



# Arizona USAF Academy Parents Club

## Welcome Parents 2009-2010

Fall 2009



**Congratulations to Graduating Class of 2009**



2009-2010 Presidents Mark and Chris Hill with the 100 Boxes we sent to our Arizona USAFA Cadets

- Bryan Anderson
- Mark Bailie     Anthony Schelstrate
- Douglas Bates     Addison Schenk
- Brian Goth             Kyle Sellner
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- Michael Mayor         Andrew Teague
- Preston Moon     Zachery Thompson
- Kavir Patel             Matthew Williams
- Patrick Sauncy         Marisa Whitaker

**URGENT CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS:**

**NASCAR Nov 12-15**

- Need Manpower Manager
- Need Booth Manager
- Contact Mark and Chris Hill
- usafaazparentsclub@gmail.com

**2010 ALL ACADEMIES BALL**

- Need Planning Committee Members
- Contact Laurie and Bruce Johnson

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USAFA Ranked #7 in the Nation for 9

## Don't be caught hungry for Parent's Weekend

On Friday evening of the USAFA Parent's Weekend, finding a place to eat with your cadet can be....

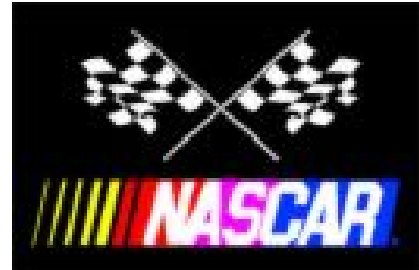
- A. Daunting
- B. Difficult
- C. Dramatic
- D. Delightful

If your answer is "D" then obviously you already have your reservations in for Arizona Parent's Club night at Extreme Pizza.

The AZ Parent's Club will host a dinner buffet on Friday evening, Sept. 4th at 6:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at Extreme Pizza on Academy Drive. This is a "drop-by" social event to provide an evening meal, rest and chat, for all AZ Parent's and their families. Tickets will be required and can be obtained by **filling out the form on page 3** and returning it with your check by Friday, August 28th. Avoid the crowds at the restaurants by making a reservation now.

**FIRST SEMESTER EVENTS**

- Aug 25-1st Cookie Packing
- Sept 4-7 Parent's Weekend
- Sept 4 Extreme Pizza at USAFA
- Sept 5 USAFA vs. Nicholls State-Go Falcons!
- Nov 6-7 Tequila Cup-Marana-USAFA Aerobatic Team
- Nov 12-15 NASCAR
- Nov 24-29 Thanksgiving break
- Dec 5-2nd Cookie Packing
- Dec 12-17 Finals
- Dec 17-Jan 3 Winter break
- Dec 26-All Academies Holiday Ball



By Melissa Teague

Phoenix International Raceway, near Avondale, hosts two NASCAR races a year, one over Veteran's Day Weekend, and another in April. In Nov, 2006, our club was given the opportunity to raise funds by running a concession stand at the NASCAR races. We invited the Arizona West Point Parents Club to join us in the venture, and since Nov 2006, we have earned over \$50,000 for our clubs. We're paid 10% of our sales, plus 100% of our tips. Tips are substantial as NASCAR fans love the military!

What happens to all that money? A cookie packing costs the club over \$900 in postage alone, 4 packings a year equals \$3600. Your cadet can attend the All Academy Holiday Ball for free, courtesy of the club. We host the Doolie Dinner, donate to the Rando Fund, give graduation gifts to our Firsties, and fund many more worthwhile projects. The largest expense however, is saving up for when we will host the 2010 All Academy Holiday Ball. Over 500 people, including cadets, dates, parents, grandparents, and siblings attend the ball, and we want to be able to make it a special night for them.

It takes a lot of people to run a concession stand at NASCAR. The more people we have, the smoother the stand runs, and the faster we can serve customers, the more money we make. Anyone age 16 or over can work in the stand, so your family, friends, and neighbors are welcome to join us! We need people who can cook, slap burgers and hotdogs onto buns, sling nacho cheese, wash dishes, pour coffee, bake pretzels, make change, haul bags of ice, dig for beer in freezing tubs of ice water, and mop up ice water. Most importantly, we need people who like to have fun while they work!

