

WARNING ORDER 010-2526-015

1. SITUATION:

- a. Name of Event/Operation: CACC Summer Encampment
- b. Dates
 - i) **Application Date:** 01 February 2026 – 31 March 2026 or slots full
 - ii) **Pre-ADVON:** 13 June – 14 June 2026
 - iii) **ADVON:** 15 June – 17 June 2026
 - iv) **Leadership Encampment:** 18 June – 21 June 2026
 - v) **Advanced Encampment:** 22 June – 28 June 2026
- c. Start and End Times: 0500-2100 Daily
- d. Location: Camp San Luis Obispo, 10 Sonoma Avenue, San Luis Obispo CA
- e. Units Participating: All cadets are welcome to participate in the annual Summer Encampment.
- f. Participation Requirements: All cadets participating must attend Leadership Encampment before attending Advanced Encampment. Cadets must have good school standing and must have their commandant's approval to attend. Minors will require permission from parents or guardians. Applications will be on a first-come, first-served basis (a completed application requires full submission and payment).
- g. Training Events Planned: The Leadership Encampment will be broken down into eight training events which units will rotate through. Training is focused on building Corps-level teamwork and leadership through cooperative activities to form leaders within the Cadet Corps. Advanced Encampment Courses will be canceled if enough applications are not received, and some courses will cap out at capacity, so second, third and fourth choices are important for the registration process.
 - i) Pre-ADVON (Selected Personnel) will take place 13-14 June 2026. Pre-ADVON will focus on site setup, logistics, safety checks, and final coordination for ADVON.
 - ii) ADVON (Advance Party) will take place 15-17 June 2026. ADVON will be focused on training and developing cadet leaders for Leadership Encampment and preparing for the Advanced Encampment Courses. Only company level leaders and above and all Cadet Instructors will attend ADVON this year.
 - iii) Leadership Encampment will take place 18-21 June 2026. Leadership Encampment will focus on the basics of cadet knowledge that every cadet will learn, as well as varying skills from caring for one's uniform to basic leadership roles within a unit, along with many other skills in between, while ensuring the morale of cadets is high and they are engaged with their training. Junior cadets will have the opportunity to promote up to C/CPL.
 - iv) Advanced Encampment will take place 22-28 June 2026. Advanced Encampment will consist of 21 training units.
 - a) For High School Cadets only: Cadet Drill Instructor (Basic and Senior), Law Enforcement, Medic, Mountaineering, Marksmanship (Basic, & Advanced), Officer Candidate School, Firefighting, Survival, Scuba Diving, Drone & Culinary.

- b) For Middle & Elementary School Cadets only: Drill and Ceremonies, Public Safety, Cyber (Networking and IT/Comms Courses), Field Training, Engineering, Leadership Communications Challenge, Grizzly Adventure (First time Grizzly Cadets must take the Grizzly Adventure course) & STARBASE.
 - c) For All Ages: Non-Commissioned Officer's Academy, CERT.
 - h. The 10th Brigade Staff is excited to plan the program's biggest and grandest event of the year! This event hopes to bring leadership opportunities and personal growth to all cadets who attend. Join us at this eleven-day training event to meet new friends, develop new skills you can bring to your home unit, and grow as a leader. Apply early to secure your preferred Advanced Encampment unit and leadership position—slots fill fast! Essayons!
2. **MISSION:** The 10th Brigade gathers for the Annual Summer Encampment at Camp San Luis Obispo, 18-28th June 2026, to conduct a variety of physically and mentally challenging training activities. This Summer Encampment will allow cadets to experience leadership roles and encourage them to become future leaders in the California Cadet Corps.
3. **EXECUTION:**
- a. Commander's Intent: To organize a secure, training-oriented event designed to boost cadets' confidence in practicing leadership and acquiring new skills, both individually and within their units. This event aims to foster growth in leadership abilities through hands-on experiences, offering a platform for cadets to network with peers from across the state. Through friendly competitions among different units for the Honor Unit, the event will promote camaraderie and unity, emphasizing the significance of leadership and cultivating Esprit de Corps. This initiative will provide cadets with extensive leadership opportunities, preparing them for future roles in leadership positions.
 - b. Concept of Operations:
 - i) Leadership Encampment: The Leadership Summer Encampment will focus on providing cadets with foundational knowledge regarding the CACC curriculum, alongside providing cadets learning opportunities that are difficult to offer at home units. All cadets will go through the same training to achieve these goals. Alongside this, junior-ranking cadets will have the opportunity to be promoted during this period with their time-in-grade waived if they meet all requirements.
 - ii) Advanced Encampment: The Advanced Summer Encampment will provide diverse training in four areas: Leadership, STEM, Emergency Services, and Off-Post Opportunities. All units specialize in one subject, and train to focus on building Corps-level teamwork through specialized, cohesive activities to form leaders in the California Cadet Corps. Courses will be canceled if not enough applications are received, and some courses will cap out at capacity, so second, third and fourth choices are vital during the application process.
 - (1) **Cadet Drill Instructor Unit Description:** This unit is open to cadets who have completed at least the 8th grade and possess a strong foundation in drill and ceremonies. Cadets must be in good physical condition and able to perform daily physical training comfortably. A high level of self-discipline, attention to detail, and professionalism are expected throughout the course. Cadets who pass this course will be prepared to teach drill and ceremonies at their school.

