

Now is the time to start planning for your visit to Campus for Parents' Weekend. To make sure you do not miss any updates, make sure you are on the [Parents and Family Portal](#) and the CFA Facebook page for your cadet's class.

At the end of this post is the link to order your Parents' Weekend T-Shirts, Tote Bags and meals for Saturday's lunch. **Don't delay because these items go fast.** Before going to the link, you need to think through a few things.

We will be handing out pre-ordered items and new sales of shirts and totes on Friday from 9AM to 1PM and Saturday 7AM to 1PM. If you are unable to make those times, please send your cadet over to pick them up for you. We will not be mailing any items not picked up.

### **T-Shirts and Tote Bags**



Because Parents' Weekend is sooner this year, I am ordering a large number of shirts and tote bags based on last year's sales. To ensure you get the shirt or bag you want, we strongly recommend pre-ordering and paying for them as soon as you can. Although I hope to have a good selection that weekend for sales, I cannot promise I will.

I really like the t-shirts we get. They are a heavy duty, cotton T-Shirt from Comfort Colors. I still wear the one from 2018 every week and it still looks great. The other piece of good news is we are able to bring the price back down to \$20 for those who preorder and \$25 for those who wait and buy them Parents' Weekend. Use the following link to help determine your size:

<https://www.apparelvideos.com/cs/CatalogBrowser?todo=mm&productId=1717> .

The Tote Bag is a durable canvass bag with 27" handles and approximate size of 23" W x 14" H x 7" D. It has a zipper and is a little bigger than last year so it will hold a few large beach towels or other items you may have. Like last year, the cost is \$20 prepaid and \$25 if you want and purchase them that weekend.

## Place your T-Shirt and Tote Bag order before midnight September 21st.

I have to close out the t-shirt and tote bag sales at that point. Also no refunds after the 21st. You can pick up your orders outside Buyer Auditorium, which is located on the second floor of Mark Clark Hall Friday (9AM to 1PM) and Saturday morning (7AM – 1PM).

### Saturday's Lunch

You need to plan for your lunch on Saturday. The time for lunch is tight and there are not enough venues to feed everyone. Parade ends around 1145 (*cadets need to drop off rifles and change uniforms*) then the cadets need to be back on the barracks around 1PM to form up for the March to the football stadium. You must pre-register and pay to have a meal saved for you. Also, all but one option is close to the parade field.

1. **Coward Hall:** Enjoy a family style meal in the dining hall where your cadet eats. The main course will be a BBQ brisket and appropriate sides. *Your cadet eats free* and family members pay \$13.00 each. Because the Band members have a much tighter window to eat (*last ones off the parade field and first ones to march to the stadium*), we invite their families to eat with their cadets in the Regimental Commander's Riverview Room (RCRR). For the Band families, make sure to register as a Band Family on the registration form. Coward Hall is limited to 300 meals downstairs and 100 Band family and cadet meals in the RCRR. Although your cadet eats free, you need to check that they will be eating with you so we can account for meal.
2. **Deas Hall Boxed Lunches:** The caterer will provide a total of 300 boxed-lunches in Deas Hall for cadets and their family members. The lunches consist of a sandwich (*turkey, ham or vegetarian*), chips, granola bar, cookie and a bottle water. Table and chairs are available for seating or you can walk outside and find a nice place to sit. *Your cadet is free (you still need to register them)* and families are \$17 each.
3. **The CFA BBQ:** This year the CFA will sponsor a delicious BBQ lunch in Buyer Hall, which is located on the second floor of Mark Clark Hall. The menu includes pulled pork and chicken, coleslaw, banana pudding and tea/water. Cost is \$20 per person – this includes cadets since an outside vendor caters this meal. It is good and convenient!
4. **The HAC BBQ:** Each week the caterer hosts a BBQ buffet at the Holliday Alumni Center (HAC). The meal includes pulled pork, fried chicken, coleslaw, baked beans and a drink. Costs are \$23 for each family member and \$16 for cadets. Limited to 150 meals (*cadets plus family members*). Keep in mind this is not as close to campus as the other venues. It's a good option for families who will not be eating with their cadet or if their cadet is working at the stadium. Upperclass cadets, more than freshmen, will have a better chance of making it there in time to eat and get to their next duty requirement in time. There will also be other

customers eating who are there for the game, so there will be more than 150 meals served. Pre-paying will guarantee a meal, but you are also welcome to walk in and see if they can accommodate you that day.

5. **Other Options:** The Chick-Fil-A and Starbucks will be open. The lines will be long so be prepared to wait. You can also bring a picnic lunch and tailgate in the parking lots. I will warn you parking is very tight on campus that day so you will want to arrive very early on Saturday morning to make sure you get a place to park. Finally, some folks just wait and eat at the football game while their cadet gets a quick meal in the dining hall.

Notes on the meals –

- 1) Cost of meals include an 11% tax.
- 2) If you are only ordering meals, the deadline is midnight September 21<sup>st</sup> – I can tell you we will sell out before that, so order soon.
- 3) Make a plan with your cadet for that time of where you will meet.

Finally, there is a \$2 processing fee for each transaction, so best to order meals when you order your shirts and totes.

I have included a planning sheet below. When you are ready to place your order, [CLICK HERE](#).

## Planning Worksheet Parents' Weekend '23

### T-Shirts: \$20 each

X-Small \_\_\_\_\_ Large \_\_\_\_\_ 3XL \_\_\_\_\_  
Small \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ 4XL \_\_\_\_\_  
Med \_\_\_\_\_ 2XL \_\_\_\_\_  
Total # of T-Shirts \_\_\_\_\_

### Totebags: \$20 each

Total # of Totebags: \_\_\_\_\_

### Meals

Coward Hall: \$13 for families/\$0 for cadets

- 1) Family Members \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Cadet \_\_\_\_\_

Deas Hall **Family** Members: \$17 each

- 1) Turkey Sandwich Lunch \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Ham Sandwich Lunch \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Vegetarian Sandwich Lunch \_\_\_\_\_

Deas Hall **Cadets**: No Charge – need number to ensure we bring meals for them

- 1) Turkey Sandwich Lunch \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Ham Sandwich Lunch \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Vegetarian Sandwich Lunch \_\_\_\_\_

CFA BBQ – Buyer Auditorium - \$20 per person

# of Family and Cadet meals \_\_\_\_\_

HAC BBQ: Family Members \$23/Cadets \$16

- 1) Family Members \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Cadet \_\_\_\_\_