CLASS OF
2026
USNA
PLEBE
PARENTS
WEEKEND
INTRODUCTION

The officers, faculty, and staff of the United States Naval Academy (USNA) are eagerly anticipating your visit to the Yard! Our goals for Parents’ Weekend are to provide you with the opportunity to visit with your midshipman and experience a taste of the traditions, academics, and atmosphere unique to the Naval Academy and historic Annapolis.

Along with this overview and schedule, please pay close attention to the information explaining how to obtain a Defense Biometric Identification Systems (DBIDS) card. As a parent, guardian, or sponsor of a midshipman, you are eligible to obtain a DBIDS card, which is required for unescorted, non DoD ID card-holders to drive a vehicle onboard the Naval Academy. Further details are also provided throughout this overview.

Staff members from the USNA Office of Special Events are available now and throughout Parents’ Weekend to answer your questions, but please bring this package with you in August or reference the Class of 2026 Parents’ Weekend website at: www.usna.edu/PlebeParentsWeekend/ to assist you during your visit.

WEEKEND EVENTS

The schedule of events is intended to make your visit both enjoyable and informative. We recommend stopping by the informational exhibits and academic department displays in Dahlgren Hall on Thursday from 12:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., or Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. A Plebe Summer video presentation and Welcome Aboard Parents’ Forum will be held on Friday from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. in Alumni Hall. This event will give you the opportunity to see a Plebe Summer highlight video and be briefed on the progress of the Class of 2026 and the upcoming Academic Year by the Superintendent, Commandant, Academic Dean and Provost, Command Master Chief, and Athletic Director.

ARRIVING ON THE YARD

Shuttle Service. Parking on the United States Naval Academy is extremely limited, and personal vehicular access to the Yard on Plebe Parents Weekend is restricted to passenger drop-off/pick-up only on Thursday and Friday, August 11-12. For ease of access, the Naval Academy will provide a free shuttle service between the Navy Marine Corps Memorial Stadium (NMCMS) and the Academy, Thursday through Saturday, August 11-13 (see hours below). There will be no shuttle service on Sunday, August 14.

Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium (NMCMS) is located at 511 Taylor Avenue, Annapolis, and the daily parking fee is normally $5/car and $10/RV. The fee may increase to $10 on Saturday afternoon if there is an event at the stadium. Please enter through Gate #5 on Taylor Avenue. No overnight parking is permitted.

The bus queue will be located in the vicinity of the Blue Angels Bus Shelter on the Blue side of NMCMS. USNA will provide bus service from Navy Marine Corps Memorial Stadium to
Alumni Hall (6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.) or to Gate 1 (5 p.m. to end of shuttle service). Alumni Hall is the primary pick-up and drop-off location on the Yard. The shuttle will depart approximately every 30 minutes from both locations. All persons over 18 are required to present a valid government-issued photo ID card for entry onto shuttle busses, and are subject to search. Please anticipate heavy use of the shuttle service.

**Shuttle Service Hours:**
Thursday 7:00 a.m. until 9:30 p.m.
Friday 6:30 a.m. until 11:00 p.m.
Saturday 6:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
Sunday  ***No Shuttle Service***

Yard Access. The primary pedestrian access to the Academy is via the Visitor Access Center (VAC), located at USNA Gate 1. Gate 3 turnstiles are available for use by all persons that have a valid DOD ID or DBIDS photo ID card. All persons 18 and over are required to present a valid government-issued photo ID card for entry onto the Naval Academy, and all persons and bags are subject to search. Guests are permitted to bring daypacks, diaper bags, camera bags, and purses. Larger bags, large coolers, weapons, and alcoholic beverages are prohibited. During peak periods, please allow extra time to access the USNA gates.

**Vehicular Access to USNA and Parking.** On weekdays, only drivers with DoD ID cards or handicapped tags/placards will be permitted to park on the Naval Academy grounds. Drivers with issued parent/sponsor Defense Biometric Identification System (DBIDS) credentials, or DBIDS visitor passes, are permitted vehicular access to Naval Academy grounds, but parking is not permitted (passenger drop off/pick up only).

