**South West Area Sea Cadets**

**SUMMER CAMP**

July 2018

Dear Cadet (and Parent/Guardian),

I would like to welcome you to South West Area’s Summer Camp which is being held at HMS Raleigh, Torpoint, Cornwall, PL11 2PD from Friday, 27th July to Friday, 3rd August 2018.

Your unit will have received and passed onto you already a Kit List and your personal travel arrangements. This letter is just to give you a little information about the camp and some important information for you to share with your parent/guardian.

Behind the scenes for nearly a year, adult instructors have been planning a balanced variety of activities, designed to give you challenge and enormous fun. During the week you will be taking part in:

* Raft Building
* Orienteering
* On Camp Activity
* Visit to Looe
* Climbing
* Visit to the Barbican
* Boating
* Flambards Theme Park
* It’s a Knockout!

On arrival at HMS Raleigh you will be informed of your division and will be meeting your divisional officer and divisional staff. You will need your T1 card, money and any medication you may have in your ‘hand luggage,’ you will be required to hand in your T1 Card, medication and ‘bank’ your money on arrival.

Why do we insist that you bank your money? To keep it safe – safe from temptation to spend it all at once and safe from loss or theft. You will have opportunity daily to go the bank to take money out, if you are going to the theme park or Looe/Barbican you may wish to take a greater amount than if you are just buying from standeasy. We recommend that you do not bring any more than £35 pocket money.

You will be allocated a bed in a dormitory. Ladies, you will be accommodated in Conqueror Block; Gents, you will be accommodated in Rowallen Block. Accommodation staff will be with you at all times whilst you are in your accommodation, so if you have a problem, they are there day and night.

You may wish to bring a mobile phone with you, don’t forget the charger! Phones are handed to divisional staff and locked away overnight and during the activities; you will be reunited with your phone after dinner every evening. It is advisable to not bring any other expensive, precious or sentimental items, as we cannot be held responsible for them and there will be upset if anything gets lost or broken.

In addition to your divisional staff, whom you are going to get to know very well and who have been chosen for their friendliness, energy and great sense of humour, there are other adult instructors who you will meet and enable you to have a fantastic week.

Lt Cdr Styles He’s the BOSS! He is in charge of everyone for the week. Making sure that all cadets and adults are safe and having fun. He is loud and noisy and if there is a water fight, he will have the biggest bucket, but don’t forget to call him Sir!

S/Lt Ward That’s me! I am responsible for ensuring that all is well with everyone and that everyone is where they should be. I’m the quiet one, I like fun and really enjoy the on camp activities, so watch out I’ll be there enjoying them alongside you. I’m very proud that I can do the Floss!

Activity Staff They are the staff that will be running each activity; they will provide you and your divisional staff with all the information you need to have fun. Listen carefully!

Welfare Officers Chaplain Grey and Lt Cdr Fulcher are the most loveliest people ever. Their job this week is to ensure that all cadets and staff are ‘ok’. If something is worrying you, feeling a bit lonely, homesick or just want someone to talk to, these are your guys. Tea, squash, biscuits, kindness and a listening ear will always make you feel better.

First Aiders What it says on the tin! Not feeling well, hurt yourself? During divisional activities, one of your divisional staff will be the nominated first aider. At other times or if further advice is required, we have a dedicated team supporting day and night.

Logistics Officers These people are going to get you where you need to go. Make sure you leave coaches and minibuses tidy and take all your belongings with you at the end of the day.

Camp Support Not only do Camp Support Staff do all the paperwork to support the camp and make my life easier, you will get to meet them daily – at the ‘bank’ and at Standeasy. Don’t forget ‘please and thank you.’

Cadets Your job is to make new friends, learn new skills, challenge yourself and above all have FUN!

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS**

Arrivals to Summer Camp from 1500 on Friday, 27th July 2018, departing 0800 Friday, 3rd August 2018.

Camp address:

SCTC Raleigh

HMS Raleigh

Torpoint

Cornwall

PL11 2PD

If you have an emergency or concerned about your child, you can contact the Commanding Officer or the Executive Officer on the numbers below:

Commanding Officer, Lt Cdr Marc Styles - 07779 290449

Executive Officer, S/Lt Ally Ward - 07900 892273

General queries can be sent by email to:

Lt Cdr Styles atosouthwest@gmail.com

S/Lt Ward datosouthwest@gmail.com

If you fancy a bit of Facebook Stalking, seeing what we are getting up to, follow us on “South West Area Summer Camp 2018”, we will post daily from all activities.

**Back to Cadets**

I am looking forward to meeting and getting to know you at Summer Camp. Don’t forget if you have any questions, queries or want someone to talk to, both myself and Lt Cdr Styles are available throughout Summer Camp, we are both very approachable and our aim is to ensure that everyone has fun.

Kind regards

S/Lt Ally Ward