

UNITED STATES NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS



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YOU CAN BE A SEA CADET!!! - if you are 13-17 years old

A League Cadet ** 11-13 years old OR An NSCC Adult Leader***

******PARENT/CADET INFORMATION MEETING AVAILABLE******

NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS UNIT "UNDERWAY"

TEXAS DIVISION at NAS Corpus Christi – NS Ingleside – NAS Kingsville

Sea Cadet Objectives

- Develop an appreciation for our Navy's history, traditions, and its significant role in national defense.
- Develop positive qualities of patriotism, courage, self-reliance confidence, pride in our nation and other attributes that contribute to development of strong moral character, good citizenship traits and a drug-free, gang-free lifestyle.
- Provide the experience and adventure of the Naval Services without making a military commitment.

Benefits

Naval Sea Cadets experience a unique opportunity for personal growth, development of self-esteem and self-confidence. Their participation in a variety of activities within a safe, drug-free and gang-free environment provides a positive alternative to other less favorable temptations. The Cadet Corps introduces young people to nautical skills, and the maritime services and lifestyle. The program provides the young cadet the opportunity to join a branch of the armed forces. The young cadet realized the commitment required and routinely excels within the Navy and Coast Guard environment. A Naval Sea Cadet receives first-hand knowledge of what life in the Navy or Coast Guard is like. This realization ensures the likelihood of success in military service. For example, limited travel abroad and in Canada may be available as well as the opportunity to board naval and Coast Guard ships, craft and aircraft. These young people may also participate in shore activities ranging from service as a member of a Navy public affairs team to learning the fundamentals of electronics repair.

The opportunity to compete for college scholarships is particularly significant. Since 1975, several hundred cadets have received financial assistance in continuing their education in a chosen career field at college.

**** Are You 11-13? – YOU CAN BE A LEAGUE CADET**

Also under the Cadet Corps umbrella is the Navy League Cadet Corps (NLCC), a youth program for children ages 11 through 13. While not part of the federal charter provided by Congress, the Navy League of the United States sponsors NLCC. It was established "...to give young people mental, moral and physical training through the medium of naval and other instruction, with the objective of developing principles of patriotism and good citizenship, instilling in them a sense of duty, discipline, self-respect, self-confidence and a respect for others." League Cadets get a head start and advanced rating when they move up to the Sea Cadet program.

Activities

Naval Sea Cadets pursue a variety of activities including classroom, practical and hands-on training as well as field trips, orientation visits to military installations, and cruises on Navy and Coast Guard ships and small craft. They also participate in a variety of community and civic events, as well. The majority of Sea Cadet training and activities occur at a local training or "drill" site. Often, this may be a reserve center, other military installation or base, a local school, civic hall, or sponsor-provided building. During the summer, activities move from the local training site and involve recruit training (boot camp), "advanced" training of choice, and a variety of other training opportunities depending on the cadet's previous experience and desires.

Local Training

Local training, held at the units' drill site, includes a variety of activities supervised by qualified Sea Cadet Corps officers and instructors, as well as Navy and Coast Guard instructors. Cadets receive classroom instruction in the basic military requirements, seamanship, water safety, core personal values, social amenities, drug/alcohol abuse, cultural relations, Navy history, customs and traditions and other nautical skills. Training may be held aboard ships, small boats or aircraft depending upon the availability of a platform. Cadets also learn about civilian and military career opportunities during special career counseling sessions. Special presentations by military and civilian officials are part of the local training as are educational tours, briefings and attendance at special events. Participation in parades, social work and other civic activities are encouraged as part of the whole-person training concept. During the cadets' first several months, they receive basic indoctrination to the Sea Cadet program at their local training site in preparation for summer recruit training. The Navy League Cadet Corps training program teaches younger Cadets the virtues of personal neatness, loyalty, obedience, courtesy, dependability and a sense of responsibility for shipmates. In accordance with a Navy-oriented syllabus, this education prepares them for a higher level of training they will receive as Naval Sea Cadets.

Summer Training

First-year Sea Cadets attend a two-week recruit-training period at the Navy's Recruit Training Command or at a regional training site. Instructed by Navy or NSCC Recruit Division Commanders, Cadets receive a condensed version of the basic training that Navy enlistees receive. Recruit training occurs at a number of regional sites to handle the overflow from the Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, and to reduce travel costs to the cadet as well as the adult volunteer staff. A Cadet who successfully completes recruit training is eligible for advanced training in various fields of choice. Cadets can experience the excitement of "hands-on" practical training aboard Navy and Coast Guard vessels, ranging from tugboats and cutters to the largest nuclear-powered aircraft carriers. Female Cadets may also train aboard any ship which has females assigned as part of the ship's company. Qualified Cadets choose from such Sea Cadet advanced training as basic/advanced airman, amphibious operations, leadership, submarine orientation and training in occupational specialties, including health care, music, master-at-arms and construction. The Cadet Corps programs excel in quality and diversity of training offered with 7,300 headquarters and local orders carried out for 2002 summer training programs. Cadets faced a myriad of challenging training opportunities designed to instill leadership and develop self-reliance, enabling them to become familiar with the full spectrum of Navy and Coast Guard career fields. About 2,300 Cadets ages 13 to 17 attended recruit training indoctrination at the Great Lakes Navy Recruit Training Command and at 16 regional locations. The recruit-training program acquaints first-year Cadets with Navy life, Navy-style discipline and prepares each person for continued service as a senior Cadet. Those who successfully complete this training may sharpen their nautical or airman skills by going on to Advance Training in any one of the available disciplines. Over 1200 League Cadets attended a one-week boot camp.

***Adult Leadership – A Place for YOU?

Volunteer Naval Sea Cadet Corps officers and instructors furnish senior leadership for the program. They willingly contribute their time and effort to serve America's youth. The Cadet Corps programs succeed because of their dedicated, active participation and commitment to the principles upon which the Corps was founded. Cadet Corps officers are appointed from the civilian sector or from active, reserve or retired military status. All are required to take orientation, intermediate and advanced Officer Professional Development courses to increase their management and youth leadership skills. Appointment as an officer in the Sea Cadet Corps does not, in itself, confer any official military rank. A Navy-style uniform bearing NSCC insignia is, however, authorized and worn. Cadet Corps officers receive no pay or allowances. However, they do derive some benefits, such as limited use of military facilities and space available air travel in conjunction with carrying out training duty orders.