Believe it or not, working at NASCAR is fun! You don't have to be a fan to have fun, the fun comes from working with the family and friends of cadets. As you work, you are getting to talk with people who understand the joys and fears of having a cadet. You'll be working, talking, and laughing, and before you know it, you've made some lifelong friends. (If you are a NASCAR fan, you'll be happy to know that our stand is up in the Bobby Allison Grandstand, so when we aren't busy, you can go watch the race!)

Sometime in October, you'll start receiving emails with more information, and you'll be asked to consider volunteering for the November race, which will be November 12-15. We will also need a few people to help prepare the booth on Nov 11. Mark your calendars now, and we'll see you at the races!!



**YOU ARE INVITED TO**  
**Parent's Weekend**  
**Extreme Pizza Family Dinner**  
**R.S.V.P. and Payment Required**



The USAFA AZ Parent's Club invites you to enjoy  
 a buffet dinner with pizza, salad, drinks and dessert

Friday Evening, September 4th  
 from 6:30 pm until 9:00pm

**EXTREME PIZZA**

**7340 N. Academy Blvd, Colorado Springs, Co.**

NAME:: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

# OF ADULTS ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$12.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

# OF CADETS/CHILDREN UNDER 10 \_\_\_\_\_ X \$ 6.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED = \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND YOUR CHECK BY FRIDAY, AUG 28 TO:

Please make check out to :USAFA AZ Parent's Club

**Laurie and Bruce Johnson**

**4838 E. Surrey Ave.**

**Scottsdale, Az 85254**

Questions? Call 602-923-4299



## Class of 2009 “Our Time”

Our 2nd Lt, **ANDREW TEAGUE** along with some buddies, spent his 60 days leave touring the southwest United States by motorcycle. He also spent time with our family, and did his best to eat us out of house and home. He is stationed in Columbus, MS, but left there this week to attend ground school in Pueblo. He will begin pilot training in October. He and some roommates are renting a house in Columbus, and I've received several phone calls that begin with, "**Mom, how do you cook...?**".



Darren Montes (on left) attending his brother's pilot training graduation

### VISITOR CENTER HOURS FOR PARENTS WEEKEND

Sept 4 and 5 - 8:00 am until 6:00 pm

Sept 6 and 7—9:00 am until 5:00 pm

### FALCON SPORTS SHOP HOURS

Sept 4th—8:00am until 6:00 pm

## Class of 2010 “Strength within”

**DARREN MONTES** spent the last weeks of the spring semester and the first summer session in the cadet summer research program working with and running computational simulations at NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston.

During second session he was an EMT for Basic Cadet Training and during the third session he took an academic course to clear his schedule for other classes this year.

**TONY HILL's** summer was low key by Academy standards, he took an Academic class, and because of some mix ups was pulled off of ops at Philmont Scout Ranch to help with in processing.

Not the stuff of Academy Greatness, but he had a good time as his younger brother Josh spent 5 weeks up there, and with Tony's duties he was able to get away every afternoon to hike with his brother, and later his sister joined them for a week. A great summer of sibling bliss!

Tony hiked all the 14,000 foot mountains he could get to in Central and Northern Colorado with his friends and brother, Josh. Most of the

time he'd drive to them, and hike them in one day! He also went on numerous other quick hikes that he could do in 6 hours or less. Most of the time he'd run, not walk, up and down, too! He is starting the school year out in great shape!

**AXEL HORREL** spent five weeks on the Cadet Summer Research Program working with the Boeing Company in St. Louis, Mo. He worked with the stability and control team of engineers. He personally validated aerodynamic data on the AV-8B using computer software simulating hundreds of conditions. He also witnessed the full production line of the F-15 and F-18 as well as observed a F-15E test flight.

Alex returned to school as the Wing Standardization and Evaluations Officer for three weeks working with the Cadet Wing Commander and Permanent Party officers.

Then, leave for three weeks playing golf and enjoying time with friends and family. Spent one week in San Diego and went to Disneyland and California Adventures for free all day because of their military appreciation.



## Class of 2011 “Endless horizons”

**David Sproul** spent the first month of his summer in Brazil working on improving his Portuguese language skills. Then he spent three weeks teaching younger cadets how to evade capture and then his last three weeks getting his check ride to be an Instructor Pilot in USAFA's glider program. He never did come home, the stinker!

**Justin Lennon** was selected to the aerobatic team, so he and 11 other members of the team spent a week in Roswell, New Mexico training for this fall's upcoming meets. They compete against other collegiate teams in doing tricks in a glider.