**Drivers without Department of Defense (DoD) ID cards, issued parent/sponsor DBIDS credentials, DBIDS visitor passes, or handicapped tags/placards are not permitted to drive on the Naval Academy grounds. Non-credentialed drivers, however, may obtain escorted access when accompanied by your midshipman.**

Visitors possessing handicapped plates and/or placards may bring vehicles onto USNA, provided that the visitors also have a valid Government-issued photo ID card and a state-issued handicapped permit/ID card that matches the plates or hang tags. All such vehicles are subject to search at the entry control point before access is permitted.

**SECURITY PROCEDURES**

**Process for obtaining (DBIDS) base access card.** Naval Support Activity (NSA) Annapolis provides base operating support services to USNA such as security and access vetting, including the implementation of the Defense Biometrics Identification System (DBIDS) program. A valid DBIDS photo ID or DBIDS visitor pass is required for vehicular access to USNA; a completed SECNAV 5512.1 form, photo ID, and fingerprinting is required to obtain a DBIDS ID. For those parents that attended I-Day and submitted a SECNAV 5512.1 form, or mailed one in, a DBIDS visitor pass will be issued to you (after validation) on Plebe Parents’ Weekend with an
During Plebe Parents’ weekend, you can pick up your printed DBIDS Visitor Pass under the white tents, located outside of the Visitor Access Center. Please bring your DBIDS visitor pass to the Pass and ID office during normal working hours any time after 1 October 2022 to receive a DBIDS photo ID that is valid for three years. For those parents that did not attend I-Day, please fill out a SECNAV 5512.1 form and submit it to the Pass and ID office anytime during normal operating hours prior to Plebe Parents’ Weekend or during your next visit. Only DBIDS visitor passes will be printed during Plebe Parents’ Weekend. Regular hours are indicated in the following paragraph.

Visitor Access Center Hours for DBIDS Processing. The Visitor Access Center (VAC), located at Gate 1, is normally open on weekdays (closed holidays) from 7:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. for DBIDS processing. During Plebe Parents’ Weekend, the VAC will also be open 7:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

The DBIDS photo ID is a personal ID; it is not vehicle-specific and can be used with either a personal or rental car. It is valid for the person to whom the card is issued, matching the photo, and is valid for three years.

Pets. Dogs or other pets are not permitted on the Academy grounds during Plebe Parents’ Weekend. An exception will be made for certified service animals.

Picnicking. Picnicking is not authorized on Naval Academy grounds.

Questions. Ms. Anna Martin: anna.l.martin16.civ@us.navy.mil

INFORMATION DESK. Upon your arrival at the Naval Academy, please proceed to the second floor of Dahlgren Hall to receive your nametag and Plebe Summer Book. There is no need to register. We will have staff on hand to assist you and answer questions.

Information Desk Hours:
Thursday 12:15 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Friday 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Plebe Summer Books will be available for pick up on Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. in the Alumni Hall Lobby.

MEETING YOUR MIDSHIPMAN. The first opportunity to see your son or daughter will be on Friday, August 12, after noon formation. There will be lettered signs in alphabetical order dispersed along Stribling Walk. Your midshipman will expect to find you near the sign corresponding to the first letter of his or her last name (in case of inclement weather, please wait in Alumni Hall to meet after the Welcome Aboard Parents’ Forum). Please do not expect to meet your midshipman before 12:15 p.m. on Friday. If you know that you are going to arrive later than noon on Friday, please prearrange a meeting place with your midshipman. In the event of a delay beyond your control or if you need to contact your midshipman at any time, you
can leave a message with the Bancroft Hall Main Office at (410) 293-5001. If your midshipman owns a cell phone, it will be in his or her possession at this time.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Clothing. The weather during Parents’ Weekend can be unpredictable, but it is normally hot and humid. Temperatures range from 70 to 100 degrees, and it may be rainy. Due to the amount of walking and many brick-paved walkways throughout Annapolis and the Naval Academy, comfortable shoes are strongly encouraged. “Sunday dress” is suitable for religious services, and casual clothing (including shorts) is recommended for all other events and activities, including the Formal Parade. The weather during the Parade, in particular, is often hot and humid—comfortable dress is strongly recommended. The uniform for active duty for the Formal Parade on Saturday is Summer White for Navy, Dress Blue “D” for Marines, or service equivalent.

