



TEAM SPRUANCE PARENTS COMMITTEE

October 8, 2011

The meeting was opened by Lynn Drucker, President of the Parent's Committee. Officers were nominated on the floor and voted in unanimously as follows:

President: Lynn Drucker

Vice Pres, Fundraising: Mary Ingels

Vice Pres, Building Maintenance: Bruce Barr

Secretary: Thresa McFarland

Boating Crew: Tony Powell

Daniel Shaw

John Serko

From the Instructors:

Drills typically run from 8:30a to 1:00p. When we have beach PT ending with lunch at Bahia Cabana, pick up is at 12:00p. It is important to pick your cadets up in a timely manner. Our staff members are volunteers and have had to stay for several hours over the past few drills waiting for parents. Please respect our great staff and be responsible in picking up your cadet. If you are going to be late, call a staff member to let them know. We are working on a database with parent and cadet information for carpool and emergency information.

October 15 will be a changing of the colors from the old USS Spruance to the newly commissioned USS Spruace, DDG-111.

The new USS Spruance was commissioned on October 1st in Key West. A huge thank you goes out to Instructors Rose and Wallace for their fantastic performance in making it a memorable experience for our cadets.

New cadets are currently learning basic military bearing and training basics and how to march.

Fort Lauderdale Navy League

The Navy League is the parent organization for the Sea Cadet Corps. We encourage all cadet parents to join and support the Fort Lauderdale Navy League

PT

All cadets need to wear the official PT t-shirt and shorts. The unit recently purchased several cases of Navy shorts and will be selling them for \$10 each. Cadets should be doing PT and calisthenics during the week, not just during drills. Practice with your cadet and get in shape yourself in the process.

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Winter Training

Information for winter trainings has been coming in slowly. The entire list should be posted by late October. Please check requirements for ages and ranks. Some trainings will go into the school year. Those that do will provide excuse letters for the school. Please see Instructor Wallace for training forms. Immunizations must be up to date.

ID Cards

Cadets are required to have their current ID cards on them at all drills and trainings. Please check expiration dates. A \$53 money order is required annually for a current ID. This is sent to national headquarters and needs to be turned in PRIOR to the date of expiration in order to have it go through the process. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE!!!

Building Maintenance

We need people who can help out with maintaining the building, grounds and boats. Plumbers, electricians and carpenters are needed. There is a lot to be done and the more people involved the easier it will be for all involved.

Navy Seal Muster

The Navy Seal Muster in Fort Pierce is coming up. Cadets will get to experience gear and artillery while meeting seal, astronauts and others. We will be taking a bus up and sign-up sheets will be available in the next few weeks.

Responsibility

Cadets need to be responsible for knowing where their drill is and what uniform is required for that day. Allow them to learn that responsibility. If a cadet will miss a drill, there is an absentee form online. The cadet is responsible for completing and submitting that form, not the parent. Also on our website is cadet status. Cadets can look at where they are at in comparison to others and what they need to do to get to the next level. This is posted in hopes to encourage healthy competitiveness and motivation. Also on the site is the ribbon request form. Again, the cadet should complete and submit the necessary information. This form may also be used for rank request.

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Fundraising

We are non-profit. That means we need your help in financially supporting our unit so that we can continue to provide this program. We have several sponsors and it is important for us to support them. We have several in progress fundraising events:

- Holiday Photos – Photography performed by our own talented Instructor Wallace. She is donating all profits to the Sea Cadets.
- Calendars – Will be available soon for 2012. These calendars showcase our cadets from events during 2011. These calendars make great stocking stuffers.
- Cruise Books – Last year was our first annual cruise book and it turned out fantastic! We still have a few for sale if you didn't get yours. This year we hope to have all of our families in the book.
- There will be a 'Christmas Shopping Day' tentatively 12/3 showcasing several vendors who will be donating a portion of their profits back to the unit. If you are a vendor or know a vendor who would like to participate, please contact Mary Engels at mjordan1108@yahoo.com.
- 1st Annual 5K Pursuit of Honor, Courage and Commitment, Honoring our Military, April 29, 2012
During Fleet Week 2012, we will be sponsoring a 5K race benefitting our Sea Cadets in partnership with Broward's Navy Days. We are looking for cash and 'in kind' donations. This race will be open to the community. Active military will not pay for entry. Entry for cadets will be \$15, parents and public will be \$25. We would like to see 100% cadet participation as well as at least one parent per cadet participating. We will start having parent training in preparation of the race. Money raised from this event will be used to provide college scholarships to 2 graduating cadets as well as travelling scholarships for cadet trainings. If you want to participate on the committee for this race, please email Mary Engels at mjordan1108@yahoo.com.

These minutes submitted for approval by Thresa McFarland. If any additions or corrections are needed, please email me at 3mcfarland@gmail.com.

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