

# **Welcome to Summer Seminar 2026 at the United States Naval Academy!**

We are thrilled to host you this June on the Yard! Here you can find information about payment, transportation, attendance requirements, family programs, and a packing list. If you need to reach us, please email: [summerseminar@usna.edu](mailto:summerseminar@usna.edu).

We'll see you soon!

## **PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS**

### **PAYMENT**

Please ensure the program fee is paid within 10 calendar days of your original selection email. You may email [summerseminar@usna.edu](mailto:summerseminar@usna.edu) if you have questions or concerns about your payment. Please note the program fee is fully refundable within 7 calendar days before the start of the session. If we do not receive your payment within the allotted time frame, your spot will be forfeited.

**[Pay Program Fee Here](#)**

### **REQUIRED FORMS**

After payment is received and within 2-5 calendar days, forms will be sent via email from [SummerSeminarOutreach@usna.edu](mailto:SummerSeminarOutreach@usna.edu) to the email address that was entered on the Summer Seminar application.

Both forms must be submitted at the same time and are due within 7 calendar days of the date of the email from [SummerSeminarOutreach@usna.edu](mailto:SummerSeminarOutreach@usna.edu). Forms must be signed by a parent/legal guardian if the attendee applicant is under the age of 18.

### **PHYSICAL TRAINING**

You should be in good physical condition and prepared to participate in daily rigorous physical training. This will involve stretching, push-ups, sit-ups, group runs of at least 1 mile, and other conditioning exercises. It is important to have properly fitted running shoes and we suggest packing two pairs. You should acclimate your body by increasing your daily intake of water prior to arriving. If you have questions or concerns regarding your physical aptitude for the Summer Seminar activities, please consult your family physician. All participants will take the Naval Academy's Candidate Fitness Assessment (CFA) that will be used in the admissions process. For more information on the CFA, visit the [USNA Admissions website](#). You should practice these exercises prior to your arrival at USNA.

## **MEDICAL INFORMATION**

Students who require emergency care or hospitalization will be taken to Anne Arundel Medical Center. Non-emergency patients will be taken to the MedStar Health Urgent Care. Both facilities are located just a few miles from USNA.

USNA will immediately contact an attendee's parent/ guardian in the event of a medical emergency at Summer Seminar. Students who do not possess medical insurance **must** obtain short-term coverage from their local insurance provider for the dates of their Summer Seminar participation. Short-term policies may be purchased online through a number of providers.

Medical care cannot be provided for chronic or recurring illnesses such as diabetes, asthma, allergies, etc., nor can routine dental care be provided. If a Summer Seminar attendee arrives with an undisclosed medical condition or injury they will be sent home. The camp is physical in nature and there is a great deal of walking, so students who are unable to participate physically will not be allowed to attend.

If injury occurs or your medical condition changes between the time you applied and your session start, you must notify Summer Seminar and disclose this information **PRIOR** to your session start at [summerseminar@usna.edu](mailto:summerseminar@usna.edu).

# TRANSPORTATION

Participants in Summer Seminar are responsible for arranging and financing their own transportation to and from the Naval Academy. Maps/directions to the Naval Academy are available [here](#).

## ARRIVAL

**AIR:** USNA will provide transportation to the Academy on a regular basis from **9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** from **Baltimore-Washington International Airport (BWI)** on the first day of the program for students **ONLY**. **Transportation will only be provided from BWI.** All student arrival times should be on check-in day between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Once their flight lands, students will report to baggage claim, collect their bags, and look for midshipmen in Summer Whites in that area. The midshipmen will then escort students to the buses for transportation to USNA. If you do not immediately see a midshipman in baggage claim, head to the Hudson News stand near Baggage Claim 4 to wait until one arrives.



**Summer Whites**

Do not schedule airline arrivals after 3:00 p.m. **If a problem arises on your travel day and you must arrive after 3:00 p.m., please call the Summer Programs Duty Officer at 443-336-5359 and provide your name and your flight itinerary.** Students arriving outside of our pickup times should coordinate their own transportation (Uber, Lyft, etc.) to Gate 1 at USNA. Students who fly into other airports must arrange their own transportation to USNA.