Their team will be in Marana, Arizona just outside of Tucson Friday and Saturday Nov 6 & 7 for the Tequila Cup.

It would be great if members of the USAFA Az Parents Club go and support the team.



Justin Lennon doing some aerobic training with his team.



### WE NEED YOUR HELP!

In December 2010 the USAFA Arizona Parents Club will host the annual Holiday All Academies Ball. It is a wonderful opportunity to honor not only our own cadets but all the young people from the Grand Canyon State who are enrolled at one of the five Service Academies. We hope to make next year's ball the best ever.

We are looking now for club members who would like to help plan this event. If you are interested in being part of the planning team, please contact club Vice Presidents Bruce and Laurie Johnson via email saying “Count me in!” We will coordinate our first meeting after parents' weekend.  
[Bruce@scottsdalechurch.com](mailto:Bruce@scottsdalechurch.com)

## THANKSGIVING BREAK

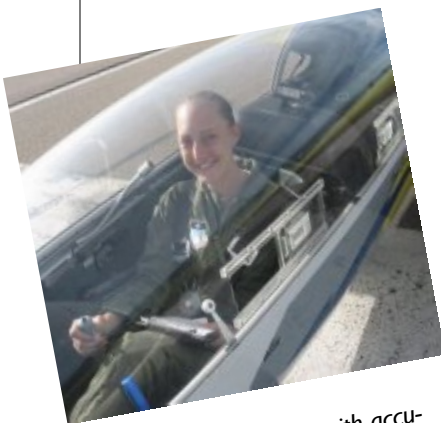
Thanksgiving Break begins after LMD on 24 November. Cadets should plan their flight departures no earlier than 2:30 pm from Colorado Springs and 3:30 pm from Denver. For planning purposes on the return (Monday, 30 Nov, 7:00pm), if arriving in Denver, they need to arrive NLT 1530... and if in COS, they need to arrive NLT 1630. This allows for adequate transit time in the event we experience inclement weather in the local area.

## WINTER BREAK

Winter break begins 18 Dec but the cadets are allowed to leave after their last final. Finals take place on 12, 14, 15, 16 and 17 Dec and your cadet will not know his finals schedule until Sep or early Oct. If you absolutely need to make reservations now you should make them for the 18th, though. (Keep in mind the last final could be on any of those dates and your cadet could "possibly" leave earlier than the 18th.) Cadets must sign back in by 7:00 pm on Sunday, 3 Jan. Again, for planning purposes on the return (3 Jan, 7:00pm), if arriving in Denver, they need to arrive NLT 1530... and if in COS, they need to arrive NLT 1630. This allows for adequate transit time in the event we experience inclement weather in the local area.



## Class of 2012 “Never falter, never fail”



Shelly Johnson flies her glider with accuracy, determination, and confidence.

**SHAUNA CASEY** spent a couple of days at Luke Air Force Base. The first was preparing for her F-16 flight, the second was the actual flight. She went on a training mission and was with the instructor during a dog fight. She did not pass out or get sick! :) She also did a Power-Point presentation with her Civil Air Patrol squadron. Shauna was able to meet with her Congressman Harry Mitchell while home. He is very proud of his first round of appointees!

**JIM WALMSLEY** runs. He likes to run distance. This summer he gave up his parachuting slot and part of his summer leave to train and participate in the U.S. Jr Nationals Track Meet in Eugene, Oregon. He raced the 5000k and represented the USAFA quite proudly. We are happy to report that he placed 6th out of a field of 25 top runners from around the country ages 17-19 year old. He said the coolest thing was that Lopez Lomong (he carried the flag for the US Olympic team) wished him good luck from across the stadium before his race and that made him feel really special because people were looking to see who Lopez was talking to.

**BENJAMIN COX** had Global Engagement including 2 trips to the tear gas tent...one was voluntary! Jump School where he earned his wings was pretty cool since his first jump included 2 back flips (not on purpose). Then he had Combat Survival Training where he really enjoyed being interrogated and having 3 girls in his element (the only 3 girls) who were unable or unwilling to carry their own ruck sacks so guess who helped them out? All in all it was a great summer.

**SHELLY JOHNSON** survived CST and GE. But the highlight came when she soloed in a glider and qualified for the upgrade to become an instructor pilot.

