

FORT SPOKANE BATTALION **SEA CADET CORPS**

To Prospective Cadet/s and Parents/Guardian,

Thank you for your interest in the Sea Cadet program. Becoming a parent or guardian in the Sea Cadets is an exciting opportunity. Unlike many other youth programs, Sea Cadets allows your son or daughter to chart their own path to success, step outside their comfort zone, and seek challenges. Sea Cadets learn about the maritime services and a wide variety of career fields, and advance through ranks that mirror the U.S. Navy and U.S. Coast Guard. Our **mission** is to build leaders of character. Below is some information about us.

1. The Sea Cadets is a Navy's youth development program for 10 to 17 (or 18 years old who still in high school). All prospective cadets must be **U.S. citizens or permanent legal residents**.
 - (a) **To join the Navy League Cadet Corps (NLCC)**, one must be 10 years old and have started fifth grade. League Cadets may remain in NLCC through the end of eighth grade regardless of age.
 - (b) **To join the Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC)**, one must be 13 and have reached March 1st of their year eight grade. This allows cadets time at the end of their eighth-grade year to complete Recruit Orientation and attend a RT during their first summer as a Sea Cadet.
2. We give young Americans skills, knowledge, and confidence through an amazing variety of training opportunities. We offer practical and immersive hands-on instruction in the topic of: **Seamanship, Aviation, Cyber Security, Medical, STEM, SCUBA, Submarines, Photography, Culinary Arts, SEALs, Music & Band, Field Operations, Leadership, Search & Rescue, Maritime Interdiction, Space Camp, and an International Exchange Program**. In short, cadets choose adventures. Our cadets have Basic Military Knowledge, Physical Readiness Training, Marching, Color Guard, and Team Building. We have summer and winter training once a year nationwide. Sea Cadets wear uniforms, work as a team in a disciplined environment, and adhere to our core values of **Honor, Respect, Commitment, and Service**.
3. **Membership fee: Initial enrollment - \$200.00 per year + digital fee.**
Enrollment fees at <https://www.spokaneseacadets.org/members>
4. Attendance is 50% minimum requirement. We drill one weekend per month from 0900 to 1500 (Saturday and Sunday) at **Navy Reserve Center, 5101 N. Assembly Street, Spokane, WA 99205**. It is a year round drill.
5. Registered members will receive the Plan of the Month with FY Drill Schedule.
6. We issue uniforms for the cadets except footwear & under garments, and items we do not have in our store room. Cadets must earn their uniforms by completing the required coursework. When they leave the program, they **MUST** return all the issued uniforms/items to **Fort Spokane Battalion** unit.
7. Cadets participate in Physical Training (PT) every drill in order to maintain good health and prepare for the semi-annual **Physical Readiness Test (PRT)**. All cadets are required to pass PRT at least once a year to remain in good standing. The PRT takes place in the **spring and fall**, and cadets are required to have passed it within 6 months for both advancement and to maintain eligibility for advanced trainings.
8. We invite the prospective cadet/s to **one drill** to give them a Sea Cadet experience. If your child/ren is interested in joining us on our next drill, please let me know. The prospective cadet/s will stay all day, so bring **lunch and water bottle**. The prospective male cadet must have short hair and the female must have neat bun/ponytail. Wear a plain T-shirt and shorts or sweat pants and tennis shoes in the morning for PT (Physical Training). Prospective cadet/s should wear slacks or khaki pants and a polo shirt (**NO ripped jeans, leggings, or crop/sleeveless top, open-toed shoes like flip-flops**). Please bring a note pad and pen. They can place their gear in a backpack. Bring appropriate clothing (jacket/pants) for the weather conditions.
9. **Safety is our number one priority**. All of our volunteers undergo regular background checks and cadets are under adult supervision throughout drill/training. If your child plans to attend, please RSVP to co.133fsp@seacadets.org
We hope your child will join us in taking the first step towards his/her Sea Cadet journey.

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