Tour & Lodging Information. For information about the Armel-Leftwich Visitor Center and Naval Academy tours please go to: www.navalacademytourism.com. The visitor center offers a variety of walking and driving tours.

Medical Facilities. Navy medical personnel will be available throughout the Yard during the weekend. Regulations prohibit U.S. Navy facilities from dispensing medications or medical service to non-military personnel and their dependents, except in emergencies. If anyone in your party has special physical or medical needs, please consider your situation carefully. Not all Academy facilities are configured for use by persons with disabilities. For those guests requiring wheelchairs, please bring your own. In the event that bringing your own chair is not possible, wheelchairs may be available for rental from Annapolis Health Care at (410) 295-7300. Please understand that they have a limited supply; we recommend making reservations in advance.

Worship Services. Family and friends are cordially invited to attend any of our scheduled worship services in our historic chapels. Be sure to visit all the chapels throughout the weekend to enjoy their beautiful architecture, stained glass windows, history, and historic displays.

Dining on the Yard

The Drydock Restaurant, located in Dahlgren Hall, will be open Thursday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Friday from 6:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Drydock Restaurant serves breakfast, deli sandwiches, wraps, fresh salads, pizza, grilled items, desserts, coffee, beverages and snacks. Please visit the Drydock website at www.navalacademyclub.com/drydock-restaurant for more information.

The Alley Restaurant, located in the Naval Academy Club, will be open Thursday–Friday from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. A Saturday brunch service will be offered for all from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Reservations are recommended. Please call (410) 293-2632. More information can be found at www.navalacademyclub.com.
**Food Trucks** will be available on the landward side of Dahlgren Hall.

**A Parents’ Weekend Lunch** will be offered in King Hall on Friday after formation at 12:20 p.m. The cost is **$5.60** per guest and midshipmen dine for free. Tickets will be sold in Dahlgren Hall, on the first floor (seaward side), at a Midshipmen Food Services Division table next to the Naval Academy Business Services Division (NABSD) exhibit on Thursday (12:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.) and Friday (7:00 to 10:00 a.m.). Tickets will be sold in King Hall at the start of lunch on Friday. We advise you to purchase your ticket beforehand in Dahlgren Hall to avoid delays in sitting down to lunch. This lunch is not mandatory for your midshipman.

**USNA Museum.** The USNA Museum, in Preble Hall, is located just inside the Maryland Avenue gate. There are two main exhibition galleries featuring art, artifacts, and models that depict the history of the U.S. Navy and Naval Academy, and ship models from the age of sail. The Museum maintains storage spaces for the reserve study collection, and a well-equipped shop for building and repairing ship models. The Museum is open Monday to Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**ADDITIONAL ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTED IN DAHLGREN HALL.** On Thursday and Friday, a number of displays and organizational representatives will be in Dahlgren Hall for your information and assistance. Among them will be the following:

**Naval Academy Business Services Division (NABSD).** NABSD will have a variety of displays in Dahlgren Hall to introduce guests to the breadth of services provided in support of the Brigade of Midshipmen. Our extensive services include the following: The Barber/Beauty Shop, Drydock Restaurant, Cobbler Shop, Repair Tailor Shop, Dress Uniform Issue Center, Laundry and Dry Cleaning Facility, Naval Academy Club and Catering, The Midshipmen Store (Midstore), Textbook Issue Center, Visitor Center Tours and Gift Shop, Brigade Sports Complex, Steerage, and 1845 Coffee Shops. The Approved Business Partners will also be present.