For students traveling locally by train, there is an Amtrak station in the vicinity of BWI airport which offers a free shuttle to the airport. From there, you may board our Naval Academy bus to campus. You will still need to meet the bus prior to 4:00pm in order to secure a ride.

If you are unable to arrive within our prescribed window, you must fill out the [2026 Summer Seminar Early/ Late Arrival/ Departure Travel Information form](#). **Filling out the form is not necessary if you are able to arrive within the required timeframe mentioned above.** We use this form to track your arrival and ensure that you have transportation to the Academy should you arrive outside of our prescribed times.

### **AUTOMOBILES:**

Students and/or parents who drive to USNA must enter via [Gate 6](#). Gate 6 is located on King George Street next to the Max Bishop Stadium. A valid photo ID and a printed copy of your Summer Seminar confirmation email will be required to drive on. Once at Gate 6, a security inspection will be conducted on your vehicle. Following the inspection, you will be granted drive-on access to USNA. You may also access USNA by walking through the Visitors' Access Center at Gate 1. Gate 6 will be open from 10:30am-5:30pm only.

***Please reference prohibited items listed below.***

If you, the student, are going to drive yourself to USNA and plan to park your car here for the duration of the week, please complete the [2026 Summer Seminar Parking Permit Request Form](#). This option is highly discouraged as parking is very limited on Academy grounds.

If you arrive in Annapolis before your check-in day, you must make other lodging arrangements. **WE CANNOT ACCOMMODATE EARLY ARRIVALS FOR SUMMER SEMINAR.**

### **DEPARTURE**

The Naval Academy will provide transportation for students to **BWI Airport ONLY. Buses will not be provided for any other airports.** Students who are flying out of other airports must arrange their own transportation. Do not schedule flights earlier than **12:30 p.m.** Individuals waiting to be picked up by car should use Alumni Hall as a meeting place. Students are not authorized to stay in our dormitory after 10:00 a.m. on check-out day. If you are unable to make travel arrangements for check-out day, you will need to find lodging elsewhere. **WE CANNOT ACCOMMODATE DAY-AFTER DEPARTURES.**

Gate 6 will be open to automobiles from 08:00am-11:30am. Please allow **at least one hour** to get through security.

## **CHECK-IN**

Check in will take place at Dahlgren Hall between 11:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on the first day of your visit. Parents are welcome to accompany students to Dahlgren Hall. Check-in and room assignment will not be made prior to 11:00 a.m. If you are driving, we recommend that you arrive after 1 p.m. if possible, and eat lunch beforehand. After check-in, students will immediately depart to begin Summer Seminar. The first scheduled event will be Formation at 5:00 p.m. on Day 1. In the event that you must arrive after 4:30 p.m., please call the **Admissions Duty Officer at 443-336-5359** as soon as possible. Late arrivals will report to the Main Office in Bancroft Hall.

Students are encouraged to call parents/guardians upon arrival. Parents and guardians, please do not use the phone number above to verify that your child has arrived, as we need to keep that line clear for emergencies. At the Welcome event, students will be reminded to call/text a parent or guardian.

# **WHILE YOU'RE HERE**

## **WHAT TO BRING**

Upon arrival, you will receive 6 t-shirts, 3 pairs of shorts, 1 baseball cap, 1 sweatshirt, and 1 pair of sweatpants to wear for the duration of Summer Seminar as a uniform.

The only clothing items that you need to bring are listed below. **Remember to leave room in your luggage for the gear you will be receiving.** Clothing worn for arrival and departure day must be tasteful. Do not wear clothing that is tattered, torn, or has holes. Closed-toed shoes are required for daily events. NOTE: There are no laundry facilities available.

### **Packing List:**

- Spandex or compression shorts to wear under your issued shorts
  
- Socks (6-10 pairs)

- Undergarments (6-10 pairs)
- Twin (long) size bed linens (sheets and a light blanket or a sleeping bag) - we do not provide bedding, so it is important that you bring your own.
- Pillow and pillowcase
- Toiletries, shower towel, shower shoes, and clothes to sleep in
- 2 pairs of running shoes (NOTE: many physical events happen outside, in any weather, so bring shoes that can get wet and dirty)
- Appropriate swimsuit and goggles. **Male: Swim Trunks/ Female: One-piece bathing suit**
- Combination or key lock for clothing lockers\*
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- A charge card for shopping at the Midshipmen Store (cash-free facility)

\*Do not bring excessive amounts of money or other valuables as safekeeping facilities cannot be provided and the Naval Academy will not be held responsible for lost or stolen articles.

