BUGLE NOTES FOR KIDS



CADET OATH

I, _____, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States, and bear true allegiance to the National Government; that I will maintain and defend the sovereignty of the United States, paramount to any and all allegiance, sovereignty, or fealty I may owe to any State or Country whatsoever; and that I will at all times obey the legal orders of my superior officers, and the Uniform Code of Military Justice."

MY GRADUATION

Graduation Date: _____



HISTORY OF WEST POINT



Fill in the blanks

G_____ Washington realized the importance of West P_____ during the Revolutionary War when he decided to place the Great C_____ across the Hudson to stop the B_____ from sailing down the r_____. Later, in 1802, President T_____ Jefferson signed a law that made West Point a Military A_____.

The F_____ of West Point is Sylvanus Thayer who was the Superintendent from 1817-1833. He created high standards for discipline, g_____, physical f_____ and military skills.

Students at West Point are called c_____ and after four years receive a c_____ degree and are commissioned as o_____ in the US A_____.

Answers:
George; Point; Chain; British; river; Thomas; Academy / Father; grades; fitness / cadets; college; officers; Army

CADET MOTTO

DUTY HONOR COUNTRY

"Duty Honor Country" is the motto of the United States Military Academy. All cadets strive to live by these noble ideals.

Match the elements of the honor code on the left to their definition on the right:

1. Duty	**A. The moral courage to always do the right thing; honesty; integrity; respect; fairness**
2. Honor	**B. What Army officers vow to serve, protect, and defend; where we live**
3. Country	**C. The commitment to do your best at what is expected**

Answers: 1-C; 2-A; 3-B

CADET HONOR CODE

Cadets promise to follow the Honor Code which holds them to a very high standard:

A Cadet Will Not Lie, Cheat, Steal, or Tolerate Those Who Do

Which will you choose??? Circle one.

THE EASIER WRONG **THE HARDER RIGHT**

CADET CHECKLIST

Check off the different events during the 4 years of being a cadet at West Point to make your way to graduation!

___Plebe, Freshman year Your first year as a cadet! You will complete Beast Barracks (6 weeks of Cadet Basic Training). At the end you will do the March Back, a 12- mile hike with a full rucksack, going from Camp Buckner back to West Point. Whew! You will be tired!

___Yearling or "Yuk", Sophomore Year You will get to select your major and also attend the Yearling Winter Weekend.

___Cow, Junior Year You will take the IOCT (Indoor Obstacle Course Test) and attend 500th Night to celebrate 500 days until graduation.

___ Firstie, Senior Year You will finally get your class ring during Ring Weekend. You will also learn what Branch of the Army you have been selected for at Branch Night and learn where you will live after graduation on Post Night.

___Graduation Congratulations!!! You have made it through 47 months of being a cadet! You will get to toss your hat in the air at graduation which takes place at Michie Stadium. You are now on your way to being an officer in the United States Army!

THE ARMY-NAVY GAME

The highlight of every year at West Point is the Army-Navy football game. The first game was played in 1890 when Navy challenged Army to a game. Dennis Michie was the captain, and accepted the challenge. Michie Stadium is named in his honor. The Army-Navy game is one of the oldest and best rivalries in U.S. history!



CADET CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES WORD SEARCH

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K Q C Y R T S I M E H C I
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S C K A M D T K K N L M I
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L C T E J Q N R J I X H A
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T G N L H X E C R I T F K
I J R C K I B K M H E C L
L F Y U J N Y X J Z F M H
O S R N F G C K D R I L L
P N O I T A M R O F L R F

Algebra Astronautics Boxing Chemistry
Cyber Law Drill Economics Engineering
English Field Training Formation French
History Lifetime Sport Military Instruction Nuclear Science
Political Science Psychology Robotics Survival Swim

SONGS AND CHEERS

ON BRAVE OLD ARMY TEAM

The Army Fight Song



The Army team's the pride and dream
Of every heart in gray.

The Army line you'll ever find
A terror in the fray:

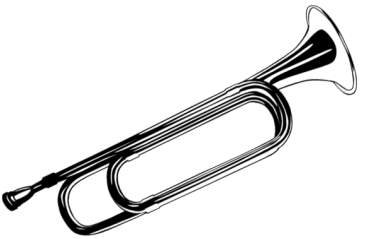
And when the team is fighting
For the Black and Gray and Gold.