**U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association and Foundation.** The Alumni Association supports approximately 80 Parent Clubs nationwide to engage and encourage parent participation and involvement in the Naval Academy family. The Alumni Association and Foundation engage parents through special events and communications; host the Welcome Picnic on Induction Day for Plebe families; distribute *Shipmate* magazine to members and *WaveTops*, a monthly eNewsletter, to online community members; arrange speakers for Parent Club Meetings; and host a Parent Club Officers Conference each fall. During Plebe Parents’ Weekend, parents are encouraged to visit the Naval Academy Alumni Association and Foundation’s table in Dahlgren Hall to meet staff involved with support of the Parents’ Clubs and the Parents’ Fund. Visit www.usna.com for more information.

The **Another Link in the Chain** program forms bonds between current midshipmen and members of the 50-year class counterpart throughout their four years on the Yard and beyond. Beginning with Induction Day, the Class of 2026 is linked with members of the Class of 1976. Midshipmen are buoyed and encouraged by the moral support of the senior alumni, while members of the 50-year class enjoy assisting current midshipmen in their development.
USNA Medical and Dental Care

- **The Medical Command.** Naval Health Clinic Annapolis (NHCA) provides all medical and dental services to midshipmen through the clinics in Bancroft Hall (Bancroft Medical Unit - BMU) and on Naval Support Activity (NSA) Annapolis. NHCA is comprised of over 380 active duty and civilian staff with specialties ranging from Family Medicine and Family Nurse Practitioners, Orthopedic and Podiatric Surgeons, Sports Medicine, Operational Medicine (Undersea, Flight Surgery, and Surface), Optometry, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Clinical Psychology, Physician Assistants, and Independent Duty Corpsmen. Dental specialists include Oral Maxillofacial Surgery (OMFS), Periodontics, Orthodontics, Prosthodontics, and Comprehensive Dentistry.

- **Access to Care.** Midshipmen have access to medical and dental care, sports medicine with podiatric and orthopedic surgery, physical therapy, optometric care and coordinated support for PRK eye surgery (at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC)), preventive medicine and military examinations (aviation, undersea, surface, and radiation health), gynecological services, mental health care, travel medicine, and full ambulatory laboratory, radiology, and pharmacy services within Bancroft Hall.

- **Clinic Hours.** The Bancroft Medical Unit clinic hours are weekdays from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on weekends/holidays. A duty physician is on-call 24 hours a day to ensure midshipmen receive appropriate care.

- **Specialty Care.** Medical consultants from WRNMMC provide periodic specialty visits both at the Academy and in Bethesda, Maryland (about one hour away).

- **After-Hours Urgent Care.** A duty physician is on-call 24 hours a day to ensure midshipmen receive appropriate care. They can be accessed after normal clinic hours by calling the answering service at (410) 293-2273. Please have your Midshipman listen to the recorded options, choose Option 1 for the Medical Duty Provider, or Option 2 for the Dental Duty Provider. The answering service will take your Midshipman’s information and they will contact the Duty Provider. They will call you back or connect you directly with the Duty Provider.

- **PLEASE NOTE:** Duty Provider authorization is required in order to obtain TriCare coverage for non-emergent, to include urgent care, provided outside of BMU and the Midshipman should inform the USNA Officer of the Watch. If preauthorization is not obtained, your Midshipman will be liable for reimbursement for the Urgent Care visit. Local Annapolis Urgent Care facilities that accept TriCare are Righttime Medical Care (888) 808-6483 for walk-in or appointed visits 7 AM to 11 PM, or Patient First (443) 603-0758 for walk-in only visits 8 AM to 10 PM. Please realize that some patients will be redirected to the Anne Arundel Medical Center Emergency Department (AAMC-ED) if the medical issue is beyond the scope of care for the Urgent Care clinic. After Urgent Care hours of operation, all non-emergent and urgent care will be directed to AAMCED.
Midshipman must report to BMU the following morning for medical and duty status update and bring all dispensed medications and supporting medical discharge paperwork with them.