**The following items are prohibited from being brought through the USNA gates:**

**Prohibited Items:**

- ANY TYPE of Weapons, Knives, explosives (including fireworks), any type of firearm or air gun to include blank guns or toys regardless of carrying permit and ammunition.
- Bags larger than a typical purse (e.g., duffle bags, backpacks, large camera bags and coolers)
- Mace / pepper spray (OC) or any other kind of propelled chemical agent for self defense
- Any type of alcohol for consumption (beer, liquor etc)

- Illegal / illicit Drugs of any kind to include marijuana. (Prescription meds from a medical doctor are authorized, being they are in a prescription bottle with the patient's name on the bottle)
- Vehicles not vetted by the visitor control center
- Anything else considered a plausible threat by a screener (police officer / MA).

## **ROOM AND MEALS**

You will be housed in Bancroft Hall, the largest single dormitory complex in the United States. All rooms are designed for 2 or more people and include desks, a shower and sink area. Please note that we cannot accept roommate requests. Your meals will be served in USNA's dining facility, King Hall, throughout your stay at USNA. The first meal served will be dinner on arrival day, and the last meal served will be breakfast on departure day. **Please note that we CANNOT accommodate food allergies or special diets due to the family style service.**

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS WHILE RESIDING IN BANCROFT HALL**

Compliance with these rules is mandatory for all students attending Summer Seminar.

**Non-compliance and disregard for these rules may result in immediate dismissal from the program.** These rules are in addition to the **Behavioral Contract** that was included in your application.

1. THE USE OF ALCOHOL OR DRUGS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.
2. Do not leave Bancroft Hall nor the Naval Academy grounds unescorted.
3. Smoking and/or use of smokeless tobacco/ nicotine is NOT permitted under any circumstances.
4. Shirt and shoes will be worn at all times.
5. ROOMS:
  - No food or beverages other than water are allowed in dorm rooms.
  - Do not hang objects out of windows.
  - Rooms that are not your own are off limits.
  - Rooms are expected to be kept neat and orderly.
  - Valuables should be locked away before you leave your room.
  - You must be in your own room and quiet by approximately 10:00 pm.

Cell phone use is allowed at our program, but not during scheduled activities. Please be aware that cellular reception is poor in many areas of the Naval Academy, especially the dormitories. Personal cell phones are the responsibility of the student and the Naval Academy will not be held responsible for lost or stolen articles.

## **PARENT/GUARDIAN PROGRAMS**

Parents/guardians who accompany their student on check-in day have the opportunity to meet Admissions staff members during check-in, as well as attend an informational briefing and Q&A session. We will also offer two opportunities for a guided tour of the Naval Academy. A final schedule of events for family members will be sent via text message closer to the start of the program.

The closing ceremony will start at 9:45 am in Alumni Hall on the last day of the program and conclude no later than 10:30 am. It will feature a Naval Service Career Options Brief, a keynote speaker, and presentation of awards. The ceremony is not intended as a “must-see” for family members, though your attendance is welcomed. Parents/guardians who are picking up their students must enter through Gate 6 and follow the instructions listed above for entry. Be sure to allow up to 1 hour to get through security, including a vehicle inspection.

Please reference the campus map below and note [acceptable photo IDs for entrance](#).

# **COMMUNICATIONS**

## **REQUEST A SESSION SWITCH**

You have been invited to the session noted in your selection email. If you are unable to attend your assigned session, but still wish to attend the program, please complete the [Session Switch Request Form](#). We will do our best to accommodate your request, but we cannot guarantee a change in session. If you have not yet paid the fee do so anyway - do not wait for this request to go through. If you have already paid, your payment will transfer over to your new session. Program payment is fully refundable up to 7 calendar days prior to your session start date.

## **DECLINE YOUR SPOT**

If you would like to decline your invitation to Summer Seminar entirely, please complete the [Decline Offer to Attend Form](#) (do not use this form to request a change to your session assignment). Once we have received your decline, we will remove your name from the roster and process a refund if necessary. You will not be able to be re-added to the roster.

