

Please read this packet carefully and comply with all instructions within.

Failure to do so will prevent you from participating in the Warrior Challenge.

Maryland Wing, Civil Air Patrol

Warrior Challenge Information Packet

14 October 2023



Activity Director

Capt Olivia Higgins, CAP

Hello Warriors!

Get excited for the Maryland Wing Warrior Challenge! Our goal is for this to be a safe, fun, and challenging activity for everyone involved. I hope you, your senior members, and your parents review this entire packet of information. If you have any questions, please let me know and I will be happy to answer them.

There are four main events at this activity: an obstacle course, a leadership reaction course, an urban direction-finding course, and physical fitness events. Each will be dynamic, challenging, and exciting. You will be pushed to your limits both physically and mentally. My aim is that you grow as a cadet and a citizen from this experience.

The way to succeed at Warrior Challenge is to come prepared. This means ensuring that all of your paperwork is complete and sent in prior to arrival. It means reading this entire information packet so you know what to expect at the event. It means bringing all of the required gear on the packing list. You must also prepare yourself physically. Ensure that you are eating right and training for this event. You should practice your mapwork, communication, and teamwork skills. Utilize your squadron, group, wing, and region resources to help you prepare.

The staff has been working very hard this year preparing for this event. It could not have happened without their hard work and dedication. I owe a great deal of thanks to them. Please make sure that you give them your respect for their time and efforts.

Very respectfully,

Capt Olivia Higgins, CAP

Activity Director, 2023 MDWG Warrior Challenge

In order to participate in the Warrior Challenge, the following paperwork must be submitted no later than the start of the event.

Cadets:

- CAPF [60-80](#) with all signatures
- CAPF [160\(I\)](#)
- CAPF [161\(I\)](#)
- CAPF [163](#) (minors only)

Senior Members:

- CAPF [160\(I\)](#)
- CAPF [161\(I\)](#)

Cadets must bring two printed copies of the F160, 161, and 163 (minors only) when you arrive on post, along with your CAPID. Seniors must have two printed copies of the F160 and 161 when you arrive on post, along with your CAPID.

Each team must have their *own* CAP van and SM escort/driver, even if two teams are from the same squadron.

If you have any issues on 14 October, please contact Capt Michael Higgins at 401-580-8895.

Packing List

NOTE: All items on this list are required unless otherwise specified

Complete Utility Uniform (ABU, or CWU/Polo for senior members), clean and pressed

- Camouflage blouse and pants with all necessary patches and insignia
 - **Do not wear insignia with a first sergeant diamond**
- Shined black combat boots
- Boot blousing bands (1 pair)
- [CAPR 39-1](#) approved belt (desert tan (rigger preferred) belt for ABU)
- Camouflage cover to match ABU
- **Note: cadet competitors and SM escorts may not bring black covers, orange covers, or squadron/wing covers. Camouflage covers are the only authorized headgear for competitors and SM escorts. Ranger rolls are not authorized. Berets are not authorized. No exceptions!**
- Black boot socks

Necessary documentation for check in (printed and available for inspection)

- CAPID
- Completed CAPF 160 (2 copies)
- Completed CAPF 161 (2 copies)
- Completed CAPF 163 (minors only) (2 copies)

Note-taking materials (pen and pocket notebook)

Prescription medication (declare at in-processing)

- **If you require an EpiPen or inhaler and do not bring it, you will not be allowed to compete**

Raincoat or poncho (weather dependent)

Winter coat (weather dependent)

Personal items for Saturday (carry in backpack)

- **WATER**
- Event Leader Cadre: one clipboard and extra pens
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Hydration gear (canteens or camelback)
- Watch
- Orienteering compass
- Leather/safety gloves
- Winter gloves
- CAP-permitted orange/yellow safety vest
- Whistle
- Your cell phone
- Necessary electronics chargers (including cell phone charger)

- CAPM 39-1 approved sunglasses
- Snacks
- EpiPen, inhaler, and/or personal medication, as required

UDF Team Equipment (one set per team)

- L-per or other direction finder
- Protractor (recommend to purchase one with [rotating arm](#))
- Straightedge (if protractor does not have one)
- Pencil with eraser
- Clipboard or another hard surface to write on
- Extra water to refill everyone's canteens

Contraband

The following items will be considered contraband and must be declared at in-processing. Legal contraband will be returned at the completion of the activity; those found with illegal contraband, or with contraband after in-processing, will be subject to disciplinary action.