**MISTER JACKSON** did Parachute Jumping. He earned his wings. Mister told me that he was rated the number two best jumper. During jump school Mister was invited to be on the jump team. I'm happy to say that for this year he decided to stay on the Fencing team. Mister also did Survivor Training. He told me that he ate insects. I asked why and he told me that he did it so that he could say that he did. When my son came home, he was no longer the kid that went to Basic. Mister came home a young man. He taught Karate classes with another second degree black belt which is one of his long time friends. Mister also spanked the people that taught him how to fence. His fencing friends were amazed at how much the academy had taught him. He studied a foreign language every day. Mister spent time with his friends all over the valley. He put about a gazillion miles on his vehicle. Mister even found a little time to play a few games of Chess with his dad. On top of everything he found time to get a lot sleep.

**IAN CAMPBELL** from Tucson, AZ spent part of his summer break in Pennsylvania and Washington D.C. His father, Colonel Ken Campbell, graduated from the Army War College in Carlisle Barracks, PA in July. Ian is very fortunate to have his father as such a great example of persistence and raw grit when it comes to sticking to something once started. Ian's father managed to finish the grueling two year course in three years due to a deployment to Iraq and after being diagnosed with leukemia five months before graduation. With the intense pain and fatigue that comes with the disease, Col. Campbell, with God's help and the assistance of a great friend, was able to finish his masters thesis the day before beginning chemotherapy. He always said that if he had to crawl across the stage to accept his diploma he would do just that. As Ian struggled through basic and his freshman year, he had his father's show him how to tackle something example before him how to tackle something difficult with dedication and commitment. Now that Ian has begun his sophomore year at the Academy with a very rigorous academic schedule, he knows that all he has to do is get down on his knees and also remember his summer break in Pennsylvania.



Jim Walmsley with Lopez Lomong at the US Jr National Track meet at Eugene, Oregon



AND FINALLY...2 Cadets found time to go on a cruise with friends ...Brandin Bear pictured above in the blue shirt and C2C Patton Updike (Ginger) both USAFA pole vaulters.

This summer **BRANDIN BEAR** had leave first session. After being home for a few days he went on a 5 day cruise with Patton Updike (Ginger) and some friends. Then he was home for several days before heading to California with high school friends to visit their buddy who's serving in the Navy. Then he was home until it was time to go back to USAFA for Soaring and Global Engagement. We really enjoyed having him home. Brandin really enjoyed Soaring. Third session was Law II. Brandin elected summer school. He had fun during third session. He said it was fun like a regu-

## 2009-2010 Executive Board

*Presidents: Mark & Chris Hill*

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### WEEKENDS (SILVER-training weekends & BLUE-free)

#### August

8-9: BLUE Weekend

15-16: BLUE Weekend

21-22: SILVER Fri & Sat

29-30: BLUE Weekend (Mandatory AFOQT for Class of 2011 8am-12noon)

#### September

4-6: PARENT'S WEEKEND (Mandatory Football vs Nicholls game)

7-NO CLASSES

11-12: SILVER Fri & Sat

19-20: BLUE Weekend

26: SILVER (Mandatory Football vs San Diego State)

#### October:

2-NO CLASSES

3-4: BLUE

9-Mandatory Autumn Ball for 3rd Class—all classes welcome

10: SILVER Sat (Mandatory Football vs TCU)

12-NO CLASSES

16-COMMANDANT'S TRAINING DAY NO CLASSES

17-SILVER Sat (Mandatory Football vs Wyoming)

23-26: BLUE Weekend

30-Nov 2: BLUE Weekend

#### November:

6-7: SILVER Fri & Sat (Mandatory Football vs Army)

13-14: SILVER Fri & Sat (Mandatory Football vs UNLV)

22-24: SILVER COMMANDANT'S CHALLENGE

24-30: THANKSGIVING LEAVE

#### December:

5-6: PURPLE DEAN'S WEEKEND

11- STUDY DAY

12-17 FINALS

18-JAN 10 WINTER LEAVE





## Class of 2013 “Best to be Seen...”

Excerpts from Incredible Talent, Potential and diversity by Tammie Adams.

