

# Overview

## Welcome

The midshipmen, officers, faculty and staff of the United States Naval Academy eagerly anticipate your visit to the Yard. We believe that Parents' Weekend will offer you an exceptional opportunity to visit with your midshipman in the historic surroundings of the Academy and the town of Annapolis and to expand your knowledge of the traditions, academic life and unique atmosphere of the Naval Academy.

## Weekend Events

The schedule of events planned during the weekend will make your visit both enjoyable and informative. The academic facilities of the Naval Academy will be on display throughout the weekend. We hope you will find some time to visit these state-of-the-art facilities and meet with the talented and dedicated men and women who make the Academy an unparalleled undergraduate institution. You will not want to miss the many special events we have planned including lunch in King Hall, a full dress parade, the Navy vs. East Carolina football game, and a Combined Glee Club performance. The weekend will conclude with worship services on Sunday in the United States Naval Academy Chapel and other available locations of worship. The Naval Academy Store will also adjust hours for your shopping pleasure.

## Registration

*There will be no Registration required for the weekend.*

## Access to the Yard and Parking

USNA visitors are strongly urged to utilize the free shuttle from Navy-Marine Corps Memorial stadium to USNA on Thursday, Friday and Sunday. The cost to park at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial stadium is \$5 per day. Parking is available in the Blue Side Parking Lot (enter through Gate 5 off Taylor Ave). Shuttle bus pick up is located at the bus shelter adjacent to F/A-18 Blue Angel on the South Side. The shuttle bus operates on a 30 minute interval.

Vehicles entering the Academy should use Gate #1 or Gate #8. Vehicles without DOD decals or handicap placards will not be allowed on the Yard unless the driver has a "Friend of the Naval Academy" (FONA) pass or Midshipmen Parent Pass (MPP). These passes will allow for passenger drop off only. All guests over 16 years of age will be required to have a photo identification card for access to the Yard. Further information regarding visiting the Naval Academy and security measures may be obtained by going to the following site: <http://www.usna.edu/visit.htm>

## General Information

**Clothing:** The weather during Parents' Weekend is often unpredictable. Temperatures in Annapolis at this time of year range from 50 to 65 degrees. Clothing for rain or clear skies is recommended; comfortable shoes are a must. Dress for all Parents' Weekend events and activities is casual.

**Meals:** Dining on the Yard. The Drydock Restaurant, located in Dahlgren Hall, will be open Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday 8:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Friday, Drydock will open early at 7:00 a.m. and remain open until 9:00 p.m. Drydock Restaurant serves breakfast, lunch, and dinner. They offer fresh deli sandwiches, made to order grill selections, pizza, and assorted snacks. In addition to the restaurant, there will be overflow seating outside on the landward side of Dahlgren Hall. Weather permitting; they will be serving pre-made sandwiches, snacks and drinks. All proceeds from the Drydock Restaurant and Naval Academy Club concessions benefit the Brigade of Midshipmen.

Many commercial restaurants are available in the Annapolis area. In addition to those in the downtown Annapolis area near the Academy, many are located in Restaurant Park by Annapolis Mall just off Route 50, northwest of, and about five miles from, the Academy. A listing of restaurants is available in the *Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Official Visitors Guide*.

The Officers' and Faculty Club is open Monday through Friday 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and 5:30- 9:00 p.m. A Sunday brunch is offered at 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Reservations are highly recommended and may be made by calling 410-293-2611. The Drydock Restaurant, on the ground floor of Dahlgren Hall, is open from 8:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

**Medical Facilities:** Navy medical personnel will be available throughout the Yard during the weekend, but regulations prohibit U.S. Navy facilities from dispensing even the most routine medications or medical services to civilians, except in emergencies. Anne Arundel Medical Center is located on Jennifer Road near the Annapolis Mall, a short ride from the Academy. It has a complete emergency room and highly competent staff. If anyone in your party has special physical or medical problems, please consider your situation carefully. Not all Academy facilities are configured for use by persons with disabilities.

**Tourist Information:** Guide books and maps are available at the Visitors Information Booth at City Dock, located within easy walking distance of the Academy, and at the Visitors Center, 26 West Street, (9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.).

Guided walking tours of the Yard begin at the Armel-Leftwich Visitor Center (Mon-Thu: 10:00am-3:00 pm, Fri & Sat: 9:30am- 3:00pm and Sun: 12:00-3:00 pm). Tours cost \$8.50 for adults, \$7.50 for seniors (62 and older), and \$6.50 for school age children (1-12). For more information, please go to [www.navyonline.com](http://www.navyonline.com) or call 410-293-8687. Further information on visiting Annapolis may be obtained by going online to the Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Visitor's Bureau homepage at <http://www.visitannapolis.org>.

**Traveling to Annapolis:** From North of Annapolis and/or Baltimore: Take Interstate 95 South, exit on Interstate 695 East in Baltimore, then take the Interstate 97 South exit. Follow Interstate 97 until it merges onto Route 50 East, then continue with the directions in the last paragraph below.

From South of Annapolis and/or Washington, D.C.: Take Interstate 95 North (merges with Interstate 495 around DC) and exit onto Route 50 East. Continue with the following directions:

Once on Route 50 East, get off at Exit 24, Rowe Boulevard, toward the Historic Area. Legislative construction prevents a straight route to the Academy. Turn left at the second traffic light, Taylor Avenue, just past the stadium. Taylor curves to the right after the convenience store. Stay straight through first light, make first right turn into Gate #8.

Baltimore-Washington International Airport (BWI) is convenient to Annapolis and serves most major airlines. A shuttle runs regularly between the Academy and BWI, 24 hours a day. Approximate cost is \$30 per person. The Super Shuttle desk is located between baggage claims 6 and 7 and is open from 6am until 1am. Call 1-800-BLUE VAN (258-3826) to arrange transportation.

DC's Reagan National Airport and Virginia's Dulles Airport are more than an hour drive from Annapolis. Rental cars, taxicabs and limousine services are available at all three airports.

AMTRAK serves Baltimore, 30 miles away; New Carrollton, 17 miles away; BWI, 17 miles away; and Washington, D.C., 33 miles away, but does not reach Annapolis. The Orange Line of the DC METRO (subway) ends at New Carrollton. Taxi service is available from all rail terminals. Greyhound and Trailways have terminals in Washington and Baltimore; Greyhound has direct service to Annapolis. Local buses run regularly throughout Annapolis; the Trolley shuttles between the Historic Area and the Annapolis Mall.

Additional information regarding travel to Annapolis may be found at:

<http://www.hometownannapolis.com/transportation.html>.