

## Summer Training at USMA- Parent's Guide

**CBT CFT CLDT SGR CTLT  
MIAD AIAD PIAD STAP**

- Every Spring parents start hearing acronyms regarding summer training at USMA
- It can be confusing, but there is defined approach to USMA's training programs which can help parent's understand what to expect
- Summer training also can create schedule & travel complexities (But they work out)
- This brief was compiled from multiple public sources including USMA website, Publications like "Pointer View", as well as TAC Briefings, and Cadet input
- While it was considered accurate when drafted, please recognize that USMA can and will change requirements, priorities, etc. So consider this information as an informal overview, but recognize that specifics can change.



# Summer Training Flow & Requirements

Candidate

Rising Yearling

Rising Cow

Rising Firstie

## • Cadet Basic Training aka Beast (Mandatory)

- Mix of Garrison & Field training
- Field training mostly at Camp Buckner

## • Cadet Field Training (Mandatory)

- Field training at Camp Buckner
- Regular Army type training similar to late phase of Army Basic
- Exposure to Infantry, Artillery, Aviation, etc.

## • Focus: Complete 1- 2 Grad requirements

## • Focus: Complete remaining Grad requirements

## • IAD (Priority)

- Select from:
- MIAD's
- AIAD's typically associated with major
- PIAD's

**Required:**  
Leadership Detail  
Cadet Leader Development Training (CLDT)  
Cadet Troop Leadership Training (CTLT)

Any earlier requirements missed:

- CBT, CFT, at least one IAD

**Optional:**  
Additional AIAD or MIAD  
Competitive MIAD's:

- Sapper
- Pathfinder
- Royal Military Academy Sandhurst
- Combat Diver Q course (CDQC)
- Special Forces Assessment & Selection (SFAS)
- Foreign Military Program

## Scheduling

### Priorities:

- STAP (Req'd)
- Team PIAD's
- Leadership Detail
- CLDT
- CTLT
- IAD / AIAD / Individual PIAD
- STAP (Voluntary)

Summer Term Academic Program (STAP) As needed / desired

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Program		Description
<b>CBT</b>	<b>Cadet Basic Training *</b>	AKA Beast. Initial training for cadet candidates. Detail 1 is largely garrison duty. Detail 2 is largely field training at Camp Buckner ending in "March-back"
<b>CFT</b>	<b>Cadet Field Training *</b>	Regular Army type field training held at Camp Buckner. Similar to 2 <sup>nd</sup> half of Army Basic training with field infantry exercises as well as exposure to Artillery & Aviation. For 2014 it appears the OPFOR MIAD is called CFT-A, and will satisfy the traditional CFT requirement.
<b>CLIT</b>	<b>Cadet Troop Leadership Training *</b>	Assignment to Army field unit for 3-4 wks. Shadows a 1 <sup>st</sup> or 2 <sup>nd</sup> LT, or in some cases may act as LT under direction of Company Commander. 10-15 locations worldwide
<b>CLDT</b>	<b>Cadet Leader Development Training *</b>	Three week program taught by regular Army cadre & contractors to better prepare cadets for the leadership challenges they will face in the real world. Past years have been focused on tactics & scenarios relevant to Iraq/A'stan. Primarily focused on rising Firsties, and may be waived for cadets with similar exposure (OPFOR, etc.) About 20-25% will be rising cows, typically with strong military rank.
	<b>Leadership Detail *</b>	Cadet serves as Cadet SGT or higher summer training cadre (CBI, CFT, CLDT, SGR, & SLE)
<b>AIAD</b>	<b>Academic Individual Advanced Development</b>	Enrichment focused program associated with a major or department. Held away from USMA and many are overseas. Must apply through sponsoring dept, and many slots are offered directly from Professors to cadets.
<b>MIAD</b>	<b>Military Individual Advanced Development</b>	Military focused training at USMA and other Army locations. OPFOR, Air Assault, Airborne, etc. are open to rising Yuks. A small number of slots for competitive MIAD's like SAPPER, SERE, SFAS, CDQC, Royal Academy Sandhurst are available for rising Cows & Firsties to compete for. Tryouts are typically in the Fall.
<b>PIAD</b>	<b>Physical Individual Advance Development</b>	Summer training focused on Corps Squad athletes. Often mandatory for team sports
<b>SGR</b>	<b>Summer Garrison Regiment</b>	Cadets who fail to complete their summer assignment (MIAD, etc.) return to USMA to perform work details and physical training. SGR is also a leadership detail.
<b>STAP</b>	<b>Summer Term Academic Program</b>	May be required for cadets having academic difficulty to stay on track for graduation. Can be done voluntarily to enable double majors, etc.

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# Summer Training Notes

## Cadets are responsible for driving their training plans:

- Work with TAC-NCO to plan and apply
- Followup & address if off track
- Apply by deadlines
  - Normally express 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> preference, etc.
  - May also express location preference (CTLT)
- Cadet performance has very large impact on assignment
  - TAC-NCO's heavily influence assignments
  - Rank (and specifically, Military Ranking) typically drive selection for hard to get assignments

## Any of the following normally will limit training to USMA STAP/SGR:

- Pending Misconduct / Honor investigation
- Failed Spring APFT
- AWCp
- Brigade board or higher

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## MIAD's have many gates & rules:

- Priority for non-competitive MIAD's is given to rising Yuks and Firsties missing an IAD
- One IAD must be completed successfully before trying out for competitive MIAD's
- Regular MIAD's have limited sessions available for upper-class cadets:
  - Typically last 1-2 ABN sessions, 1 AASLT, etc.

## Key Summer Leader Track:

- Cadets desiring key academic year leadership slots have to start early
- Work with TAC-NCO starting fall of Yuk year as there are many gates

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# Travel & Planning

## USMA is the Cadet's duty station:

- In general, travel to summer events starts/returns from USMA
- USMA handles any travel from West Point to the event and back
- Cadets are responsible for travel to & from leave locations
- Exceptions do appear to be made for things like CTIT.
- If no Trainup / readiness checks required like there would be for a MIAD
- If Individual travel rather than a group
- If reduces Army expense. Ex: Cadet on leave in Texas may be able to travel direct to CTIT in Texas
- Appears to be case by case basis and can change from year to year
- Cadet will need to obtain approval & coordinate

## Prepare to be flexible:

- Summer training plans & dates are not finalized until well into Spring semester
- They can also change due to injury, academics, or even needs of the Army.
- There will typically not be as much lead time for travel scheduling, but it's offset by non-peak travel periods. Flights are easier to get, etc.

## Schedules:

- Cadets have access to planning and final summer schedules
- Most events have cadet briefings which cover exact dates, requirements, etc
- IAC NCO & Travel office can also help cadets with date conflicts, Q&A, etc

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