

ACADEMY FAMILY TRAVEL

Class of 2030 Plebe Parents' Weekend

A detailed family itinerary for August 5-10, 2026

OFFICIAL WEEKEND	Thursday, August 6 - Sunday, August 9
FIRST REUNION	Friday, August 7 at 12:15 p.m.
FULL-STAY PATTERN	Wednesday, August 5 - Monday, August 10
SCHEDULE STATUS	USNA schedule updated July 13, 2026

HOW TO USE THIS DRAFT	Customize the hotel, flights, dining, and family names. Keep optional activities subordinate to the current USNA schedule and your plebe's need for rest. Reconfirm liberty and return instructions each day.
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Live Academy Family Travel guide Current hotel timing, schedule guidance, and family-planning details.
See last-minute PPW hotel options Review the live Fora Bookable Quote for current options. Availability, room types, prices, taxes, benefits, deposits, and cancellation terms can change until a reservation is confirmed.
Request guidance through Fora Share dates, travelers, room needs, and budget through the secure trip inquiry.

BEFORE THE TRIP

Confirm the plan after I-Day

Use one family decision-maker and one shared itinerary. Keep payment data out of shared documents.

Recommended booking sequence

TIME	OFFICIAL EVENT / FAMILY PLAN	AGENDA TIP
Appointment accepted	Hold cancellable lodging for August 5-10.	Record deposit, minimum stay, and cancellation deadline.
Through June 25	Treat hotel, flights, rental car, and extra rooms as tentative.	Avoid nonrefundable plans tied to liberty.
After I-Day	Confirm travelers, rooms, air, and ground transportation.	Release duplicate rooms before penalties.
2-3 weeks before	Recheck USNA schedule, access, dining, and arrivals.	Keep one meal and one afternoon open.
48 hours before	Check weather, flights, shuttles, and day-of notices.	Download confirmations and share the itinerary.

Family trip record

DECISION-MAKER	_____
HOTEL / CONFIRMATION	_____
PLEBE COMPANY	_____
PRIMARY MEETING POINT	_____
DRIVER / VEHICLE	_____
EMERGENCY CONTACT	_____

FORA AND ADVISOR ROLE	Academy Family Travel can research and book eligible hotels, organize the itinerary, and review price-drop alerts. Alerts do not automatically rebook. The family approves changes and supplies separately booked travel.
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ARRIVAL AND PARENT PROGRAMMING

Wednesday, August 5 - Thursday, August 6

Arrive before the formal weekend. Thursday is parent programming, not plebe liberty.

Wednesday - recommended arrival

TIME	OFFICIAL EVENT / FAMILY PLAN	AGENDA TIP
By 4:00 p.m.	Arrive, check in, or store luggage.	Confirm hotel parking and room status.
4:30-6:00 p.m.	Groceries, pharmacy, water, and simple room supplies.	Buy flexibly; ask the plebe later.
6:00-7:30 p.m.	Flexible dinner near the hotel.	Avoid a late, rigid reservation.
By 9:00 p.m.	Confirm IDs, weather, Thursday transport, and meeting points.	Charge phones and rest.

Thursday - official schedule and suggested flow

TIME	OFFICIAL EVENT / FAMILY PLAN	AGENDA TIP
7:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.	Official: Visitor Control Center open for DBIDS distribution.	Bring currently required ID.
7:00 a.m.-9:30 p.m.	Official: Stadium shuttle service listed.	Gate 1: 6:00 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Gate 8: 24/7.
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Official: USNA Museum open.	Useful after access steps are complete.
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.	Official: Yard Patrol craft and ship simulators.	Hydrate and allow walking time.
12:15-6:00 p.m.	Official: Dahlgren Hall information and exhibits.	Pick up materials before the mixer.
4:00-6:00 p.m.	Official: Plebe Parent Mixer, Fluegel Alumni Center.	301 King George St.; hosted by USNA Alumni Association and Foundation.
After 6:00 p.m.	Simple dinner and prepare for Friday.	No Thursday plebe liberty is listed.

THE FIRST REUNION

Friday, August 7

Be in place before noon. Town liberty for the Class of 2030 begins at 12:15 p.m.

TIME	OFFICIAL EVENT / FAMILY PLAN	AGENDA TIP
6:00-7:30 a.m.	Official: PEP open for parents to observe.	Optional; the day will be long.
7:45-8:10 a.m.	Official: Morning Colors at T-Court.	Arrive early and follow staff.
8:00-9:50 a.m.	Official: Academic laboratory tours.	Last tour leaves at 8:50 a.m.
10:15-11:40 a.m.	Official: Video and Welcome Aboard Parents' Forum.	Listen for weather instructions.
12:10 p.m.	Official: Noon formation.	Weather alternative: Alumni Hall.
12:15 p.m.	Official: March-out by company; town liberty begins.	Confirm company meeting process.
12:30-2:00 p.m.	Official: Bancroft Hall and room visits.	Follow company directions.
2:00-5:00 p.m.	Suggested: Lunch, hotel rest, shower, laundry, family time.	Ask before adding an activity.
5:30-7:30 p.m.	Suggested: Flexible dinner or takeout.	Keep the return simple.
By 8:45 p.m.	Suggested: Begin return-to-Yard plan.	USNA lists liberty expiration at 10:00 p.m.

NO FRIDAY TOUR

The reunion, room visit, food, rest, and family time should control Friday. Use the Viator collection for a short Saturday or Sunday option only if the plebe wants it.