They will earn the Cadet DI Badge and will be authorized to wear the Campaign Cover at Brigade level and below.

- i. **Pre-requisites:**
 - (i) Minimum Grade: Incoming 9th Grader
 1. Cadets entering 9th grade (just completing 8th grade) must provide a **Commandant Recommendation** verifying that they are experienced in drill and ceremonies and regularly participate in drill with their unit.
 - (ii) Experience:
 1. Minimum of **two years of active drill experience** or successful completion of the **Drill & Ceremonies (D&C) Course**
 2. Reserve cadets are **not recommended** unless they regularly participate in drill instruction and practice with their assigned home unit.
 - (iii) Minimum Rank: C/SSG
 - (iv) Physical Readiness: Must be able to safely participate in daily physical training.
- (2) **Senior Drill Instructor Unit Description:** This course is open to cadets who have successfully completed the Cadet Drill Instructor Course and seek to earn the **Senior Drill Instructor** qualification. During this course, SDI candidates will assist in instructing both the Drill and Ceremonies Course and the Cadet Drill Instructor Course. Cadets who successfully pass the Senior Drill Instructor Course will be prepared to teach and supervise Drill and Ceremonies at their schools and Corps-wide and wear the Campaign (DI) Hat (not provided).
 - i. **Pre-requisites:** Successful Completion of Cadet Drill Instructor Course. Minimum rank of C/SFC.
 - ii. Qualified Senior Drill Instructors are sought to help instruct the Cadet Drill Instructor Course and mentor Senior DI Candidates.
- (3) **CERT:** The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is a volunteer program that equips community members with basic disaster response skills. CERT members are trained to assist in emergencies, such as natural disasters or accidents, providing immediate support to their neighborhoods until professional responders arrive. The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may occur where they live. CERT trains volunteers in basic disaster response skills (fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations). The CERT program offers a consistent, nationwide approach to volunteer training and organization that professional responders can rely on during disaster situations, allowing them to focus on more complex tasks.
 - i. **Prerequisites:**
 - (i) Must be in 6th-12th grade
 - (ii) Must be in good standing in their CACC unit.

- (4) **Culinary:** The Cadet Culinary Training Unit provides cadets with essential culinary skills and food safety knowledge, preparing them to operate in both home and institutional environments. Participants will earn their Food Handler Certification and learn fundamental cooking techniques. Training includes hands-on practice in cooking a variety of dishes—meats, poultry, pasta, vegetables, soups, and desserts—along with instruction in sanitation, large-scale meal preparation, and field cooking. Cadets will also participate in a competitive cook-off to demonstrate their skills. Successful completion of this course earns the Cadet Culinary Badge.
- i. **Prerequisites:**
 - (i) Must have completed at least 8th grade
- (5) **Cyber:** The Cyber Training Unit at summer camp is a unique opportunity for cadets who are interested in learning about computer and technical skills. This unit is designed to provide a hands-on learning experience for cadets who have completed at least the 6th grade and have a passion for technology. During the program, cadets will learn a variety of technical skills that will prepare them for careers in the field of computer science. There will be two units within the cyber battalion this year:
- i. **Information Technology & Communications (ITC) Unit:** The ITC unit builds foundational IT skills aligned to CompTIA Tech+. Cadets learn computer hardware, OS installation, software configuration, troubleshooting, basic scripting, cybersecurity fundamentals, and digital communications. Training is hands on and focused on real world IT tasks and career readiness.
 - ii. **Network Training Unit (NTU):** The NTU prepares cadets for CompTIA Network+. Cadets learn network cabling, switching, routing, wireless networking, IP addressing, server setup, network security, and troubleshooting. Emphasis is on building, securing, and managing functional enterprise style networks.
 - iii. Requirements:
 - (i) Completion of 6th grade
 - (ii) Basic computer use skills
 - (iii) Strong interest in IT, networking, or cybersecurity
 - (iv) Willingness to work hands on and follow technical procedures
- (6) **Drone Unit Description:** The Drone Unit will focus on learning applicable regulations relating to small unmanned aircraft systems, airspace classification and operation requirements, aviation weather sources, emergency procedures, crew resource management, radio communication, airport operations, operation at night, and much more! Cadets will complete the recreational UAV safety test (TRUST) certificate in class. Hands-on activities will include a quadcopter build, fixed wing glider construction, and operation of quadcopters, FPV and fixed-wing remote control aircraft. Successful completion of this course will provide the cadet the knowledge to take the FAA Part 107 Commercial Drone Pilot Test, and they will be awarded the Drone Pilot Tab.
- i. **Prerequisites:** To Attend this class, you must:
 - (i) 1. Be at least 15 years old