We're always near with song and cheer.
And this is the tale we're told:

CHORUS
On, brave old Army team,
On to the fray:
Fight on to victory,
For that's the fearless Army way.

ROCKET YELL

Cheer done at Army football games and other sporting events



(Whistle) – BOOM! –Ahhh
USMA Rah! Rah!
USMA Rah! Rah!
Hoo- Rah! Hoo-Rah!
AR---MAY! Rah!
Team! Team! Team!

TAPS

Played every night at "Lights Out" in the barracks to mark the end of the day

Day is done, gone the sun,
From the lake, from the hills, from the sky;
All is well, safely rest, God is nigh.

TRIVIA & TRADITIONS

What are the West Point colors? Black, Gold, and Gray

Where do the cadets live? The Barracks

What is the Mess Hall? Where the cadets eat

What college had the 1st class ring? West Point was the first school in the country to have class rings in 1835.

Where was Boodle hidden? Long ago, candy, cakes, and treats for the cadets were placed in the cannons on the parade field by their parents.

Who was Benedict Arnold? Benedict Arnold was the commander of West Point during the Revolutionary War. He tried to sell West Point to the British but his plot was foiled. He is known as a traitor.

Where did blackboards come from? The first blackboard in the country was used at West Point in the Department of Math.

What is Abner Doubleday, Class of 1842, known for? This Civil War General is known for inventing the sport of baseball.

What Civil War general never received a demerit (a bad mark) as a cadet? Robert E. Lee

Who was Pyrene? Mousers used to be kept in the old mess hall and the senior cat on duty was always named Pyrene.

What are the Lucky Spurs? The Lucky Spurs are on the boots of the Civil War statue of General John Sedgwick. Legend has it that if a cadet is failing a class and spins the rowels on the spurs of his boots at mid-night, he/she will receive a good test grade.

What is the Missouri National? A song supposed to bring rain, normally sung before parades in the hope they will be canceled!

PLEBE KNOWLEDGE

Plebes are expected to remember trivia and must be able to answer these questions at any time! Can you remember these?

How many lights in Cullum Hall? 340 lights

How many gallons of water in Lusk Reservoir? 78 million gallons when the water is flowing over the spillway

How many names on Battle Monument? 2,230 names

RANGER, THE ARMY MULE



COLORING



CADET SLANG

ARMY BRAT Son or daughter of a career Army soldier
ATE UP Messy, wrong, in disarray; "his uniform was all ate up"
BARRACKS Buildings where the cadets live
BEAN HEAD A Plebe
BOODLE Cake, candy, ice cream, etc.
BUTT The remains of anything; as in the butt of the month
CIVIES Civilian clothes
COASTIE One who attends the US Coast Guard Academy
DIRT Geography class for Yuks; Dirt Department is the Department of Geography & Environmental Engineering
DROP To get down and do push-ups; to order someone to do so
ELEPHANT One who can't dance; cadet taking dancing lessons
FLIRTIE Flirtation Walk, where only cadets & their guests may go
FRIED EGG USMA crest, worn on gray, white and full dress hats
GOAT Lowest ranking cadet on graduation day; the US Naval Academy mascot, which is lower.
GREEN GIRL Comforter used to make cadet beds
HOOAH Meaning "yes" or "I understand"
HOP Cadet Dance
HOURS Walking in Central Area with a rifle as a cadet punishment
LATE LIGHTS When a cadet has room lights on after midnight
POOP Information
POOP-DECK Dining Hall balcony from which orders are given
POOP-SHEET Page of information
RABBLE ROUSER A cadet cheerleader
RACK A cadet bed; to sleep
ROCK Anyone who can't swim
ROGER I understand
SAMI Saturday A.M. (morning) Inspection
SQUID Someone who attends the Naval Academy; a Midshipmen
STAR MAN A distinguished cadet whose GPA is 3.67 or higher
SUPE The Superintendent
TAC A tactical officer; assigned to supervise and guide cadets
ZOOMIE One who attends the Air Force Academy

GO ARMY BEAT NAVY!



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