



Volunteer Cadet Corps

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Dear Parent/Guardian

EXERCISE WIGHT LION – SUMMER CAMP 2016

INTRODUCTION

1. Summer Camp 2016 will take place from **Sat 30 Jul** to **Sun 7 Aug 16** at Jersey Camp, Newtown, Isle of Wight. All cadets (including recruits) are eligible to attend, subject to there being space, a review of their disciplinary record over the past year and their subscriptions being fully paid up to and including Jul 16. 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 2016. Currently, based on projected staff availability, there will be capacity for 50 cadets to attend Summer Camp 2016. A waiting list will be in place for applications beyond this initial capacity, and should more staff be available for Summer Camp the capacity will be increased accordingly and cadets called forward to confirm their application in the order in which they were received.

COST

3. The cost for Summer Camp 2016 is £120 per cadet (held for the third year); this includes all food, transport, fuel, accommodation, activities and training, as well as a special Summer Camp 2016 T shirt. Please remember that the RMC 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 **Tue 19 Jul 16**. 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 **Tue 19 Jul 16**.



The aim of the VCC 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, recruits boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 17 who can then serve until 18. The VCC has units in Portsmouth, Plymouth, Fareham, Gosport and Lympstone. Our motto is Be Worthy.

Commanding Officer: Major Terry Wing RMC
Registered Charity: 1146419

APPLICATION AND DEPOSIT

6. If you would like your son/daughter/ward to attend Summer Camp 2016 please complete the attached application form and return it to the Administration Office as soon as possible but **no later than Tue 7 Jun 16**, together with a cheque for £20.00 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.

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 2016, refunds will be only be given where payment for booked facilities and activities can be recovered by the RMC.

GENERAL INFORMATION

9. Cadets may attend part of Summer Camp 2016 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 Jun 16 including information about the equipment cadets will require. Parents/guardians are also invited to attend a Summer Camp 2016 Parents' Briefing, currently schedule for **Fri 8 Jul 16** 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 2016 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 the usual email address and further details can be found on the Summer Camp page on the website including a video of Summer Camp 2015.

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Enclosure:

1. Summer Camp 2016 Application Form

SUMMER CAMP 2016 APPLICATION FORM

Please return this form to the Administration Office as soon as possible but no later than **Tue 7 Jun 16**.

Form No: (office use only)

I would like to reserve a place for my son/daughter/ward to attend Summer Camp 2016:

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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 £20.00 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 RMC 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.