- **Emergency Care.** Please call 911. If a true emergency exists, no pre-authorization is required by the Duty Provider for Midshipmen to be seen in any Emergency Department. Please call the Duty Provider and the USNA Officer of the Watch after initial emergency care is established to allow us to assist you further. For local emergencies both Anne Arundel Medical Center (5-10 minutes from USNA), and Baltimore Shock Trauma (20 minutes by air) are the closest facilities. Emergency care transportation on USNA is provided by the Naval District Washington Emergency Management System (EMS) located on the grounds of the Academy. Midshipman must report to BMU the following morning for medical and duty status update and bring all dispensed medications and supporting medical discharge paperwork with them.

- **Medical Information.** Due to patient privacy and as emancipated minors upon entry into the Naval Academy, medical information for midshipmen can only be released to their parents or guardians with a signed Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) release signed by the midshipman. This is normally signed during Induction Day processing. If you have additional concerns about the care of your midshipman, please contact their USNA Company Officer or the Customer (Patient) Relations Officer at NHCA (410) 293-1741.

**Academic Displays.** Classroom equipment, demonstrations, videos, and books from all departments at the Academy will be available for your information. Department faculty members will also be available to answer questions about the displays and their departments.

**ACADEMIC FACILITIES, TOURS, AND PRESENTATIONS.** All the academic facilities at the Academy will be closed for general visiting during the weekend.

The ship simulators in Luce Hall will be available for tours on Thursday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

The USNA History Department will offer a 60-minute presentation on “The History of the U.S. Naval Academy” at 8:30 a.m., Friday, in Alumni Hall.
FOURTH CLASS LIBERTY AND PRIVILEGES INFORMATION

1. Liberty for Fourth Class Midshipmen During Parents' Weekend

   a. Definitions:

2. **Town Liberty.** Midshipmen are authorized liberty within the Tri-City area (Annapolis, Baltimore, Washington DC). **Midshipmen must wear the uniform of the day during liberty.**

3. **Yard Liberty.** When Yard liberty is granted, midshipmen are authorized to visit specified areas or places within the Yard, plus Perry Circle, Arundel Estates officers’ quarters, authorized sailing areas, and the USNA Golf Course. **Midshipmen must wear the uniform of the day during Yard liberty unless participating in athletic events.**

4. **Taps.** At taps, all midshipmen shall be in their rooms in their company areas. An accountability inspection will be conducted at taps. It is recommended to allow additional time prior to taps to ensure accurate and timely accountability of all midshipmen.

5. **Meal Formations.** At the time(s) specified in the Fourth Class Regiment’s Plan of the Day and the Class of 2026 Parents’ Weekend Schedule, Fourth Class Midshipmen must be in the ranks of their squads for meal formations.

   b. Liberty Schedule: The liberty schedule during Parents’ Weekend is as follows: **Thursday.**

**August 11, 2022:** No liberty

**Friday, August 12, 2022:**
12:15 p.m. Town liberty commences after formation.
10:30 p.m. Town liberty expires in Company Area, Bancroft Hall. Taps.

Recommend Plebes be in company area no later than 9:45 p.m. for formation and accountability.

**Saturday, August 13, 2022:**
9:30 a.m. Town liberty commences following the formal parade. Plebes will be dismissed from Bancroft Hall.
11:59 p.m. Town liberty expires in Company Area, Bancroft Hall. Taps.

Recommend Plebes be in company area no later than 11:30 p.m. for formation and accountability.

**Sunday, August 14, 2022:**
8:00 a.m. Town liberty commences.
6:00 p.m. All liberty expires in T-Court!
Plebes desiring to return from liberty with items not normally carried while in uniform during formation should return from liberty in adequate time to secure those items in their rooms prior to formation in T-Court! **End of Parents' Weekend for the Class of 2026.**

2. **Privileges for Fourth Class Midshipmen During Parents’ Weekend**

   a. **Automobiles.** Midshipmen are authorized to ride in automobiles only when driven by their parents, parents of classmates, officers and civilian faculty, and official USNA sponsors. This privilege commences after the noon meal formation on Friday, August 12, and expires at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 14, 2022.