PARADE AND ONE OPTIONAL PLAN

Saturday, August 8

Saturday has the longest flexible block, but the plebe decides whether an activity fits.

TIME	OFFICIAL EVENT / FAMILY PLAN	AGENDA TIP
8:00-8:15 a.m.	Official: Colors and parade formation.	Gate 3 pedestrian access listed 7:00-9:00 a.m.
8:30-9:30 a.m.	Official: Formal Parade on Worden Field.	Weather can cancel the parade.
9:30 a.m.	Official: Town liberty begins after the parade.	Plebes dismissed from Bancroft.
9:35-9:50 a.m.	Official: Drum and Bugle Corps.	Weather alternative: Mahan Hall.
10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Suggested: Brunch, hotel rest, laundry.	Do not rush into a tour.
1:30-4:00 p.m.	Optional: One short Annapolis activity.	Confirm duration, weather, and interest.
5:00-7:00 p.m.	Suggested: Dinner with a backup.	Keep the evening close.
By 8:45 p.m.	Suggested: Begin return plan.	Most expire 10:00 p.m.; Color Company listed 11:59 p.m. Verify.

Best-fit activity types

- Historic Annapolis walk: 60-90 minutes with shade and an easy exit.
- Harbor or sailing experience: 90-120 minutes with a clear weather policy.
- Private driving overview: 2-3 hours for limited-mobility relatives.
- Skip full-day trips, Washington excursions, distant meeting points, and rigid food tours.

Browse Academy Family Travel's Viator suggestions

Optional and separately booked. Live availability, pricing, operator terms, and cancellation rules control.

PROTECT THE FINAL HOURS

Sunday, August 9 - Monday, August 10

Sunday liberty ends at 6:00 p.m. A Monday departure removes airport pressure from the goodbye.

Sunday

TIME	OFFICIAL EVENT / FAMILY PLAN	AGENDA TIP
8:00 a.m.	Official: Town liberty begins.	No stadium shuttle is listed Sunday.
8:15-11:00 a.m.	Official: Multiple worship services listed.	Verify current location and time.
8:30-10:30 a.m.	Alternative: Breakfast and quiet family time.	Keep the morning flexible.
10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	Optional: One short downtown or waterfront activity.	Allow a weather backup.
1:00-3:30 p.m.	Suggested: Lunch, rest, photos, or low-key shopping.	Field House and Lejeune listed 1:00-5:00 p.m.
3:30-4:45 p.m.	Suggested: Early meal or substantial snack.	Pack before leaving.
By 5:15 p.m.	Suggested: Begin final return-to-Yard plan.	USNA lists expiration at 6:00 p.m.

Monday

TIME	OFFICIAL EVENT / FAMILY PLAN	AGENDA TIP
Morning	Hotel checkout and family departure.	Visitor Control Center is listed closed.
Before leaving	Check room and vehicle for plebe belongings.	Do not return unauthorized items.
After travel	Save receipts and note hotel and transport lessons.	Use them for future USNA trips.

SUNDAY FLIGHT WARNING

A Sunday flight can force an early goodbye or late airport arrival. If unavoidable, price the full ground-transfer plan, allow event traffic, and do not assume the 6:00 p.m. time will move.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES AND FINAL CHECKS

Add less than you think

The weekend is built around the plebe, not around filling every open hour.

Activity guardrails

- Book no more than one optional activity on Saturday or Sunday.
- Do not schedule an optional activity before the Friday reunion.
- Prefer 60-120 minutes, flexible cancellation, and a nearby meeting point.
- Confirm duration, check-in, mobility, weather policy, and transportation.
- Leave at least 60 minutes beyond ordinary travel time before return.
- Cancel or skip if the plebe wants sleep, food, laundry, or quiet.

Open the curated Viator collection
Planning aid only, not an official USNA resource. Live supplier details control.

Final 48-hour checklist

- Recheck USNA schedule, weather calls, gates, shuttles, and access.
- Confirm hotel nights, room type, parking, occupants, and checkout.
- Confirm driver, rideshare plan, airport timing, and every arrival.
- Carry current ID; complete applicable visitor steps.
- Set return buffers before each liberty expiration.
- Bring heat, rain, walking, laundry, food, and rest contingencies.

Customization record

HOTEL AND ADDRESS	_____
FRIDAY DINNER	_____
SATURDAY ACTIVITY	_____
SUNDAY PLAN	_____
RETURN ROUTE	_____

SOURCES AND RESPONSIBILITY

Verify before you travel

Military requirements, security, weather, and later USNA updates can change access, times, and liberty.

Official Class of 2030 schedule

Primary source for event times, shuttle hours, gates, and liberty.

Official USNA access guidance

Primary source for DBIDS and Yard-access instructions.

Academy Family Travel web guide

Independent hotel timing, location, and coordination guidance.

Live Plebe Parents' Weekend Bookable Quote

Review current hotel options and written booking terms. Families can self-book eligible options; Academy Family Travel remains available to compare tradeoffs and oversee the booking.

Contact Academy Family Travel through Fora

Request guidance through the secure trip inquiry.

Responsibility split

- **Fora provides:** eligible hotel booking, secure authorization, itinerary tools, commission tracking, and price-drop alerts.
- **Advisor manages:** hotel comparison, cancellation review, traveler coordination, itinerary updates, and manual alert review.
- **Family manages:** final decisions, current USNA instructions, IDs, plebe preferences, outside bookings, and timely return.
- **Another tool:** use a shared spreadsheet for multiple households; never store payment data or sensitive identifiers there.

**IMPORTANT
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