



Volunteer Cadet Corps

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EXERCISE WESTERN TOR – SUMMER CAMP 2017

Introduction

1. Summer Camp 2017 will take place from **Saturday 5 to Sunday 13 August 2017** at Okehampton Camp, Dartmoor, Devon. All RN and RM cadets (including recruits) are eligible to attend, subject to there being space, a review of their disciplinary record over the past year and their joining fee and subscriptions being fully paid up to and including July 17. Early application to attend and payment of the deposit is recommended.

2. The CO reserves the right to refuse permission to any cadet to attend Summer Camp 2017. Currently, based on projected staff availability, there will be capacity for 50 cadets to attend Summer Camp 2017. A waiting list will be in place for applications beyond this initial capacity, and should more staff be available the capacity will be increased accordingly and cadets asked to confirm their application in the order in which they were received.

Cost

3. The cost for Summer Camp 2017 is £95 per cadet; this includes all food, transport, fuel, accommodation, and activities. Please remember that VCC staff provide their time to arrange and attend camp free of charge.

4. Payment can be made in instalments and may start now, preferably no less than £10 at a time and no more frequent than monthly please. The whole cost (including any remaining balances after instalment payments) must be paid to the Treasurer by **Tuesday 11 July 2017**. Cadets will not be allowed to attend if any fees remain due before Summer Camp; outstanding payments already made will only be refunded in accordance with para 8 below.

5. Cadets are also allowed to bring £20 pocket money; this must also be paid by **Tuesday 11 July 2017**.

Application and Deposit

6. If you would like your son/daughter/ward to attend Summer Camp 2017 please complete the attached application form and return it to the Administration Office as soon as possible but **no later than Tuesday 9 May 2017**, together with a cheque for £20 per cadet as a non-refundable deposit. This allows us to gauge attendance and book facilities accordingly. Early application is advised and would be appreciated.

7. Applications are on a 'first come, first served' basis in accordance with para 2 herein.



The aim of the Volunteer Cadet Corps is to provide opportunities for young persons to develop into responsible, dependable and useful members of society, to promote self-discipline and comradeship, and to teach the basic principles of leadership in preparation for adult life. The VCC, formed in 1901 and sponsored by the Royal Navy, accepts boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 17 who can then serve until 18 as either a Royal Naval Cadet or Royal Marines Cadet. The VCC has units in Portsmouth, Plymouth, Fareham, Gosport and Lympstone.

Commanding Officer: Lieutenant Colonel Terry Wing RMC
Registered Charity: 1146419



8. In the event that a cadet cancels their application to attend (having paid their deposit or all of their camp fees), or fails to turn up at the start of Summer Camp 2017, refunds (except the deposit) will be only be given where payment for booked facilities and activities can be recovered by the VCC.

General Information

9. Cadets may attend part of Summer Camp 2017 although travel arrangements, if not using the main party transport, will be the responsibility of parents/guardians. The full fee applies to part-attendees.

10. Further details will be published on the website in June including information about the equipment cadets will require. Parents/guardians are also invited to attend a Summer Camp Parents' Briefing, currently scheduled for **Tuesday 4 July 2017** at 1900, to explain the training programme and to answer questions. It is strongly recommended that parents/guardians attend this briefing.

11. If you son/daughter/ward would like to attend Summer Camp 2017 but has reservations about being away from home or participating in the planned activities please do get in contact for a confidential discussion. Our staff are experienced in such matters and can often allay such fears. Cadets who have attended previous Summer Camps can often be the source of useful advice too.

12. In the meantime, questions can be sent via **ports-admin@rmvcc.org** and further details can be found on the Summer Camp page on the website including videos of previous Summer Camps.



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1. Summer Camp 2017 Application Form

SUMMER CAMP 2017 APPLICATION FORM

Please return this form to the Administration Office as soon as possible but no later than **Tuesday 9 May 2017**.

Form No: (office use only)

I would like to reserve a place for my son/daughter/ward to attend Summer Camp 2017:

Cadet Name: Cadet No: T-shirt Size: RN or RM:

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T-shirt size should be small (S), medium (M), large (L) or extra-large (XL)

Cheque Amount: £..... Cheque No:

Parent Signature: Date:

Please attach a deposit cheque for £20 for each cadet; cheque to be made payable to “RMVCC”.

The balance of camp fees may be paid in instalments, although are non-refundable should your son/daughter/ward leave the VCC prior to attending camp or decide not to attend. Payments can be made by cash, cheque or standing order.

If you have not applied for your son/daughter/ward to attend camp by the date specified above, they will not be able to attend.

Please ensure we have up-to-date medical and dietary information.