- (ii) 2. Be able to read, speak, write, and understand English
 - (iii) 3. Be in a physical and mental condition to safely fly a drone
- ii. Objectives:
- (i) Learn to fly drones
 - (ii) Get the TRUST Certificate
 - (iii) Master the subjects required to pass the initial FAA Aeronautical knowledge written exam: “Unmanned Aircraft General – Small (UAG)”
- (7) **Drill and Ceremonies Unit Description:** Graduates will gain competency in drill and ceremonies as outlined in the CR 3-21.5 California Cadet Corps Drill and Ceremonies Manual. They will be proficient in drill (both armed and unarmed), manual of the guidon, cadence, and color guard. Graduates of D&C will be eligible to enter the Cadet Drill Instructor Course upon completion of 8th grade. Upon completion of the D&C course, cadets will earn the Drill and Ceremonies Badge.
- i. **Prerequisites:** 6th-12th grade
 - ii. Cadets in the 5th grade are eligible for this unit if they have previously attended and completed Grizzly Adventure training.
- (8) **Engineer Unit Description:** Essayons! That motto comes from the Army Corps of Engineers, and this course will explore multiple facets of STEM activities. Mostly hands-on activity-based training, including launching model rockets, flying drones, robotics, bridges, and more. This course is designed for middle school students only, with select high school students accepted as leadership staff.
- i. **Prerequisites:** Grades 6-8. If enough applications are received, unit will be either grades 6-7 or 7-8, with others placed in their second or third choice.
 - ii. Cadets in the 5th grade are eligible for this unit if they have previously attended and completed Grizzly Adventure training.
- (9) **Field Training Unit Description:** FTU is an outdoor experience that will introduce cadets to bivouac and camping skills. Cadets will also learn skills that will prepare them for the Survival or Mountaineering courses at the high school level. Skills such as knots, knife handling, field first aid, water purification, fire building, trail movement, field sanitation and field cooking will be introduced. Cadets will be camping out in the field the entirety of the course. Upon completion of the course, cadets will earn the Field Skills Badge, Bivouac Ribbon, and Field Expert Tab.
- i. **Pre-requisites:** FTU is a middle school course. Cadets that are incoming 6th through 9th grade.
 - ii. Cadets in the 5th grade are eligible for this unit if they have previously attended and completed Grizzly Adventure training.
- (10) **Firefighting Unit:** The Firefighting Unit is a physically demanding unit designed to expose cadets who are high school junior/seniors that are age 16 or older to the various opportunities in the fire service. Cadets will be exposed to wildland & structure fire operations, hazardous materials awareness, incident command principals, fire station and air attack base tours, and participate in

timed, qualifying drills that will result in certification in various National Wildland Coordination Group (NWCG) qualifications, CAL FIRE Fire Fighter Certifications, and successful cadets who complete all testing and drills will be eligible for potential employment as a Fire Fighter I - Hand Crew with CAL FIRE upon graduation from high school. All cadets must be in excellent physical condition, willing to participate in arduous & challenging physical situations, and long training days.

- i. **Prerequisites:** Will be as follows
 - (i) FEMA Courses IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, and IS-800
 1. These courses can be found by going to the following website: <https://training.fema.gov/is/crslst.aspx?lang=en>
 - (ii) NWCG Course S-190 & S-130
 1. These courses can be found at the following websites:
 - a. S-130:
<https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/nfacourses/catalog/details/10622>
 - b. S-190:
<https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/nfacourses/catalog/details/10623>
 - (iii) Cadets wishing to participate in this unit will need to submit the completed courses to Patrick.watson@cacadets.org **NLT 15 JUN 26**
 - (iv) Cadets wishing to participate will also be required to complete a modified Candidate Physical Abilities Test at the start of Advanced Camp.
 - (v) For Further Information please contact CW2 Patrick Watson at Patrick.watson@cacadets.org
- (11) **Grizzly Adventure Unit:** Get ready for the ultimate experience in the Grizzly Adventure unit- where 4th and 5th grade Grizzly cadets will explore a world of excitement and discovery inspired by the best parts of our CACC encampment units. Each day brings a new adventure, from building STEM projects to learning about law enforcement and first aid. Cadets will sharpen their leadership skills, practice drill and ceremonies, and team up with cadets from across California for epic team-building challenges. With hands-on activities, fun-filled field trips, and opportunities to lead, the Grizzly Adventure unit is the perfect place for the youngest of cadets to grow and shine.
 - i. **Prerequisites:** Be a 4th or 5th grade Cadet. All cadets of this school grade will be placed in Grizzly Adventures UNLESS the cadet has previously attended this course.
- (12) **Law Enforcement Unit Description:** This unit is an advanced leadership-focused training experience for high school cadets that emphasizes professionalism, judgement, teamwork, and decision-making skills. Cadets will learn about the history and evolution of law enforcement; an overview of criminal law, civil liberties, and the US Constitution as they apply to policing; and the role of ethics, professionalism, and public trust in the exercise of authority. Cadets will also develop their communications skills, including

