

From the Office of the Commandant of Cadets

Memorandum For: Cadets and Parents/Guardians

Subject: Policy #2 Required, Authorized and Unauthorized Items

1. The following items are required for all cadets.

a. These items must be purchased in advance:

- (1) One regular size pillow (oversize is unauthorized) and two white pillow cases.
- (2) Four plain white twin sheets (two flat, two contoured).
- (3) One extra blanket for winter (**NO quilts or comforters**).
- (4) One alarm clock with or without a radio (electric or manual).
- (5) Eight white towels (bath size).
- (6) Eight white washcloths.
- (7) One pair of athletic or tennis shoes (“zip high tops” are unauthorized). Wear/break them in before arriving at the Academy.
- (8) One pair of flip flops (black only).
- (9) Six white handkerchiefs.
- (10) Twelve pair white t-shirts (crew neck only).
- (11) Twelve pair white athletic crew socks.
- (12) Black pocket comb/hairbrush.
- (13) Fingernail clippers with file.
- (14) One footlocker, approx 30” x 15” (College and High School males not in the band).
- (15) Black Backpack.
- (16) One sponge mop.
- (17) One small broom.
- (18) One dust pan.
- (19) One toilet brush/brush holder and cleanser (female cadets and cadets in the band).
- (20) Fifteen plastic hangers.
- (21) Electric (optional) or shaving razor.
- (22) Black permanent ink laundry marking pen.
- (23) Disinfectant cleaner, window cleaner (non aerosol) and sponge.
- (24) Six spiral notebooks.
- (25) Six pencils.
- (26) Six pens.
- (27) Calculator (For high school cadets a Texas Instrument (TI-30Xa or TI-30XS) is recommended. For college cadets a scientific calculator is recommended – our QM sells the Texas Instrument, TI-30X IIS).
- (28) Two Binders (2 or 3 inch).
- (29) Can of black shoe polish (paste only).
- (30) Personal Computer w/ a set of small speakers and a printer. A set of speakers consists of no more than two (2) speakers. (For computer requirements refer to WMA Policy Letter #1.)

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b. Male only items:

- (1) Twelve pair boxer shorts/briefs.
- (2) One pair swimming trunks (cut-offs unauthorized).

c. Female only items:

- (1) Twelve pair white "high rise" briefs
- (2) Eight white brassieres (two must be sports brassieres). Brassieres will be worn while in uniform on/off campus.
- (3) One one-piece swimsuit (bikinis, cut-offs or see-through material are not authorized).
- (4) One pair black pumps (closed toe and heel, no more than 2" heel and the sole no thicker than 1/2").
- (5) The following makeup is optional and if worn, must be in earth or natural tones and must be worn conservatively: foundation, powder, eye shadow, blusher, water proof mascara and clear lip gloss. Eye/lip liner, lip stick, and any cosmetics containing glitter are unauthorized items. Clear nail polish only. Hair spray or spritz may be used.
- (6) Earrings: May be screw-on or post-type earrings in gold, silver, pearl, or diamond. The earrings will not exceed 6 mm or 1/4 inch in diameter and they must be unadorned and spherical. Only one pair of earrings can be worn at a time.
- (7) Barrettes, hair pins, hair clips, etc must be neutral color or transparent and inconspicuously placed. Scrunches are prohibited.
- (8) Skin tone panty hose or equivalent with skirts.
- (9) Hair dryer.
- (10) Hair brush.
- (11) Regular nail care equipment.

d. Additional (optional) items that are authorized (one of each unless it states otherwise):

- (1) MP-3s, iPods and portable CD players with headphones. MP-3s and iPods can only play music, no videos or games.
- (2) Camera.
- (3) Pajamas, at least two sets.
- (4) Bathrobe.
- (5) Mattress pad.
- (6) Stationary/envelopes/stamps.
- (7) Small hand-held vacuum (Dirt Devil type).
- (8) Ironing boards (small) and irons with auto shutoff (COLLEGE Cadets Only).
- (9) Rug (not to exceed 36" x 60").
- (10) Sun block cream, sunscreen, and/or chapstick.
- (11) Tissues.
- (12) Insect repellent (non aerosol).
- (13) Small desk lamp (male college and high school cadets).
- (14) Surge Protector.
- (15) Two/Three small to medium size posters and white putty (to affix posters to the walls).
- (16) Two/Three small plastic containers to store food/snacks in.

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- e. Items which may be brought from home or purchased at the WMA Quartermaster Store.
(The Quartermaster Store does have a wide variety of school supplies and sundry items.)

