

Now is the time to start planning for your visit to Campus for Parents' Weekend. To make sure you do not miss any updates, make sure you are on the [Parents and Family Portal](#) and your cadet's CFA Class Page.

At the end of this post is the link to order your Parents' Weekend T-Shirts, Tote Bags and meals for Saturday's lunch. **Don't delay because these items go fast.** Before going to the link, you need to think through a few things.

We will be handing out pre-ordered items and new sales of shirts and totes on Friday from 9AM to 1PM and Saturday 7AM to 1PM. If you are unable to make those times, please send your cadet over to pick them up for you. We will not be mailing any items not picked up.

T-Shirts and Tote Bags

Because Parents' Weekend is sooner this year, I am ordering a large number of shirts and tote bags based on last year's sales. To ensure you get the shirt or bag you want, we strongly recommend pre-ordering and paying for them as soon as you can. Although I hope to have a good selection that weekend for sales, I cannot promise I will. Once I am out of inventory, I am out.

I really like the T-shirts we get. They are a [heavy duty, cotton T-Shirt form Comfort Colors](#). My wife will testify that I still wear the one from 2018 every week. The shirts cost \$23 each (which includes tax) and \$25 for those who wait and buy them on Parents' Weekend. Use the following chart with the shirt laying flat to help determine your size:

| SIZE | WIDTH | LENGTH |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|
| S | 18 1/2" | 27" |
| M | 20 1/2" | 28 1/2" |
| L | 22 1/2" | 30" |
| XL | 24 1/2" | 31 1/2" |
| 2XL | 26 1/2" | 32 3/4" |
| 3XL | 28" | 33" |



I saw this on a website with a sizing chart:

“Optimal Fit Recommendations: Women, opt for your regular size for a loser fit or size down for a more fitted look. For an oversized style, size up 1-2 sizes. Men, stick to your usual size.”

Citadel
Tote Bag - Natural Navy



The Tote Bag is a durable canvass bag with 27" handles and approximate size of 23" W x 14" H x 7" D. It has a zipper like last year so it will hold a few large beach towels or other items you may have. Like last year, the cost is \$20 prepaid (includes tax) and \$25 if you want to wait and purchase them that weekend.

Place your order as soon as possible to ensure meals, shirts and totes are available.

Online Sales will end at midnight on September 22nd

I have to close out the t-shirt and tote bag sales at midnight on the 22nd which will end any refund period. You can pick up your orders outside Buyer Auditorium, which is located on the second floor of Mark Clark Hall Friday (9AM to 1PM) and Saturday morning (7AM – 1PM). Your cadet can pick them up if you can't make it during these times.

Saturday's Lunch

You need to plan for your lunch on Saturday. The time for lunch is tight and there are not enough venues to feed everyone. The parade ends around 1145, but you won't see your cadets until around noon after they drop off their rifles. Cadets need to be back in the barracks around 1PM to form up for the March to the football stadium. So, the lunch window is very tight.

You must pre-register and pay to have a meal saved for you. Any cadet can go to Coward Hall and eat for free if their families will not be attending Parents' Weekend or decide to eat somewhere without them because of time.

All but one option is close to the parade field.

1. **Coward Hall:** Enjoy a family style meal in the dining hall where your cadet eats. The meal consists of Baked Beans, Mac and Cheese, BBQ Pork, Fried Chicken and Corn Bread Muffins, Cookies and Brownies.

Your cadet eats free in Coward Hall (*still need to register them*) and family members cost is \$14.00 per person.

Because the Band members have a much tighter window to eat (*last ones off the parade field and first ones to march to the stadium*), we invite their families to eat with their cadets in the Regimental Commander's Riverview Room (RCRR). For the Band families, make sure to register as a Band Family on the registration form.

Coward Hall is limited to 300 meals downstairs and 100 Band family and cadet meals in the RCRR. Although your cadet eats free, you need to check that they will be eating with you when you register so we can account for the meal. You do not need to register your cadet if they are not eating with you.

2. **Deas Hall Boxed Lunches:** The caterer will provide a total of 350 boxed lunches in Deas Hall for cadets and their family members. The lunches consist of a sandwich (*ham, turkey or veggie*), chips, cookies, whole fruit and bottled water. Tables and chairs are available for seating, or you can walk outside and find a nice place to sit.

Your cadet eats free (*you still need to register them*) and family members \$13 each. You do not need to register them if that are not eating with you.

3. **The CFA BBQ:** The CFA BBQ lunch in Buyer Hall has become a family favorite – good food and convenient. The menu includes pulled pork and chicken, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, banana pudding and tea/water. Cost is \$21 per person – to include cadets since an outside vendor caters this meal.
4. **The HAC BBQ:** Each week the caterer hosts a BBQ buffet at the Holliday Alumni Center (HAC). The meal includes pulled pork, fried chicken, coleslaw, baked beans and a drink. Costs are \$24 for each family member and \$16 for cadets.

We are limited to 150 meals (*cadets plus family members*).

Keep in mind the HAC is not as close to campus as the other venues. It's a good option for families who will not be eating with their cadet or if their cadet is working at the stadium. Upperclass cadets, more than freshmen, will have a better chance of making it there in time to eat and get to their next duty requirement in time. Pre-paying will guarantee a meal, but since this is open to the public, you are welcome to walk in and see if they can accommodate you that day.

5. **Other Options:** The Chick-Fil-A and Starbucks will be open. The lines will be long so be prepared to wait. You can also bring a picnic lunch and tailgate in the parking lots. I will warn you parking is very tight on campus that day so if you plan to tailgate, come early to get a spot on campus. Finally, some folks just wait and eat at the football game while their cadet gets a quick meal in the dining hall.

Notes on the meals –

- 1) Cost of meals include tax.
- 2) The deadline to order meals is midnight September 22nd^t – I can tell you we will sell out before that, so order soon.
- 3) Make sure your cadet knows where to meet after the parade and to let you know if that changes.

Finally, there is a \$2 processing fee for each transaction, so it is best to order meals when you order your shirts and totes. Make sure you review your order before submitting it.

I have included a planning sheet below. When you are ready to place your order, [CLICK HERE](#).

Planning Worksheet Parents' Weekend '24

T-Shirts: \$23 each

Small _____ XL _____ 4XL _____
Med _____ 2XL _____
Large _____ 3XL _____
Total # of T-Shirts _____

Totebags: \$20 each

Total # of Totebags: _____

Meals

Coward Hall: \$14 for families/\$0 for cadets. BBQ Lunch

- 1) Family Members _____
- 2) Cadet _____

Deas Hall **Family** Members: \$13 each

- 1) Turkey Sandwich Lunch _____
- 2) Ham Sandwich Lunch _____
- 3) Vegetarian Sandwich Lunch _____

Deas Hall **Cadets**: No Charge – need number to ensure we bring meals for them

- 1) Turkey Sandwich Lunch _____
- 2) Ham Sandwich Lunch _____
- 3) Vegetarian Sandwich Lunch _____

CFA BBQ – Buyer Auditorium - \$21 per person

of Family and Cadet meals _____

HAC BBQ: Family Members \$24/Cadets \$16

- 1) Family Members _____
- 2) Cadet _____