## CONTACT US

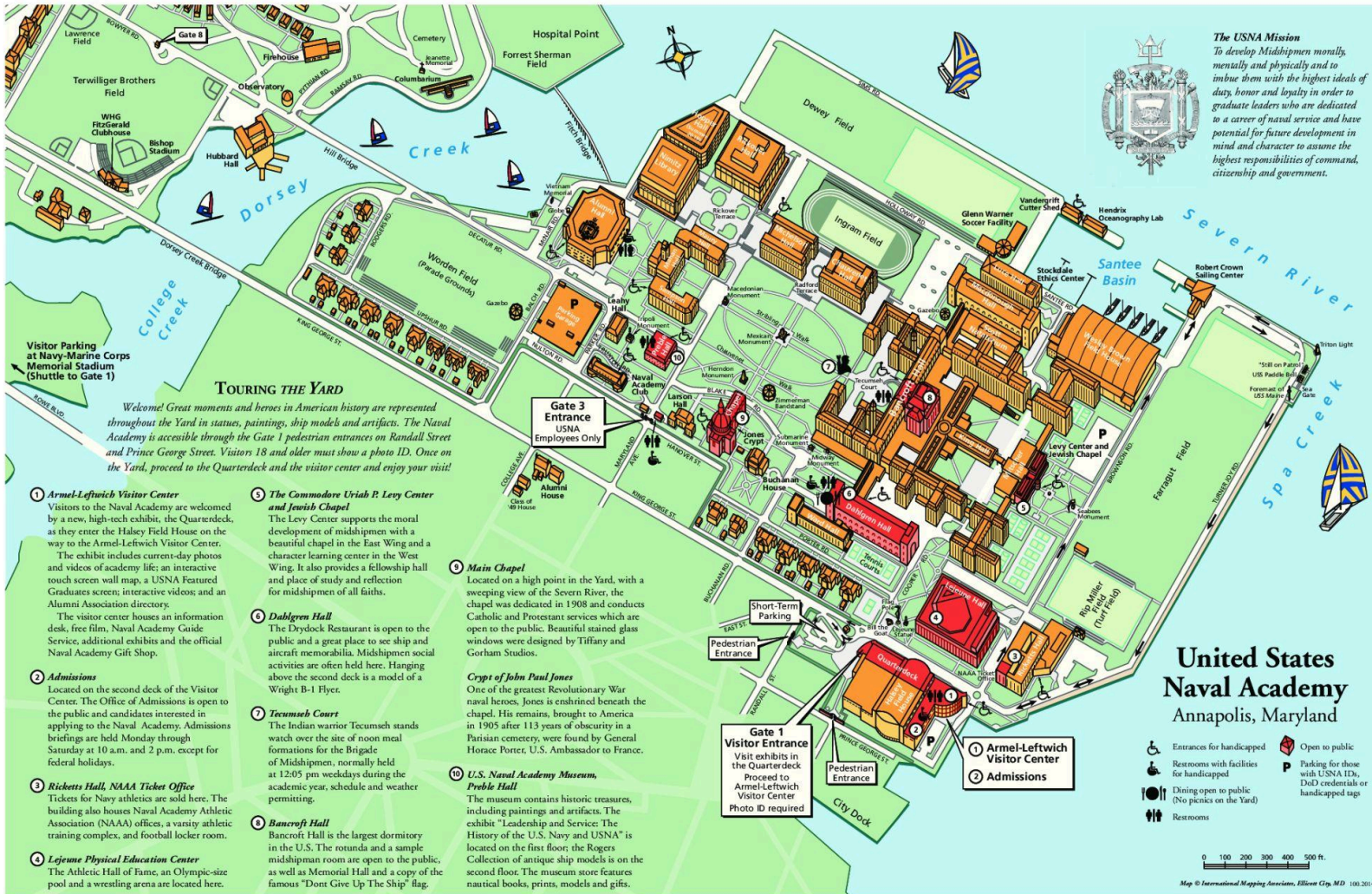
In case of a family emergency, travel issues, or any other urgent matter, parents/guardians may contact our staff by calling the **Admissions Duty Officer at 443-336-5359**. Please be sure to specify that the student you are calling about is participating in Summer Seminar. Only use this number in the event of an actual emergency. DO NOT use this number to confirm your child has arrived to the program.