- (1) Toothbrush, toothpaste and dental floss
- (2) Bath soap/soap dish or body wash
- (3) Shampoo
- (4) Deodorant (mandatory, solid/roll-on and non-aerosol)
- (5) Shaving cream/gel
- (6) Feminine hygiene products

2. Wentworth Military Academy and College **is not** responsible for lost or stolen items. Cadets and parents/guardians are highly encouraged to obtain appropriate personal property insurance to cover authorized high dollar personal items such as computers, iPods, MP3 players, digital cameras, watches and jewelry.

3. **UNAUTHORIZED (Contraband) Items:** Due to the limited desk space, storage area, electrical power capacity and safety issues the following items are not authorized.

a. TVs, VCRs or DVD players, subwoofers, webcams, scanners and stereos (stand alone) w/ speakers.

b. Any computer games and playing devices (i.e. X-Box 360, PlayStation, Wii, Sega, Gameboy, etc) to include controllers.

c. Refrigerators, microwaves, hot pots/plates, toasters, coffee makers, cooking devices, candles, matches, lighters or any device creating an open flame.

d. Electric heaters, fans, heat guns and hair clippers.

e. Stuffed animals, oversize pillows, comforters, knick knacks.

f. Bicycles, skateboards, roller skates or roller blades.

g. Wireless broadband cards.

h. Hair straighteners and curling irons.

i. Strobe, colored or black lights. Light globes (bulbs) must be white.

j. Civilian clothes (College cadets can store a set of civilian clothes in their Company Storage Room).

k. Any poster, picture or item advertising tobacco, alcohol or considered to be in poor taste.

l. Signs taken from public places.

m. Overhead or ceiling decorations.

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- n. Hand-held or power tools; nails, tacks, adhesives or putty (except white putty).
- o. Weapons/ammunition of any kind (to include but not limited to such items as throwing stars, fireworks, knives, bayonets, daggers, bows, arrows, BB/pellet guns, Air Soft guns, etc.).
- p. Rockets/rocket fuel, flammable liquids or lighters/matches.
- q. Any tobacco (smoke or smokeless), tobacco paraphernalia or alcohol products.
- r. Living or plastic plants.
- s. Electric blankets.
- t. Aerosol cans of any type to include compressed air used for computers.
- u. Pets (to include mammals, reptiles, fish or any living animals).
- v. Candles or incense.
- w. Drugs or drug paraphernalia.
- x. Outside antennas.
- y. Pornographic/vulgar material (pictures, photographs, posters, music, books, magazines or tapes). This includes material found on computers, cell phones, MP3 players or other electronic/digital devices.
- z. Energy drinks containing both GUARANA and CAFFEINE including RED BULL and **all** ENERGY DRINKS.

NOTE: Certain exceptions may apply for College cadets. Specific guidance on allowable items will be provided separately by the Commandant and/or Senior ROTC Department, if applicable. If unauthorized items are found, they will be confiscated and either destroyed without recourse for payment of same or mailed home to the parents/guardians of the cadet at the cadet's expense. In addition, a cadet may face disciplinary action if found in possession of contraband.

4. Each cadet room is furnished with the following items: room key (\$25 replacement charge if lost), a bed and innerspring mattress for each occupant, a chest of drawers, study desk or table, two chairs, desktop bookcase, closet with clothes pole for hangers and overhead storage and window shades/blinds. Replacement of hall key for the female floor is \$100.

5. Cadets need very little pocket money and are discouraged from maintaining large amounts of cash (more than \$20.00) on their person or in their rooms.

6. All food/snacks must be kept in plastic containers and must fit in a cadet's footlocker (Sanford Sellers and East Barracks) or wall locker (Tillotson Barracks). Paper bags and/or boxes are unacceptable as containers. This applies to all cadets except Recruits at Training (RATs). RATs

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cannot have any food in their rooms until they earn their hat brass. Food/snacks found improperly stored will be confiscated and thrown away.

7. Over the Counter (OTC) supplements are authorized. High school cadets need written parental/guardian authorization. The written authorization must contain the brand name/type of the supplement(s) being taken and dosage, if appropriate.

8. Various clubs, sports and activities may require cadets to purchase additional equipment, uniforms or accessories.

9. All items brought to WMA are required to be marked with the cadet's Laundry Number (issued at matriculation) or SSN. While in uniform cadets are authorized to wear a watch, one ring and a medical bracelet. Questions about this policy should be addressed to the Commandant's Office.

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