

9 September 2013

Dear Parents/Guardians of Central High Cadets,

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you again for your continued support and inform you about our first big overnight Field Trip (Athletic Competition/Amusement Park) to Winter Park High School and Islands of Adventure/Universal Studios the weekend of 20-22 September. For the cadets competing in the athletic competition, this Field Trip will take place on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, 20-22 September. The rest of the cadets will only participate on Saturday and Sunday, 21-22 September.

Winter Park High School's Navy Junior ROTC Program is hosting an athletic competition for Junior ROTC programs in the state. There will be a wide range of events for our cadets to compete in (e.g., Tire Flip Race, Hamster Wheel Relay, Dizzy-Izzy Relay, LifeBoat Relay, Fire Hose Relay, Damage Control, Basketball Shootout, etc.). Winter Park is expecting 20 high school JROTC teams to show up with about 1200 people including spectators. For the past 10 years we have competed in this competition and took top honors each year. We are planning to defend our title and have great fun in the process.

We plan to depart Central in two different groups. The **first group** will depart Friday afternoon (20<sup>th</sup>) after school lets out and will include approximately 40 cadets making up the Athletic Competition Team along with a few helpers. The second group will depart early Saturday morning and will include approximately 90 cadets who will be going to observe, learn, cheer on their fellow cadets and enjoy the weekend's camaraderie. The first group will meet after school on Friday and practice from 2:30 -5:30 p.m. The Parent Booster Club will provide dinner before we board the bus to make the trip to the hotel (Howard Johnson Hotel 1-407-862-4455) where we will spend the rest of the evening practicing and resting/relaxing in preparation for the next day. Saturday we will spend the day competing at the Winter Park "Extreme Wildcat Navy Competition." The **second group** will meet at the school at 6:00 a.m. on Saturday morning (the 21<sup>st</sup>) in order to board the busses and make the trip to Winter Park High School in time to observe the meet and cheer on their peers. Please make sure your cadet has had breakfast before arriving at the school, the first meal I will provide will be lunch at Winter Park. There will be a concession stand at the competition where the cadets may purchase food in addition to their lunch at their own expense. **Cadets should be in the Central NJROTC PT Shirt for Saturday.**

After the competition, we will board all of the busses and head back to the hotel where we will have a pool and pizza party. Sunday we will head to "Islands of Adventure and Universal Studios" amusement parks to enjoy some well-earned fun and camaraderie. We plan to return to Central around 6:00 p.m. on the 22nd. I will have the cadets call you when we're on our way to alleviate your having to wait at the school in case the timeline shifts. The cost of this field trip will only be \$30.00 per cadet. The rest of the cost will be subsidized by our fundraising efforts. This cost will include lodging and dinner at the hotel both nights, light breakfasts both mornings, lunch at the field meet, and entry into the amusement park. The Cadets will be responsible for their lunch at the amusement park as well as any other expenses.

The cadets are excited about this field trip/competition. I hope all of you will be able to afford the trip and grant permission for your cadet to attend. If you have any questions about the program, the field trip, or your youngster's performance, I encourage you to call me personally at 797-7020, ext. 343.

Sincerely,

Michael P. Ralph  
Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps (Retired)  
Senior Naval Science Instructor

On Sunday, 15 September 2013, we will take a select group of cadets to conduct a reconnaissance of the Winter Park competition. This trip will provide our cadets with information to allow them to better plan and prepare for the competition.

We plan to depart CHS at 6:45 a.m. on Sunday and head to Winter Park. We will stop for a fast-food break on the way over and eat lunch at "MOE's" Mexican restaurant before we depart the Orlando area. We should be back between 3:00 and 4:00 p.m..

Our fundraising account will pick up lunch and transportation. The cadets will be responsible for the fast food stop.

M. P. Ralph  
LtCol, USMC (Ret.)

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Parent/Guardian Permission:

I grant Cadet \_\_\_\_\_ permission to participate in the field trip(s) associated with the Winter Park Extreme Wildcat Competition in Orlando.

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Parent/Guardian Name (PRINTED)

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Parent/Guardian Signature