verbal de-escalation, interviewing, and teamwork. Cadets will conduct performance-based tasks related to arrest and control, handcuffing, defensive tactics, baton scenarios, traffic stop procedures, basic criminal investigation, and evidence processing. Much of the training, conducted at the tactical warehouse, is designed to culminate into a final Field Training Exercise (FTX). Applicants should note that this course involves moderate physical intensity and is designed to develop mature, confident leaders rather than technical law enforcement proficiency. However, throughout the course, cadets will be given opportunities to interact with current law enforcement professionals and guest speakers who provide real-world insight into the responsibilities, expectations, and standards of the profession.

i. **Pre-requisites:** 9th through 12th grade.

(13) **Leadership Communication Challenge:** Leadership Communication Challenge (LCC) is an immersive hands-on advanced camp that introduces basic communication techniques. Topics such as oral presentations, problem solving, professional communications & applications, and social media, will be taught both in a classroom setting and through various field activities and high adventure courses. For those who aspire to go into leadership positions within your brigade or the 10th BDE, this will be an exciting opportunity to prepare you for success.

i. **Prerequisites:** This advanced camp is targeted towards middle schoolers (going into 6th-8th grade). Ideally, cadets should be familiar with sentence structure.

ii. Cadets in the 5th grade are eligible for this unit if they have previously attended and completed Grizzly Adventure training.

iii. **Leadership Positions:** This advanced camp is seeking support from adult members, and 2-3 cadet cadre with the preferred grade of C/CPT or higher in 11th-12th grade. Those applying to these leadership positions should have experience in this subject matter (oral/written communication, giving feedback, etc). " Interested cadets not meeting the preferred requirements will be considered in an interview with the LCC OIC.

(14) **Basic Marksmanship Unit Description:** Marksmanship builds confident leaders, maturity, discipline, and self-awareness. Shooting sports increase competition, open up opportunities for scholarships, and serve as vocational training for first responders including law enforcement, security, and military. This year, the Marksmanship course will focus on smallbore rifle qualification and earning the Marksmanship Badge. In addition, cadets will familiarize with other available weapons such as shotguns, rifles, archery, and air rifles. Safety, as always in marksmanship, is of top importance. Cadets engage in academic and technical instruction that focuses on awareness, and skilled preparation in the proper handling and use of air rifles and firearms. Firearm Safety will be the most important topic to learn along with knowledge and skills learned and applied at the range, range etiquette, and fundamental based instruction in the use of firearms, all presented by professionals in the shooting industry and SLOWA personnel. Graduates of previous Marksmanship courses are invited to apply for Advanced Marksmanship.

- i. **Pre-requisites:** Cadets must have completed 8th grade.
- (15) **Advanced Marksmanship Unit Description:** This course will challenge cadets to more sportsman like shooting styles and training. Biathlon type challenges, trap shooting, and varying other styles of Olympic-shooting.
 - i. **Pre-requisites:** Completion of the Basic Marksmanship Course.
- (16) **Medic Unit Description:** The Cadet Medic Training Unit is rigorous and academically challenging. It is an entry-level course in emergency medical response designed to prepare cadets to serve as Cadet Medics within their units or state staff. Upon successful completion, cadets will be certified by the American Red Cross as Emergency Medical Responders (EMR). Cadets who complete the course and earn the Cadet Medic Badge/Duty Patch will be able to demonstrate the knowledge base, skills and practical application for immediate lifesaving measures and interventions. This course aids in the preparation of students who have an interest in Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT), public safety and emergency medical careers.
 - i. **Pre-requisites:** Cadets must be incoming 10th grade students or above. All interested cadets must complete an online FEMA training course as outlined on the Summer Encampment page of cacadets.org.
- (17) **Mountaineering Unit Description:** This unit is for Cadets currently in 8th grade or above in the current school year and are interested in learning the skills of both ascending and descending mountains, and rescue operations. During this course, cadets will learn different safety measures, procedures, and rappelling from varying heights. Cadets may earn the Mountaineering Qualification Badge if they successfully complete the course.
 - i. **Pre-requisites:** Cadets must be incoming 9th grade students or above.
- (18) **Non-Commissioned Officer Academy:** The Summer Camp 2026 NCOA will focus on direct-line leader knowledge and skill sets. This will encompass the duties and responsibilities of the Company First Sergeant down to Squad Leader, influencing human behavior (with a special emphasis on adolescent behavior), team building, and personal accountability. The course graduate will be a force multiplier after returning to their prospective units with a mandate of bettering the first-year cadet experience and training the next batch of NCO leaders. Attendees, upon arrival, will be expected to have baseline knowledge in CR 3-21.5, CR 1-5, and CR 1-8. Successful cadets will have the opportunity to be promoted to the NCO ranks.
 - i. **Prerequisites:** Minimum: 6th-7th Grade: C/SGT. **8th-12th Grade:** C/CPL. All participants must be able to call at least one quick time and one double time cadence by memory.
- (19) **Officer Candidate School Description:** Officer Candidate School (OCS) will impart the skills, knowledge, and dispositions commensurate with appointment as a junior officer (C/2LT, C/1LT, and C/CPT) in the California Cadet Corps. During OCS Cadets will conduct safe, realistic, and challenging training that aims to provide Officer Candidates with the skill set, knowledge, and experience needed to return to their respective units with confidence to effectively lead their units as officers. Cadets will become masters of the D&C necessary for command, public speaking, and collaboration.