This phone number will only be active May 30 - June 1, 2026. Outside of those days, or for any other reasons, contact the USNA Admissions front desk at **410-293-1858**.

**Summer Seminar Emergency Line: 443-336-5359**

**Admissions Office Front Desk: 410-293-1858**

**Summer Seminar Email: [summerseminar@usna.edu](mailto:summerseminar@usna.edu)**



**The USNA Mission**  
 To develop Midshipmen morally, mentally and physically and to imbue them with the highest ideals of duty, honor and loyalty in order to graduate leaders who are dedicated to a career of naval service and have potential for future development in mind and character to assume the highest responsibilities of command, citizenship and government.



**TOURING THE YARD**

Welcome! Great moments and heroes in American history are represented throughout the Yard in statues, paintings, ship models and artifacts. The Naval Academy is accessible through the Gate 1 pedestrian entrances on Randall Street and Prince George Street. Visitors 18 and older must show a photo ID. Once on the Yard, proceed to the Quarterdeck and the visitor center and enjoy your visit!

- 1 **Armel-Lefwich Visitor Center**  
 Visitors to the Naval Academy are welcomed by a new, high-tech exhibit, the Quarterdeck, as they enter the Halsey Field House on the way to the Armel-Lefwich Visitor Center. The exhibit includes current-day photos and videos of academy life; an interactive touch screen wall map; a USNA Featured Graduates screen; interactive videos; and an Alumni Association directory. The visitor center houses an information desk, free film, Naval Academy Guide Service, additional exhibits and the official Naval Academy Gift Shop.
- 2 **Admissions**  
 Located on the second deck of the Visitor Center, the Office of Admissions is open to the public and candidates interested in applying to the Naval Academy. Admissions briefings are held Monday through Saturday at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. except for federal holidays.
- 3 **Ricketts Hall, NAAA Ticket Office**  
 Tickets for Navy athletics are sold here. The building also houses Naval Academy Athletic Association (NAAA) offices, a varsity athletic training complex, and football locker room.
- 4 **Lejeune Physical Education Center**  
 The Athletic Hall of Fame, an Olympic-size pool and a wrestling arena are located here.
- 5 **The Commodore Uriah P. Levy Center and Jewish Chapel**  
 The Levy Center supports the moral development of midshipmen with a beautiful chapel in the East Wing and a character learning center in the West Wing. It also provides a fellowship hall and place of study and reflection for midshipmen of all faiths.
- 6 **Dahlgren Hall**  
 The Drydock Restaurant is open to the public and a great place to see ship and aircraft memorabilia. Midshipmen social activities are often held here. Hanging above the second deck is a model of a Wright B-1 Flyer.
- 7 **Tecumseh Court**  
 The Indian warrior Tecumseh stands watch over the site of noon meal formations for the Brigade of Midshipmen, normally held at 12:05 pm weekdays during the academic year, schedule and weather permitting.
- 8 **Bancroft Hall**  
 Bancroft Hall is the largest dormitory in the U.S. The rotunda and a sample midshipman room are open to the public, as well as Memorial Hall and a copy of the famous "Don't Give Up The Ship" flag.
- 9 **Main Chapel**  
 Located on a high point in the Yard, with a sweeping view of the Severn River, the chapel was dedicated in 1908 and conducts Catholic and Protestant services which are open to the public. Beautiful stained glass windows were designed by Tiffany and Gorham Studios.  
*Crypt of John Paul Jones*  
 One of the greatest Revolutionary War naval heroes, Jones is enshrined beneath the chapel. His remains, brought to America in 1905 after 113 years of obscurity in a Parisian cemetery, were found by General Horace Porter, U.S. Ambassador to France.
- 10 **U.S. Naval Academy Museum, Preble Hall**  
 The museum contains historic treasures, including paintings and artifacts. The exhibit "Leadership and Service: The History of the U.S. Navy and USNA" is located on the first floor; the Rogers Collection of antique ship models is on the second floor. The museum store features nautical books, prints, models and gifts.

**United States Naval Academy**  
 Annapolis, Maryland

- Entrances for handicapped
- Restrooms with facilities for handicapped
- Dining open to public (No picnics on the Yard)
- Restrooms
- Open to public
- Parking for those with USNA IDs, DOD credentials or handicapped tags

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