The Air Force Academy Class of 2013 gas completed BCT. Shortly after in-processing earlier this summer, they began chanting, “2013 Best to be Seen...big, bad and mean,” while marching and transitioning from activities; following a tradition to choose a class-

specific motivational motto. And in many ways, at least to date, they are the best class the Academy has seen. “We appoint the best and the brightest young people, not only from across the nation, but also from around the world,” said Col. Chevalier Cleaves, Air Force academy director of admissions. “Once a new class arrives, our focus is

on maximizing their potential while helping them develop into officers of character motivated to lead the US Air Force in service to our nation.” Before this new class entered, USAFA Admissions knew they would be extremely competitive statistically because of their outstanding GPAs, standardized test scores, as well as their exceptional character and



Doolie Dinner 2009  
picture by Walter Howard

**New Cadets: 1,376**  
**Men: 1,097**  
**Women: 279**  
**Average HS GPA: 3.86**  
**HS Class President or VP: 15%**  
**HS Honors Students: 65%**  
**International Cadets: 11**  
 (Trinidad & Tobago, Peru, Colombia, Taiwan, Thailand, Lithuania, Ghana, Slovenia, Philippines, Poland and Serbia)

### “Big, Bad, and Mean...”

Leadership composites. According to data compiled by the Air Force Academy Plans and Programs, the Class of 2013 has the highest average SAT composite and tied for the highest average ACT composite in USAFA history. Their average weighted high

school GPA was 3.86 and 76 percent of them were in the top fifth of their graduating high school class. In addition to record academic scores, their character and leadership indices were both the highest on record since Admissions began using the current holistic

review process. Finally, the pool of applicants was larger than it had been in the past 5 years realizing an 11 percent increase over the previous year, while the number of qualified candidates also experienced the highest one year increase on record.

## Welcome, Doolie class of 2013

Amanda Rodriguez  
 Andrew Kacura-Miller  
 Anthony Chiaro  
 Austin Briehl  
 Bernard Cox-Ferreras  
 Brandon Hirneise  
 Casey Hancock

Chad Harvey  
 Cory Furches  
 Danny Compton  
 Huston Matheus  
 Julia Grose  
 Julian Stark  
 Kendrick Thiede

Kimberly Twohig  
 Kristina Whiteman  
 Melany Means  
 Nathan Jones  
 Nicholas Muncy  
 Paul Kim  
 Quinn Van Drew



Doolie Dinner 2009  
picture by Walter Howard



**Go Falcons!**

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**USAFA ARIZONA PARENTS  
CLUB  
2009-2010**



**August 27th, 2009  
Cookie Packing at the Mueller's home**

## **Forbes Ranks Academy 7th Best College in the Nation**

U.S. Air Force Academy, Co  
As cadets begin their fall semester, they do so the #7 undergraduate institution in the nation, according to Forbes. The rankings are compiled by Forbes and the Center for College Affordability and Productivity which evaluated 600 undergrad colleges. The rankings are based on a several weighted factors which are: student evaluations, alumni listed in Who's Who in America, amount of student debt at graduation, percentage of students and instructors who receive nationally competitive awards (Rhodes Scholarships or Nobel Prizes), and the percentage of students who graduate in

four years. These rankings put service academies in the same tier as Ivy League colleges. The Air Force Academy placed at #16 in 2008, moving up to #7 this year, while the U.S. Naval Academy moved from #36 to #30 over the same period. The U.S. Military Academy was ranked #1 in the nation, after placing sixth in 2009. According to Forbes, the move illustrates strong performances on the part of all the service academies.

Forbes also ranked the Air Force Academy as the #4 on its list of America's Best college Buys. The follow the Princeton Review's recent best colleges rankings, which put the Academy as #4 in professor availability.

## **US NEWS & WORLD REPORT: AIR FORCE ACADEMY BEST IN WEST**

### **U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. –**

The U.S. Air Force Academy was named the best baccalaureate college in the west for the third year in a row, and received high rankings in engineering in the *U.S. News & World Report's* America's Best Colleges 2010 rankings.

U.S. News evaluated universities which offer only undergraduate degrees, and ranked the colleges in four geographic regions: west, north, midwest and south.

In the west region, the Academy was the #1 best baccalaureate college. This region includes Texas, Oklahoma, and every state directly north, south and west of Colorado, including Alaska and Hawaii.

The ranking was based on a wide range of criteria, including student-faculty ratio, percentage of full time faculty, acceptance rate, class size and freshman retention rates.