Newsletter:

Schedules:

Starting Monday, every schedule printed will cost $1.00. Please remind your cadets to write their schedules in a binder, take a picture of it, or memorize the schedule, so they are not needing it printed.

Policy Clarifications From the Dean of Cadets

Personal Valuables

It is highly recommended that no valuables be brought to the UMA campus. UMA, its staff, or board assume no responsibility for the safe storage, supervision, damage to or appropriate use of personal valuables. We strive constantly to teach good ethical character to our cadets but this is a learning process and we have cadets from every walk of life and from multiple levels of preparedness for making ethical decisions, therefore it is the individual cadet and/or parent's responsibility to maintain positive control over any valuable which they choose to bring to campus.

Backpack Policy Clarification

Hello parents. In an effort to both improve and keep open channels of communications with you, our valued education partners, we want to communicate a policy clarification regarding cadet use of backpacks while on the UMA campus. You may have already noticed that our academy has experience some exciting growth and as a result we have had to become very creative in our use of building facilities. We all agree that keeping class sizes optimal for effective learning is very important. To facilitate the best use of available space we have found it important to manage the use of backpacks inside the building. We are confident you understand how hazardous, obstructive, and distracting such a large number of bulking backpacks can be while inside our classrooms and we appreciate your understanding for the need to manage our limited space.

Beginning Monday, August 29, 2016. All backpacks will be stored within the cadet's assigned locker. Our fabulous cadets will be able to practice their valuable organizational skills by planning out which books and materials to carry and to what class combinations. We have also received a number of questions as to what style or color the packs have to be. After consulting with staff, administration, and parents, we have decided that cadets may use any pack of their choice to and from school. Because the packs will be in the cadets locker during the school day and therefore not a distraction, we do not want to cause any additional expense or inconvenience to you, our education partners, by managing size, style, color, etc.

As always, thank you for your understanding and cooperation and we hope this clears up any questions or concerns you may have regarding backpacks. Please feel free to contact any of the administration if you have additional suggestions or concerns.

School Start Time

As a reminder, cadets are to report to 1st period by 0800. Formation follows 1st period. Please refer to the Bell Schedule available on our website www.utahmilitaryacademy.org.

Reno Air Races

The Reno National Air Races are the Indy 500 of Air Racing. Not only do they have air races, they also have an airshow, and military static displays.
We will depart UMA at about 10am on Wednesday, 14 Sep, travel to Fernley Nv for the evening. As soon as we get loaded on Thursday, 15 Sep, we will travel to the Air Races for the day, returning to Fernley in the evening. We will leave Fernley as early as possible on Friday, 16 Sep to return home.

Cost for the trip for cadets is $130. This will cover Transportation, Hotels, Complete access at the Air Races, and 4 meals, (Dinner on Wed, Thurs, and Breakfast on Thurs and Fri). Cadets will need extra money for food on the road, and food and souvenirs at the races. They may bring a small ice chest and food on the bus to defer cost. Chaperone cost will be $160 for a single room and $100 for a double. This is mainly to cover the cost of the hotel.

We would like a head count by 2 Sept. Please pay in the office ASAP. As soon as the list is full, we will then hand out the permission slips. As of right now, you just need to make sure your cadet has a spot, and gets the money turned in.

**Final Recruiting for the school year**

Families, we are off to a great start for the year! We do have some final enrollment spots we would like to fill. We have some spots left in 7th, 8th and 10th grade. It is likely we may have a cadet or two move in the other grades, though we are essentially full. As parents, you are our best foot forward. If you know of any families with students in our target grades please invite them to campus for a tour. We are looking for 15 more 7th graders, 10 more 8th and 10th grade. By State law we have until October 1, though we would like to get these filled up as soon as possible.

Again, please invite any families to tour UMA. And, if you are aware of a great opportunity to present UMA such as a fair, etc, please let us know.

**TEAM Time**

Parents, we are really focusing on our TEAM Time activities. These activities fall into four categories: Academic, JROTC, Athletic, everything else. All of these opportunities add a significant value to your cadets academic, physical, leadership and character well being. It is important to encourage your cadet to engage and take it serious.

