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Thank you for entrusting us with your cadet during the 2026 Indiana Wing Summer Encampment. You can have confidence in knowing that the adult staff has many years of experience and our primary mission is ensuring the health and safety of your cadet.

Encampment is a learning experience for both the first-time cadets (students) and the cadet leadership (cadre). Students learn teamwork, followership, and physical fitness basics, while cadre are leading the teams and encouraging students to excel. Encampment is challenging, but approximately 7,000 CAP cadets across the country each year complete the program. Young people who may struggle at the beginning are transformed by the end of the week, gaining increased confidence and maturity.

Here is important information to help you prepare your cadet for success:

- **Drop Off.** Drop-off will be on Sunday, 7 June between 9:00am and Noon at Andorfer Commons. Park in the lots shaded in pink (please see the attached campus map). Use the address *1600 E. Washington Blvd. Fort Wayne, IN 46803*. Cadets must report in their ABU/OCP uniform. You may stay with your cadet through check-in.
- **Graduation and Pick Up.** The graduation parade will take place on Saturday, 13 June at 10:45 a.m. at Warrior Soccer Field. Please park in the lots shaded in pink (please see the attached campus map).
  - Please bring sunscreen and an umbrella
  - After graduation, cadets will be released to their parents. This process may take a few minutes, so please be patient while we complete this process.
- **Pick up by a Non-Parent/Non-Guardian.** Your cadet will only be released to one of the people listed on their initial application form. If there is any change from who you initially listed for cadet pick-up, then email that information to [encampment@inwg.cap.gov](mailto:encampment@inwg.cap.gov). Make sure the pick-up person has an ID. If the cadet drives themselves, this step is not required. However, if they traveled with their squadron, carpooled, etc., this step is mandatory!
- **Encampment Emergency Contact.** If you need to reach the encampment in an emergency, please text or call Captain David Vachon at 260-403-2755. You can also reach us by email at [encampment@inwg.cap.gov](mailto:encampment@inwg.cap.gov).
- **Home Emergency Contact.** Each cadet is expected to have their CAP ID and [CAP Form 161, Emergency Contact Form](#) on their person **at all times**. If there is an emergency at Encampment involving your cadets, we will call you at the number listed on this form.

- **No Cell Phone or IT Access.** To limit distractions, cadet students are not authorized phones, tablets, computers, smart watches or any internet access. Do not allow them to bring these items.
- **Mail.** A virtual mail service is available for family and friends, and messages sent to cadets will be presented during Encampment. You can send emails to your cadet by sending them to <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdgkpVM1x3oGJXDulDyilaWc6uU6LfQEcoJbGVAppGalfHXpQ/viewform?usp=publish-editor> Please include your cadet's name in the subject line.
- **Cadet Driving.** Cadets driving themselves to encampment must turn in their car keys. This ensures full accountability and safety during the week.
- **Packing List.** A link to the packing list was provided in RegZone. It is also attached here: [https://inwg.cap.gov/media/cms/Cadet\\_Packing\\_List\\_2D6CCADE1DB1A.pdf](https://inwg.cap.gov/media/cms/Cadet_Packing_List_2D6CCADE1DB1A.pdf) or you can find it on our website [here](#).
- **Laundry.** Laundry service is **not available**, so please follow the packing list to ensure they have sufficient clothing for the week.
- **Forbidden Items (Contraband).** The packing list details items not allowed at encampment. Bags will be checked, and any contraband will be given to you or secured and returned later.
- **Medication.** Any medications (prescription, non-prescription, vitamins, herbals, and supplements) that you want your cadet to take regularly at encampment are to be brought in their *original* containers. The package should be labeled with their name, the medication name and instructions (See CAPR 160-1(I)4-4). The medication will be turned into Encampment Health Services who will ensure cadets can take their medications at the designated time(s). Only bring the amount of medication needed for encampment. (For example, do not send a 30-day supply of medications with the cadet for 7 days of encampment.)
- **Please** make sure the CAP Health section on the right side of your eServices home page is updated. Also, any dietary restrictions need to be in the comments section in your RegZone registration.

We look forward to a great week as nearly 200 young people and adult leaders come together for this important event! If you have any questions, please do reach out by email to [encampment@inwg.cap.gov](mailto:encampment@inwg.cap.gov). For more information on photos, cadet cadre, FAQs, etc., please visit our website [here](#).

Semper Vigilans!

Respectfully,

Capt David Vachon, CAP  
Commandant of Cadets