

**UNITED STATES NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS
ADIRONDACK BATTALION, NSCC
Saratoga Springs, New York**



Adirondack Battalion Sponsorship Letter

The Naval Sea Cadet and League Cadet Corps are for American youth ages 10-17 who have a desire to learn about the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine. Sea Cadets are authorized by the Secretary of the Navy to wear Navy uniforms appropriately marked with the Sea Cadet Corps insignia. The objectives of the Sea Cadet program are to introduce youth to naval life, to develop in them a sense of pride, patriotism, courage, and self-reliance, and to maintain an environment free of drugs and gangs.

Our cadets meet or "drill" one weekend per month in Saratoga, NY. We also host drills at nearby military bases, operational support centers and with other NSCC/NLCC units. Our cadets also have the privilege of participating in underway cruises aboard the USS MAHAN (DDG72), USS Iwo Jima (LHD-7), USS WASP (LHD1), and USS NEW YORK (LPD21).

Our unit is organized as a battalion which reflect Navy construction battalions (Seabees). Some units are organized as Divisions, which closely reflects the surface Navy, and squadron which is geared towards the field of naval aviation

Whether a division, squadron, or battalion, our local unit has one main purpose: to foster teamwork, camaraderie, and an understanding of the military command structure.

Our cadets are instructed by both Sea Cadet Uniform Officers, Instructors, active-duty military and senior cadets through classroom and applied instruction in subjects such as basic seamanship, military drill, and leadership. Our unit also participates in Sea Cadet regional weekend competitions where units compete to test their seamanship and military skills.

The Adirondack Battalion actively participates in community events such as parades, military events, fairs and air shows.

The Sea Cadet training program consists of Navy Non-Resident Training Courses (NRTC), two-week training schools, shipboard training, and training arranged locally by units.

All new cadets enter the program at the rate of E1/Seaman Recruit. In-order for a cadet to move up through the ranks they must complete the NRTC Correspondence Course for that rate, two weeks of training, and, depending on the rate, a Navy Military Leadership exam. NRTC's cover basic military and naval subjects such as naval history, seamanship, leadership, and ship/aircraft familiarization.

The cadet rate structure parallels that of the Navy and Coast Guard's enlisted rate structure, with E7/Chief Petty Officer being the highest rate a cadet can achieve.

Two-week training (TWT) mostly takes place during summer months and occasionally during winter and spring break. The first TWT for all cadets is NSCC/NLCC Recruit Training, better known as boot camp. It is a scaled down version of the Navy's boot camp. For the two-week period, cadets are instructed by active and reserve military personnel and Sea Cadet officers in military drill and discipline, physical fitness, seamanship, shipboard safety, first aid, naval history, and leadership.

After cadets have successfully completed Recruit Training or Boot Camp, they can then participate in Advanced Training. Sea Cadet Advanced Training currently consists of the following:

Sea Cadet training is held throughout the continental United States, Hawaii, Puerto Rico and Guam on military installations.

ADVANCED TRAINING SCHOOLS

- AIRMAN TRAINING (BASIC & ADVANCED)
- AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TRAINING and FAA GROUND SCHOOL o CULINARY ARTS TRAINING
- MEDICAL TRAINING (GENERAL, FIELD, SURGICAL & DENTAL TECH)
- FIREFIGHTING TRAINING
- PHOTOJOURNALISM TRAINING
- CEREMONIAL GUARD
- SUBMARINE SEMINAR
- MARKSMANSHIP TRAINING
- CONSTRUCTION BATTALION (SEABEE) TRAINING (BASIC & ADVANCED)
- MINE WAREFARE OPERATIONS TRAINING
- MUSIC SCHOOL
- SEAL TEAM TRAINING
- EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL TRAINING
- AMPHIBIOUS TRAINING
- PETTY OFFICER LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
- MASTER-AT-ARMS TRAINING (MILITARY POLICE/LAW)
- JUDGE ADVOCATED GENERAL (JAG) TRAINING
- SAILING SCHOOL o SCUBA SCHOOL
- SEAMANSHIP and SHIPBOARD TRAINING

Costs: It typically costs a family up to \$1,000.00 to have a cadet in the program per year which includes uniform costs, annual membership and travel expenses along with basic and advanced training costs. The majority of these fees currently are being paid from the Cadet’s family directly.

Sponsorship Commitments and Funds Distribution

NAME OF SPONSORSHIP	AMOUNT COLLECT	DISTRIBUTION OF SPONSORSHIP FUNDS
Platinum Sponsorship	\$1,000+	\$1,000+ Sea Cadet will receive 50% of the total Platinum Sponsorship Amount, plus next year’s annual membership. (Any funds collected over \$2,000 See CO)
Gold Sponsorship	\$500 to \$999	Sea Cadet will receive 50% of the total Gold Sponsorship Amount
Sliver Sponsorship	\$350 to \$499	Sea Cadet will receive 35% of the total Sliver Sponsorship Amount
Bronze Sponsorship	\$200 to \$349	Sea Cadet will receive next year’s annual membership fee or put towards Sea Cadet 1 st year registration fee.
Basic Cadet Sponsorship	\$100	Sea Cadets Minimum Year One Commitment or put towards Sea Cadet 1 st year registration fee.

Sliver. Gold and Platinum sponsorship funds are to be used at the discretion of the cadet’s family for official USNSCC activities only, e.g., Training, Transportation, Annual Membership, Overnight Trips and Uniforms.

Sponsor Name: _____

Dollar Amount: _____ Date: _____

Cadet Name: _____ Cadet ID#: _____

(If you do not have a specific cadet, state “ANY”)

Please make all checks out to: USNSCC

Mailing: LTJG Kirk Howard, NSCC, 115 Osborne Road, Albany NY 12205