- i. **Prerequisites:**
 - ii. Have at least one month of successful leadership time in the position of Platoon Sergeant or above.
 - iii. Be an incoming freshman in good standing with respective school (minimum GPA of 2.0 & no F's and no behavioral issues) and the CACC.
 - iv. Attained at least the rank of C/SSG by the end of school year as shown on unit orders.
 - v. Able to meet CACC physical fitness standards.
- (20) **Public Safety Unit Description:** The Public Safety Unit is designed to introduce middle school aged cadets to various career fields in the public safety sector to include law enforcement, fire service, EMS, ranger, game warden, search and rescue, lifesaving, emergency communications, disaster services, Red Cross, etc. The course will include some basic skills and information in public safety career fields to include radio operations, first aid, patient evacuation, search and rescue techniques, law and regulations, teamwork, conflict resolution, etc. Cadets may have the opportunity to tour various public safety facilities and equipment (police department, fire station, Coast Guard facilities, harbor patrol, EMS unit, etc.) and receive presentations from public safety professionals (CHP officer, police officer, firefighter, game warden, park ranger, lifeguard, etc.). Upon completion of the course, cadets will earn the Public Safety Badge.
- i. **Pre-requisites:** Participation in this activity is restricted to middle school cadets (incoming 6th grade to 8th grade). Must complete Leadership Encampment.
 - ii. Cadets in the 5th grade are eligible for this unit if they have previously attended and completed Grizzly Adventure training.
 - iii. **Leadership Positions:** This advanced camp unit is seeking support from adult members, and 2 cadet cadre with the preferred grade of C/CPT or higher in 10th-12th grade and 4 Senior NCO or Officer High School Cadets. Black Beret will be awarded to High School cadets who support as Unit Leadership.
- (21) **SCUBA:** The Cadet SCUBA Unit is an advanced, safety-driven course designed for high school cadets who wish to earn an entry-level recreational scuba certification while operating within a disciplined, military-style training environment. Cadets receive academic, confined-water, and open-water instruction aligned with PADI Open Water Diver standards, including dive physics and physiology, equipment configuration and maintenance, dive planning, buoyancy control, underwater communication, navigation, and emergency procedures. Training emphasizes risk management, situational awareness, teamwork, and strict adherence to checklists and safety protocols while functioning as a cohesive dive team. Participation is limited and selective due to safety, equipment, and instructor constraints. Upon successful completion of all academic, confined-water, and open-water requirements, cadets will earn the Cadet SCUBA Badge and a PADI Open Water Diver certification.
- i. Prerequisites:

- (i) Cadets must be 15 years old
 - (ii) Pass a Swim Test consisting of a 200 meter continuous swim without stopping
 - (iii) 10-minute water tread
 - (iv) Obtain medical clearance in accordance with PADI standards
- (22) **STARBASE:** The STARBASE Unit introduces incoming 5th and 6th graders to STEM concepts through hands-on activities focused on space exploration. This program builds foundational skills in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics while fostering curiosity and problem-solving abilities. Participants will engage in interactive lessons and real-world applications, including learning planetary coordinate systems (latitude/longitude and GPS), applying math to solve practical challenges, programming rovers and drones, and exploring computer-aided design (CAD) and 3D printing. A highlight of the course may be a visit to Vandenberg Space Force Base, where cadets will observe space operations firsthand. The STARBASE Unit is part of the new Space Pathway Integration (SPI) training, preparing cadets for future opportunities in aerospace and STEM fields.
- i. **Prerequisites:**
 - (i) Must have completed Grizzly Adventure Unit
 - (ii) Must be an incoming 5th or 6th grader
- (23) **Survival Training Unit:** The Survival Field Training Exercise (FTX) is a mentally and physically challenging course requiring cadets to maintain a high level of motivation and perseverance. During this course cadets learn the fundamentals of survival and medicine in the wilderness. Cadets will also increase their odds of survival in adverse situations, develop an appreciation and respect for the outdoors, and create strong bonds between the participants. Cadets who successfully complete the Survival Training course will be authorized the wear of the coveted red beret.
- i. **Prerequisites:**
 - (i) Cadets must be enrolled in 10th-12th grade for the 2026-2027 school year or have graduated in the 2025-2026 school year to participate.
 - (ii) All cadets must attend a virtual information/safety brief to be allowed into the course. Virtual meeting times will be posted in Remind and sent through email prior to the course.
 - (iii) Cadets accepted into the Survival FTX will be capped to 50 participants and entry is competitive.
 - (iv) To put your name in the eligibility list, email your intent to participate with a signed copy of your Form 13 to CPT Leavell and CC to your Commandant.
 - (v) The following point system will be used to determine entrance into the Survival FTX, the cadets with the most points will be placed highest on the entrance list. This does not guarantee entry to the Survival FTX at Summer Encampment. The Form 13 will be used to determine points
 - 1. 15 points:

- a. Recondo Certification
 - b. Medic Certification
 - c. Wilderness Skills Certification
 - d. Mountaineering Certification
- 2. 10 points:
 - a. Attendance and graduation from a previous CACC Summer Encampment
 - b. Completion of 2 Brigade bivouacs with earned ribbons
 - c. CERT Certification
 - d. CACC Summer Encampment Field Skills Certification
 - e. CACC XTC participation
- 3. 5 Points:
 - a. First Aid Certification
 - b. Completion of half Recondo Certification
 - c. 1 Brigade Bivouac with earned ribbons
- (vi) The Survival FTX OIC is CPT Dan Leavell and can be contacted by email at dan.leavell@cacadets.org
- (vii) Key Suspense Dates:
 1. Summer Encampment Application portal opens: 01 FEB 2026
 2. Email signed Form 13 to CPT Leavell: 15 MAR 2026
 3. Notification of acceptance to Survival FTX: 01 APR 2026
 4. Virtual training and information sessions begin 15 APR 2026
- (viii) More information about prerequisites will be sent to participants through email, displayed on the published WARNO and on <https://cacadets.org/Events/Survival>
- (24) **Leadership:** We need cadet leaders for Leadership Encampment and in many of the Advanced Encampment units! Serve as leadership for certain Advanced Encampment units. Use and strengthen your skills as a class leader while you help train this year's students. Provides practical experience in leading a unit, building esprit de corps, operational support, and performing time management. This is your chance to lead at Summer Encampment and bring those leadership skills back to your school! Those serving in leadership positions in either the Leadership or the Advanced Encampment will be eligible to earn the black leadership beret. All positions available are located on Annex A at the bottom of this Warning Order. Applicants will be contacted by 10th BDE staff about the assigned positions by 10 April 2026 *Applications are due NLT 31 March 2026*
 - i. All prerequisites and point of contact (POCs) for both the Leadership and Advanced Camp are listed on the website, [Summer Camp - Main Page | CA Cadet Corps.](#)

- (i) Scroll down to the section “Summer Camp Training Units” and click on the desired unit to learn more about the prerequisites and POC for that specific unit.
 - ii. More information regarding these positions and the application process can be found in Annex A posted under this Warning Order. Your leadership position request will be part of your general summer encampment application (see Annex A).
- c. Goals:
 - i) To create a safe and encouraging environment in which cadets can practice leadership, build camaraderie, and learn specific skills.
 - ii) To offer extensive leadership opportunities to prepare cadets for future roles.
 - iii) To increase cadets’ confidence in practicing leadership and acquiring new skills.
 - iv) Provide a platform for cadets to network with peers from across the state.
- d. Objectives
 - i) Cadets will be prepared for future leadership roles and responsibilities at their home units.
 - ii) Cadets will return to their home units with the confidence and ability to pass down their knowledge.
 - iii) The CACC will provide security measures to ensure participants are safe throughout the event to mitigate major injuries.
 - iv) Cadets will experience networking opportunities and will enjoy their time at this event.
- e. Cadet Leaders & Staff Assignments: 10th BDE Staff down to Platoon level, Instructors, and Unit OICs should select Leadership as their first choice in their encampment application.
 - i) NOTE: Only Instructors, Unit OICs, and Company level or higher will need to attend ADVON; Platoon level cadre will arrive 18 June.
- f. **Application Process:** Cadets can individually submit an application for cadre when submitting their Summer Encampment application starting on 1 February 2026. Any cadet who is a Cadet Sergeant and above will have the opportunity to apply for a leadership position. The application link is posted here: <https://summercamp.cacadets.org> More information can be found in Annex A of this Warning Order.
- g. Cost: Payment must be made by credit card through the application link above.
 - i) **Cost for the encampment is as follows:** \$150 for the length of the encampment.
 - (1) If you cannot pay by credit card, coordinate another form of payment by contacting summerencampment@cacadets.org
 - (2) If your school is paying the encampment fee, the Commandant must convey this intent to SummerEncampment@cacadets.org. Cadets will then be accepted without payment as having a completed application. The Commandant should coordinate the check amount and list of participant names with the Payment Point of Contact, grace.edinboro@cacadets.org, or they can email summerencampment@cacadets.org. Cadets on school rosters must be registered with parental consent completed. Schools that delay this process will affect their cadets’ appointment to the unit of their choice, which is first come first served by registration date.
 - ii) **FINANCIAL SCHOLARSHIPS:** Cadets with financial need may apply for a \$50 scholarship by completing the online request form on the Encampment website, or through here: [Summer Encampment 2026 LEAD Scholarship Application – Fill out](#)

[form](#). The Scholarship Request Form will open on 26 JAN 2026 and close at midnight on 10 MAR 2026. Cadets may also apply for the LTC Baxter Scholarship to cover the application fee (see link on the Encampment page). All application requirements are listed on the Summer Encampment section of the California Cadet Corps website, www.cacadets.org/events/summercamp.