Our first year we had mandatory activities, though the mandatory aspect significantly diminished participation and lessened the value of the activity. Your cadet can participate in state, regional and national competing teams, earn varsity letters, earn Honors Program credit. Remember, ‘in, out or whiffle ball.’

We are heavily weighted on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, though great activities on Monday and Friday. Through Friday September 2 cadets are able to attend any activity they would like. Beginning Monday September 5 we need the cadets to have identified a schedule of activities. Those days they are not participating, we need the parent to verify and make arrangements to pick them up at the end of the academic day (1455 hours.)

The TEAM Time calendar is being updated weekly and is found on our Website, Facebook and emailed to parents, as well read to your cadets daily. We are also seeking volunteers to help run stations. If you have an excellent idea for an activity please reach Major Workman. If we have the capacity to support it, the cadets are interested and it helps build their character and/or skills we will seriously consider it.

Volunteers, please contact Jennifer McBride, our PIC President, and/or Shannon Seward in the office.

**Haircuts**

We are working with the DATC to try and provide haircuts to cadets at the school. Because of changes in their policies they are currently sending out request through the appropriate channels to see if they can continue to provide us with haircuts. We probably won’t get an answer from them for at least a month, possibly longer. That being said, your cadets must meet uniform standards. Here are the hair standards from the uniform policy:
Hair will be clean, well-groomed, present a professional appearance, allow proper wear of headgear. Will not contain excessive amounts of grooming aids (e.g. gel, mousse, pomade, moisturizer), appear lopsided, touch either eyebrow, or end below an imaginary line across the forehead at the top of the eyebrows that is parallel to the ground. If applied, dyes, tints, bleaches and frostings must result in natural, human hair colors. The hair color must complement the member’s complexion and skin tone. Examples of natural human hair colors are brown, blonde, brunette, natural red, black or grey. Prohibited examples (not all inclusive) are burgundy, purple, orange, fluorescent or neon colors.

Male Cadets will keep hair clean, neat, and properly trimmed. Hair should present a groomed, tapered appearance and not exceed 1 1/4 inch in bulk. Hair must not touch the ears, collar, or protrude below the front of the headgear. Fads are UNAUTHORIZED and include uneven cuts, braids, duck tails, mohawks, mullets, cornrows, or etched designs, etc.

Sideburns will not extend below the bottom of the inner ear. Mustaches will not extend pass the corners of the mouth or extend below the upper lip. Beards are not authorized unless cadet has a doctor’s medical shaving waiver.

Female Cadet’s hair must not be an extreme or fad style. Hair must be clean, neat, and well groomed to present a feminine appearance. Minimum length is one inch. It will not exceed 3 inches in bulk or prevent proper wear of the headgear. Hair will not extend below the uniform collar. Plain and conservative pins, combs, and barrettes similar to the Cadet's hair color may be worn to keep hair in place. Hair color, highlights, and frosting will not be faddish and will be natural looking hair color for human beings, similar to the individual's hair color (e.g. black, brunette, blonde, natural red, and grey).

Hair may be worn in a ponytail or braid in soft uniform. Hair may not be loose.

Dry Cleaning

Dry cleaning is available through the school. Cadets can drop off their uniforms first thing on Friday morning and they will be available for pick up on Monday after school. Cost is $3 per item. If your cadet plans to regularly use the cleaning service through the school please send Chief Martin an email so she can have a clothing bag made up for them. kmartin@utahmilitaryacademy.org

PIC Store Hours

The PIC store is currently open Monday through Friday from 0730-0800. Additional store hours are pending the staffing of the store. PIC is currently looking for a steady group of volunteers to help in this area. If you are interested, please email parent@utahmilitaryacademy.org.

If you need access to the store outside of these hours, you may contact Chessa Shorten at 801-686-4175 to see when she will be available.

Traffic during after-school pickup

Parents, a couple very short rules:
First, if you are picking up a single cadet, we will support a pickup zone, on 1050 West adjacent to the drive-in theater
Second, if you are picking up two or more cadets, please come into the parking lot. We will have your cadets ready to jump in as quickly as possible
Third, we strongly encourage you to support cadets attending TEAM Time activities, which means picking them up at 4:30pm.
If you have questions please let us know.