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IN REPLY REFER TO
21 August 2017

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 the upcoming "Basic Leadership Training/Mini-Boot Camp" field trip to the Florida Elks Youth Camp in Umatilla, Florida, 1-3 September 2017.

Every year we take specific cadets selected to fill leadership positions for the current school year away to accomplish a number of goals. The first goal is to bring all these young leaders together and "build" the team for the year. Many of these cadets were not in the same period/company with the others and this is an excellent opportunity to create some new friendships and cohesion within the Cadet Regimental Organization. The second goal is to focus on the specific positions the cadets will be filling and the responsibilities associated with each position. I want the cadets to feel confident in their respective positions and possess the desire and knowledge to excel. The third goal is to provide the cadets the value-added opportunity to work as a group and challenge themselves on the high ropes course. This trip has proved very successful in the past and the cadets really enjoy going and bonding while building their new team. You should be proud of your cadet for being hand-selected to fill a leadership position for this school year and attend this important training opportunity.

The Florida Elks Youth Camp is a tremendous facility that will support the myriad of activities planned. We plan to use the gymnasium, classroom facility, athletic fields, as well as lake-side cabins where the cadets will sleep. The cabins are equipped with bunk beds, restrooms, showers, and air conditioning. There is also a very nice dining hall where the cadets will receive their meals. The camp has two great additional activities designed to enhance individual development in the areas of self-confidence, leadership and communication skills, group interaction and problem solving. The activities involve a low initiatives reaction course where the cadets will be divided into groups and placed in challenging scenarios where they will have to accomplish a specific task as a group. In order to accomplish the task they will have to designate a leader, work together, communicate, and function as a team. The other activity involves a high ropes initiatives challenge course where the cadets will negotiate various individual and team oriented initiatives while confronting the challenge of being high above the ground. This activity is designed to urge the cadets to step beyond their normal comfort level to learn the importance of trust and team spirit while developing self-confidence. Both courses are extremely safe and supervised by certified instructors.

We will depart the high school at 09:45 a.m. on Friday the 1st. Please have your cadet eat breakfast prior to coming to school. We will spend the nights of the 1st and 2nd in cabins (9 cadets to a cabin). We plan on returning to Central around 3:00 p.m. on the 3rd. I will provide the cadets the opportunity to call you during our return trip so you won't have to wait in case the timeline changes. The success of our fundraising efforts coupled with the fact that we were able to work out a great deal with the Florida Elks Youth Camp, this field trip will only cost \$35 per cadet. The cost of using the high ropes course alone is usually over \$25 per person, so when you factor in the cost of the meals, lodging, and the use of the facilities, we are getting a great deal! The cadets will be responsible for purchasing their snacks at the camp. Their first meal at the camp will be lunch Friday afternoon. The cadets will also need to bring the items on the attached list. The phone number to the Florida Elks Youth Camp is (352) 669-9443. We will have two cell phones for emergency use while we are away: (850-503-1848/760-819-3167).

The cadets and the instructors are excited about this field trip and the opportunity to lay the foundation for the future. We wouldn't be one of the Top Programs in the country without having a great team of cadets. This will continue the ongoing team-building process. I hope all of you will grant permission for your cadet to attend, sign the appropriate release forms, and fund his or her expenses. If you have any questions, I encourage you to call me personally at 797-7020, ext. 343.

Sincerely,
Christopher L. Nolf
Major, U.S. Marine Corps (Retired)
Senior Naval Science Instructor

Cadet _____ has my permission to attend NJROTC BLT 1-3 September.

Parent Signature

Emergency Contact Phone Number

Food Allergies: _____

Medications: _____