- iii) Unit assignments are done based on when the registration and payment is complete in the application system, first come, first assigned. Some cadets will receive their second, third or fourth choice Adv Camp unit. Cadets applying at the end of the registration cycle may be assigned to whatever unit is still available.
 - iv) In 2025, we turned away cadets who applied at the end of the registration cycle after all our slots were full. This activity is popular and is limited in numbers due to resource constraints. First come, first served.
- h. Key Suspense Date:
- i) **Application Portal Opens:** 01 February 2026
 - ii) **Scholarship Requests Due:** 10 March 2026
 - iii) **Application Portal Closes (unless we're capped out sooner):** 31 March 2026
 - iv) **Initial Unit Assignments Made:** Early April 2026
- i. Uniforms: Cadets are to bring two coyote Class C uniforms, one pair of black or tan boots, a complete PT Uniform, and one pair of PT Shoes (Sneakers/Tennis Shoes). Cadets who are unable to acquire all the required uniform items from their unit will have them issued at Camp San Luis Obispo at the start of the encampment. The required Packing List is on the encampment website.
- j. Advanced Party (ADVON): Cadets who have been appointed to Leadership roles (Company Commander/ISG and above and Instructors) will arrive at Camp San Luis Obispo with the Advanced Party on 15 June 2026. Bus transportation will be provided. If cadets have accepted Battalion-level leadership positions, then they will be further required to attend the April and May Drills virtually on Microsoft Teams. These cadets will receive additional training in preparation for the main body's arrival. The ADVON Leadership cadets will be in communication with the 10th BDE Staff via email prior to Summer Encampment. More information can be found in Annex A of this Warning Order.

4. SUSTAINMENT:

- a. Meals: All meals for the duration of the event will be provided by the CSLO Dining Facility (DFAC). The DFAC is able to accommodate dietary restrictions.
- b. Transportation: Transportation for this event will be provided by HQCACC. Each brigade will have a designated pick up/drop off location for their cadets. Parents are responsible for getting their cadets to and from the pick-up/drop off locations. Times, dates, and locations to be announced on the Encampment website in early June.
- c. If you want to transport your cadet to Encampment, please contact us and let us know at SEQuestions@cacadets.org.
- d. Billeting: For the duration of the event, cadets will be encamped in single occupancy tents in a central location. Two person tents are provided for those with a licensed service animal (see policy on service animals in CR 2-1).
- e. Safety Protocols: Additional protocols will be announced as Encampment approaches. For updates, please check your email (including the 'Spam' folder) frequently.

5. COMMAND AND CONTROL

- a. Cadet Commander for this event will be the 10th BDE Commander, C/LTC Diego Nunez
- b. Cadet Command Sergeant Major for this event will be the 10th BDE Command Sergeant Major, C/CSM Miguel Melendez.
- c. 10th BDE Staff Advisors: LTC Belinda Contreras, CPT Chloe Ahle, and 1LT Cinthia Galdamez
- d. Questions may be addressed to the 10th BDE Commander at cadetcommander@cacadets.org , or you may contact the Staff at SEQuestions@cacadets.org.

ACKNOWLEDGE:

Nunez, Diego
C/LTC, CACC

DISTRIBUTION:

All Commandants
All BDE & BN Commanders
All Cadets

ANNEX A

2026 Encampment Leadership Cadre Application Details

1. **GENERAL:** The California Cadet Corps is a leadership training program in an educational environment. This year, the selection for positions for encampment leadership will occur through the same application that cadets use to sign up for the Summer Encampment. Among many factors, such as rank and experience, we will choose leaders deemed trustworthy enough to lead the training of cadets, ranging from the Battalion, Company, and Platoon Levels. Cadet Cadre will have the rare opportunity to make a difference in the specific training for their units and work hands-on to develop strong leaders in more junior cadets; impacting the CACC for future generations.
2. **PARTICIPATION:** Applying as Cadre for Leadership Encampment is available to any cadet, with the only requirement being to hold the rank of **C/SGT** NLT 1 March 2026. We will hold all Encampment cadre to the same standards and expectations as the 10th BDE staff, thus filling out the application does not guarantee you to be a part of the Leadership Encampment cadre. Note that if you sign up for a position, you **MUST** participate in ADVON from 15-17JUN26 (Co Cdr/1SG and above and Instructors), Leadership Camp from 18-21JUN26 and Advanced Camp from 22-28JUN26.
3. **AVAILABLE POSITIONS:** All requirements and job descriptions from CR 3-22 and CR 3-3 will apply. The following positions are available to all eligible cadets for the 2026 Summer Encampment.
 - a. Instructional Block Cadre
 - i. Be an instructor for one of the 8 leadership encampment instructional blocks. [PT/O-Course, Drill & Ceremonies, Leadership Reaction Course, First Aid, Survival Skills, Armed Drill, Map & Compass, and Team Building/Field Hygiene]. D&C and Armed Drill instructors must hold the DI Badge; First Aid Instructors must hold the Medic Badge; Survival Skills Instructors must be Red Beret Survival Graduates.
 - b. Battalion Commander
 - c. Battalion Executive Officer
 - d. Battalion Command Sergeant Major
 - e. Battalion Medic*(Cadets Selected for this position **MUST** have gone through the Cadet Medic Course offered at Summer Encampment)
 - i. Medics may also be asked to serve as Advanced Unit Medics. Medics will still be able to participate in the unit's training, doing medical tasks when needed.
 - f. Company Commander
 - g. Company First Sergeant
 - h. Platoon Leader
 - i. Platoon Sergeant
 - j. HQ Support Officer/NCO
 - k. Advanced Unit OIC
 - i. These positions are available for high school cadets only.
 - ii. Must have attended the unit as a student previously (waivable)
 - iii. Leadership positions are available in:
 - a) Cyber Units
 - b) Drill & Ceremonies (Drill Instructors needed)
 - c) Field Training Unit
 - d) Leadership Communications Challenge
 - e) Medic (Cadet Medics as Assistant Instructors)

f) Public Safety

4. APPLICATION PACKET: All applications will be made when completing your application for Summer Encampment. Consider that while we will do our best to place you in one of your top three positions, you will ultimately be placed where you can best serve the needs of the encampment and, regardless of where you are placed, you will receive an excellent leadership opportunity.
- a. The following requirements will be requested depending on your rank:
 - i. GZ1-C/CPLs:
 - a) Junior enlisted cadets at the rank of Grizzly-Corporal will not be eligible for leadership positions at this year's Summer Encampment. If you believe you will be promoted to Cadet Sergeant (C/SGT) or higher by the time of encampment, please:
 - a. Update your rank in the application portal before the application deadline.
 - b. Email CadetCommander@cacadets.org to notify us of your anticipated promotion.
 - ii. C/SGT-C/SSG:
 - a) Junior NCOs (SGT-SSG) will have the opportunity to apply for NCO leadership roles and pick the top 3 choices in mind.
 - a. No further questions will be asked.
 - iii. C/SFC-C/CSM
 - a) Senior NCOs (SFC-CSM) will have the opportunity to apply for NCO leadership roles and Officer roles if desired. Cadets will choose the top 3 desired positions and answer the brief question that follows.
 - a. Briefly explain why you are the best suited for these positions. What will you bring to the position to better it, and why should we appoint you?
 - iv. C/2LT-C/COL
 - a) Officers (2LT-COL) will have the opportunity to apply for any leadership role offered at Summer Encampment. Cadets will choose the top 3 desired position and answer the brief questions that follow.
 - a. Briefly explain why you are the best suited for these positions. What will you bring to the position to better it, and why should we appoint you?
 - b. What are your strengths and weaknesses as a leader?
 - b. The following requirements will be requested for ALL C/SGT's to C/COL's:
 - i. A signed Leadership Code of Conduct (initials to be placed at the end of responses). Must be emailed to cadetcommander@cacadets.org, cadets1@cacadets.org AND cadets3@cacadets.org. You can access the Code of Conduct here: [SE Leadership Code of Conduct 2026](#).
 - ii. A commandant/senior leader recommendation is highly encouraged for cadets seeking leadership positions at any level. Commandants can submit their letter by emailing cadetcommander@cacadets.org, cadets1@cacadets.org AND cadets3@cacadets.org.
 - iii. Basic Summer Encampment Application etiquette such as: Paying the required application fee on time, being honest about rank, etc.

5. **REQUIRED ATTENDANCE:** Along with the Participation Requirements, cadet leaders who wish to be on the Battalion Command Staff or an OIC for Advanced Encampment **MUST** attend the April and May HQ Drills virtually via Microsoft Teams. This drill is crucial for finalizing planning for the encampment and will prepare the leaders in a thorough manner. Transportation to the drill will not be provided, therefore meaning that cadets either must travel with their commandant (or a local one) to attend in person.
6. **UNIFORM:** The uniform for this event will be the Class C & PT Uniform.
7. **COST:** Summer Encampment Application Fee (\$150). All cadet cadre **MUST** register through the Summer Encampment application portal when it is opened in February 2026.
8. **Point of Contact (POC)** for this event is C/LTC Diego Nunez at cadetcommander@cacadets.org & C/CPT Thalia Lopez at cadetS3@cacadets.org.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

THALIA LOPEZ
C/CPT, CACC
10th BDE Training and Operations Officer