   b. **Escorting.** Midshipmen Fourth Class are authorized to escort their parents, sponsors, dates, and other guests during periods of Yard and town liberty for Parents’ Weekend.

   c. **Uniforms.** Midshipmen must wear Summer White uniforms while on Yard or town liberty unless participating in athletic events. **Midshipmen Fourth Class may not wear civilian clothing at any time.**

   d. **Use of Recreation Centers.** Midshipmen Fourth Class are authorized to use the Drydock Restaurant facilities in Dahlgren Hall during their Yard and town liberty periods. Visitors are not allowed in Steerage (midshipmen food service area in Bancroft Hall).

   e. **Alcoholic Beverages.** Midshipmen of the Class of 2026 (regardless of age) are **not authorized to consume alcoholic beverages at any time.** Guests are reminded that consumption or possession of alcohol inside the Academy grounds is prohibited.
PARADE DIAGRAM

The Fourth Class Regiment will parade Saturday, August 13, at 8:30 a.m., on Worden Field. Companies of the Regiment will be positioned on the parade field as depicted below. Please do not walk or sit on Worden Field before or during the parade. Seating in the canopied area is not open seating, but by invitation only.
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2204 Bay Ridge Avenue  
410-263-8562  
Mt Olive AME Church  
2 Hicks Ave  
410-266-8486 | Assemblies of God Bridge Church  
207 Chinquapin Round Road 410-2957322 | Baptist First Baptist Church  
31 West Washington Street  
410-263-3648  
2nd Baptist Church  
1808 Poplar Avenue  
410-267-7686 | Heritage Baptist Church  
1740 Forest Drive  
410-263-6680 | Weems Creek Baptist Church  
600 N. Bestgate Road  
410-266-5527 |
| Christian Science  
Christian Science Reading Room  
22 West Street  
410-267-7060  
First Church of Christ, Scientist, Annapolis  
1031 Epping Forest Road | Eastern Orthodox  
Sts. Constantine & St. Helen  
2747 Riva Road  
410-573-2072/2073  
Holy Archangels Orthodox Mission  
47a Spa Road  
262-844-2369 | Episcopal  
St. Anne's Episcopal Church  
Church Circle  
410-267-9333  
St. Phillips Episcopal Church  
730 Bestgate Road  
410-266-9755 |
| Islamic  
Masjid Al-Ansar (Annapolis)  
15 Old Solomons Island Rd 410-7215880 | Jewish  
Reform: Temple Beth Shalom 1461  
Baltimore Annapolis Blvd.  
410-263-3924  
Orthodox: Knesseth Israel Congregation  
1125 Spa Road  
Conservative: Congregation Kol Shalom 1909  
Hidden Meadow Lane 410-266-6006 | Latter Day Saints  
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
1875 Ritchie Highway  
410-757-4173 |
| Lutheran (ELCA)  
St. Martin's Lutheran Church  
1120 Spa Road  
410-263-4723  
Lutheran (LCMS)  
St. Paul Lutheran Church 31  
Rowe Blvd. 410-268-2400  
Lutheran (NALC)  
Annapolis  
Evangelical  
(in AACS Middle School Gym)  
716 Bestgate Road  
443-837-6436 | Methodist  
Asbury United Methodist Church  
87 West Street  
410-268-9500  
Calvary United Methodist Church 301  
Rowe Blvd.  
410-268-1776  
Trinity United Methodist Church  
1300 West Street  
(410) 268-1620 | Nazarene Church of the Nazarene  
1309 Bay Ridge Avenue 410-2632183 |
| Presbyterian (Evangelical)  
Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Annapolis  
710 Ridgeley Avenue  
410-266-8090  
Presbyterian (PCUSA)  
First Presbyterian Church  
171 Duke of Gloucester Street 410-2678705 | Roman Catholic  
St. John Neumann Church  
620 North Bestgate Road  
410-266-2499 St.  
Mary's Church  
109 Duke of Gloucester Street 410-9904000 | Unitarian Universalist  
Unitarian Universalist Church of Annapolis  
333 Dubois Road  
410-266-8044 |