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TO: Parents of Class 19 Cadets

SUBJECT: Parenting Workshop and Parent Visitation

Dear Parent:

I know you are looking forward to the upcoming Visitation on 16 and 17 August, 2008. Please note the location of your Parent Workshop and Visitation which is determined by your son or daughter's assigned Platoon.

FIRST PLATOON: Saturday, 16 August, 2008 at Battle Creek High School, located at 100 West Van Buren Street, Battle Creek, MI 49017

SECOND PLATOON: Sunday, 17 August, 2008 at Battle Creek Central High School located at 100 West Van Buren Street, Battle Creek, MI 49017.

Directions to both locations are enclosed for your convenience.

I want to take a moment to fill you in on what will happen on each of these days. Please look at the below schedule for the day's activities:

9:00AM to 10:00 AM—Registration for Parenting Workshop
10:00 AM to 10:15 AM—Your Cadet and Academics at the MYCA—Colonel Wemlnger
10:15AM to 11:00 AM—Mentoring and Job Placement—Mr. Mike Krajnik
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM—Your Cadet & Substance Abuse—Mr. Steve Erkel

12:00 PM to 12:30 PM—Parent/Grandparent/Mentor Registration for Visitation
12:30 PM to 4:00 PM—Visitation

Important Notes:

1. At least one (1) parent must attend the Parenting Workshop in order for your cadet to be eligible for visitors at the afternoon visitation
2. Please arrive early for registration for the Parenting Workshop. Doors for registration will open at 9:00AM. We will start promptly at 10:00 AM and we don't want you to miss any important information.

Who May Come to Visitation:

1. Parents
2. Step-Parents
3. Maternal and Paternal Grandparents
4. Mentors & their spouses
5. Any exceptions to the above must be approved by the Commandant. Please note the Commandant will not permit siblings (brothers & sisters) to attend. I can be reached at 269 968-1048. Generally exceptions are only granted for others to attend when the parent and parent only, must have assistance with transportation in order to attend the visitation.



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6. Cadets with children may have their children attend visitation (not Parenting Workshop please). If the cadet is not married, the mother of the child **may not** attend visitation. Cadet must present proof of marriage and proof that the child is his or hers (birth certificate copy).

What You May Bring:

1. **Bring a meal for your cadet! The Academy will not provide either lunch or supper to your cadet on visitation days.** Please insure the meal is somewhat balanced and consists of more than just cake, pie or candy.
2. **Please do not bring soda-pop or other sugary drinks.** If you must bring something to drink, make it water or Gatorade. The Student Council will be selling ice –cold bottled water and Gatorade. Proceeds from these sales will fund projects for Class 1...and your Cadet won't overdose on sugar!!!
3. Bring a dessert. Cadets will be allowed to have dessert, but remember, their systems have been weaned off of sugar for the past nearly two months. Too much sugar may not set well later and as soon as you leave they must get back into their regimen here at MYCA.

Other Important Information:

1. Please bring picture ID with you
2. No cell phones are permitted during visitation.
3. No alcoholic beverages are permitted in Battle Creek Central High School.
4. Battle Creek Public Schools are smoke-free. If you must smoke during visitation, **please do so outside and out of sight of all cadets.**
5. There are no electrical outlets or other resources for cooking food available during visitation. Please bring meals that are already prepared.
6. Ice will not be furnished.
7. Please don't bring things like pictures, books, etc. for your cadet. Look at page 11 of the Acceptance Packet sent to you. At the bottom it covers the things you may mail to your cadet. Please follow these instructions for what you may bring to your cadet at visitation and leave with them.
8. **Cadets may not leave the Cafeteria for any reason during the visitation**

John V. Wemlinger
Colonel, US Army (Retired)
Commandant of Cadets
MYCA