- Non-prescription drugs
- Alcohol
- Knives
- Pornography
- Tobacco (cadets only)
- Flame-producing devices (cadets only)
- Firearms

GENERAL:

- **Name:** Maryland Wing Warrior Challenge 2023
- **Place:** All competition events will occur at Maryland Army National Guard H Steven Blum (formerly Gunpowder) Military Reservation (10901 Notchcliff Rd, Glen Arm, MD 21057).
- **Date:** 8 October 2022. Cadre must arrive by 0800 on 8 October. Team arrival window is 0800-0900 on 8 October.
- **Internet:** If you want a representation of the 2017 event, watch the region's [event video](#).
- **Uniform:** All CAP personnel, including cadre, will arrive in a complete CAP uniform.

COVID-19, Colds, and Flu:

Do not come if you are in quarantine due to being a close contact with a confirmed positive case of COVID-19 or other cold or flu. Do not come if you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, cold, or flu.

MISSION:

Maryland Wing, Civil Air Patrol will hold a Warrior Challenge. CAP personnel will conduct the competition. The Warrior Challenge is a physical and high-adventure competition that reinforces principles of leadership, teamwork, and problem solving. This competition is geared towards bringing cadets together from all over the region.

PARTICIPATING TEAM RESPONSIBILITIES:

Each team consists of six cadets from any number of squadrons and a senior escort/driver. Cadets will be required to register as whole teams (6 cadets, 1 SM driver, and 1 van). You are encouraged to network and create your team.

All competitors and escorts must register, pay, and provide all required paperwork by the deadline or they risk forfeiting their place and the ability to receive a refund. All competitors must be physically able to compete in all elements of the competition and in CAP PT Category I.

- Cadets and seniors are responsible for bringing all items on the packing list.
- Team Cadet Commanders are responsible for the behavior of their attendees.
- Teams are responsible for their own transportation to, from, and during the competition.
- Teams shall be on time for all events. A detailed schedule will be provided on arrival.
- Team shall wear the appropriate uniform for events.
- Teams shall cooperate fully with the judges.

Each team shall have its own van and driver. If a squadron wishes to send multiple teams, it must provide a separate van and driver for each team.

Any complaints about any events must be made in writing and submitted to Capt Higgins by 1600 on 14 October. Failure to follow this complaint procedure will result in the complaint being negated. The decision of the Activity Director regarding all complaints is final.

ESCORT/DRIVER RESPONSIBILITIES:

Will provide supervision to ensure that all cadets and senior members reflect well upon their unit, wing, region and CAP in general. If a team is left unsupervised, they may be disqualified from the event.

- Assist teams with meeting their schedules and other needs.
- Escorts may wear ABU or any CAP distinctive uniform.
- Escorts will not engage judges or staff members regarding any event unless it is an emergency. Sportsmanship points will be deducted for teams not following this rule.
- Escorts must have a valid CAP driver's license and provide a CAP vehicle for their team. No POVs are allowed.
- Drivers will understand the gas policy listed in this packet.

CAP members may not leave Gunpowder on 8 October without authorization from the Activity Director.

