p.m. Finally, there will be a silent auction running throughout the weekend in the activities building near the concessions stand. This will close on Sunday afternoon with proceeds going to the Junior Team.

Parking

The main parking area will again be the central parking lot at Camp Buckner. Additional parking is available along certain stretches of the main road, and we have additional parking areas off the main road should they be needed. Please do not park in the small lot adjacent to the two-story white building. This is where we park all of our meet vehicles, and there are a lot of them.

Lodging

We will be using the bays at Buckner for lodging. If you plan to take advantage of these accommodations, you should bring a sleeping bag or blankets as they do get cold. Bathrooms and showers are available in each bay. Please follow the instructions of the personnel at Registration, and take heed of the signs posted on each side of the bays before moving in. Finally, we ask that all competitors staying in bays be moved out by 3 p.m. Sunday to allow us to begin cleaning.

Concessions

A concession stand will be setup both days in the vicinity of the activities building (located on the water, across the footbridge past the bathhouse). They will have various breakfast and lunch foods available for purchase, and proceeds will go to the USOF College Orienteering Fund.

Shuttle to Start

The shuttle for the start on both days will begin in the main parking lot, by the large "For Your Freedom and Mine" sign. The shuttle will begin running at 8:15 a.m. on Saturday, and 7:30 a.m. on Sunday.

Cadets in the Woods

On Saturday, you may have the unique experience of seeing cadets training at land navigation. We have created a military course separate from the competitive courses that is open to all members of the Corps, and many will be taking advantage of this opportunity. They will be in the vicinity of the day 1 courses enhancing their skills for their various assignments this summer. They may look extremely confused and/or frustrated, but that is all part of the experience.

Clothing Drop

All clothes picked up from the clothing drop will be returned to the activities building.

Saturday Dinner

Our usual dinner spot, Barth Hall, is undergoing renovations (those of you that remember the big hole in the floor last year know why). Thus, we will be holding the dinner in the Camp Buckner mess hall. This is where cadets going through their field training eat every summer. The dinner will be catered by Loughran's, who have provided excellent meals for our competitions the past two years. Please do not wear spikes in this building. If you would rather eat at a restaurant, you can take 293 east and then take 9W south, and exit into Highland Falls. This town has a variety of sit-down restaurants that tourists frequent. If you take Rt. 293 south to Rt. 6 West into Central Valley, you will find even more options.

Awards

The awards ceremony will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday. If it is a nice day, we will hold it by the flagpole on the water. If it rains, we will hold it inside the activities building. We are sure you will enjoy our unique awards selection this year!

Should you have any questions, feel free to ask me or any of the cadets at the meet.

Brian Shepard
2006 Meet Director