OBSERVER RESPONSIBILITIES:

Observers are welcome to watch teams compete. Those not actively participating in the event must not interfere with activities on the grounds at Gunpowder. Non-CAP members must be accompanied by a CAP member at all times. Spectators may not cheer, or otherwise engage with teams during activities. *Engagement will be ruled as team interference and will result in immediate disqualification of the team.*

MEALS:

Lunch will be provided. Cadets are encouraged to bring their own snacks.

TRANSPORTATION/GAS:

Competitors and cadre will coordinate their own transportation to the event. Each team will have its own van and its own driver.

- Non-CAP members will not be allowed to ride in CAP vehicles.
- The event will not pay for gas for vans brought to the event in support of a team competing. CAP vans used exclusively for cadre use will have gas reimbursed after the event.
- **Do not use the Shell card at any time.**

At no time may a cadet and senior ride alone in a van, as this violates the Cadet Protection Policy. Ensure you follow the “rule of three” and have another cadet or senior in the van.

ARRIVAL:

Registration/check-in time will occur at Gunpowder at 0700 on Saturday. Cadre must arrive by 0645 for event walkthroughs.

All paperwork and fees will be verified at in-processing. Anyone not in possession of a valid CAP membership card will not be allowed to participate. Furthermore, all paperwork must be turned in at this time. Any member with missing/incomplete paperwork will not be allowed to participate. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Cadets will arrive wearing ABU. Senior members will wear ABU or any CAP distinctive uniform. Do not arrive in civilian clothes.

COMMUNICATIONS DURING EVENT:

Cell phones will be the primary means of communication. A list of staff phone numbers will be given at the team in-brief. Teams are to supply a phone number to staff to be used to contact the team if necessary.

SCORING:

Each event will be scored completely objectively, based on time and objectives completed. Compensations will be made in certain events for differences in age and gender. Top finishers in each event will get the maximum points with teams getting a percentage of the maximum points based on their score. A holistic teamwork/sportsmanship score will be determined by the Command Staff.

Maximum points as follows (Total= 2,000):

Leadership Reaction Course: 500

Obstacle Course: 500

UDF Triangulation: 500

USMC Combat Fitness Test: 500

COMPETITION:

The competition will consist of four main events, all occurring on Saturday.

- **Obstacle Course:** A series of challenging physical obstacles a team must navigate while being timed. Obstacles will include running, climbing, jumping, crawling, and balancing elements with the aim of testing speed and endurance. Teamwork will be encouraged and scored during this event.
- **UDF Triangulation:** Teams will attempt to triangulate a practice ELT beacon. Teams will be required to locate their position on a map, convert between compass/map azimuths, and determine/triangulate/locate a distress beacon. **Specific tasks to study:** [O-0213](#), [O-0218](#), [O-0301](#), [O-0302](#), [O-0304](#).
- **Leadership Reaction Course:** Series of challenging teamwork-oriented stations. Teams must complete as many stations as possible in a set timeframe. The course includes simulated leadership situations, with the aim of testing team leadership skills and communication.
- **USMC Combat Fitness Test:** Teams must complete a series of physical tasks, including running, lifting, crawling, and throwing. Teams will be timed, with the aim of testing physical strength, determination, and team coordination.

Schedule: Schedule for Saturday will be provided to all participants upon check-in.

Behavior: Any team, escorts, or observers who cause damage or present a harassing attitude will forfeit the right to participate further in the competition. If this happens after the competition is over, any trophies and/or winning status of that team will be removed and given to the next highest-scoring team.

EVENT LEADER RESPONSIBILITIES:

Event leaders will act as judges. They have been selected from the finest cadets and seniors. Each event will have a senior member event leader. The event leaders will record times and overall scores for events. **No one is allowed to discuss the competition with the judges other than competition cadre and team cadet commanders. Violation of this rule will result in loss of sportsmanship points and may lead to disqualification from the event or entire competition.**

Event leaders will bring their rubrics and scoring sheets. All event leaders must bring their own clipboard.

Event leaders and cadre may not aid any team or submit complaints on behalf of squadrons they are associated with.

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