



# 2011 FALCON SPORTS CAMPS

*United States Air Force Academy*

## ABOUT OUR CAMPS

Thank you for considering our camps! Falcon Sports Camps is located at the base of the majestic Rocky Mountains, just north of Colorado Springs on the beautiful campus of the United States Air Force Academy. With options to board or commute, we think you'll agree that Falcon Sports Camps is the ultimate experience in an incredible setting! Our camps give young athletes the opportunity to improve their skills and experience one of the greatest sports venues in America.

From baseball to wrestling, your son or daughter will gain valuable experience and instruction from the Academy's head coaching staffs. Whether you are an overnight boarder or day commuter, all camps are designed to challenge campers while still having fun! Our camps also encourage teamwork, build self-esteem and promote the practice of good character qualities. With 17 sports to choose from, we believe there is something for everyone! Please remember that camps are on a first come, first serve basis. Space is limited, so we encourage you to register early.

## SESSIONS, DATES & COST

**Sessions 1 & 2:** These are five-day camps designed for both overnight boarders and day commuters. In order to board, the minimum age requirement is 12 years of age. Commuter campers may normally participate in most camps at 8 years of age (check camp listings). Whether you're a boarder or commuter, the course of instruction is the same.

From Monday through Thursday, camp instruction begins each morning at 8:30 and ends at 4:30 in the afternoon. On Friday, camp ends at 12:00 noon. If boarding, we offer an abundance of supervised evening activities. Boarders can choose between ice skating, basketball, volleyball, watch a movie, play games in the arcade gallery, and more! Boarders are housed in the cadet dormitories on gender specific floors. Our staff includes over 100 counselors, supervisors, medical, and security personnel ensuring a safe and secure environment.

**Session 3:** This is a three-day "Commuter Only" camp that runs Monday through Wednesday from 8:30 in the morning until 4:30 in the afternoon.

**Session's 1 & 2 (Early Bird Discount):** (Jan 1 thru Jan 31) \$525 boarder, \$350 commuter, **Session 3:** \$175

Note: **Session 2 Golf Camp** is \$825 & \$525.....**Session 3 Golf Camp** is \$325    **Session 1 Cheerleading** is \$175

**Session's 1 & 2: (Standard Registration):** (Feb 1 thru June 3) \$575 boarder, \$375 commuter, **Session 3:** \$195

Note: **Session 2 Golf Camp** is \$875 & \$550.....**Session 3 Golf Camp** is \$345

***Please Note: A \$5.00 processing fee is included in all of the above camp fees.***

## HOW TO REGISTER & PAYMENT OPTIONS

The only way to register for camps is "On-Line" at [www.GoAirForceFalcons.com](http://www.GoAirForceFalcons.com). It's easy and convenient, and if desired, provides a payment plan that is available February 1<sup>st</sup> thru April 30<sup>th</sup> (*All registrations after April 30<sup>th</sup> must pay in full*). Simply locate your sport on the camp web-site, go to the coaches' letter and click onto the "On-Line" registration button. Once you have registered, an automatic confirmation e-mail will be sent to your e-mail account including either your "**Boarder**" or "**Commuter**" confirmation letter.

To answer all your camp questions, this letter "**Camp Information Letter**" and our "**Frequently asked Questions Letter**" should answer most of your questions. Both letters provide valuable information regarding your camp and what

you need to do to prepare and plan for during your camp experience (to include; directions, check-in times, camp schedule, what to bring, what to wear, flight information, etc)

**“Registering on-line:** (Button located on each Coach’s letter)

All registrations require a minimum deposit of **\$150**. Only a credit or debit card is accepted. (VISA, MC, DISCOVER, AMEX) Questions or concerns should be directed to Randy at 719-333-2116, or Karyn at 719-333-9537.

**“Pay in full or payment plan”:** There are two options when registering for camps. The easiest is to pay in full. A second option during the standard registration period is using the available payment plan (Feb 1 thru April 30<sup>th</sup>). If you elect to use the payment plan, all accounts must be paid in full not later than April 30<sup>th</sup>. In order to make payments you simply go into your “Sports Camp” account to complete your payment transaction. If your account isn’t paid in full by April 30<sup>th</sup>, the remaining balance will be deducted from your credit/debit card on file.

**Please note:** Anyone registering during the “Early Bird” special (Jan 1-Jan 31) must pay “In-Full”. Anyone registering after April 30<sup>th</sup>, (May 1<sup>st</sup> through June 3<sup>rd</sup>) must also pay in full.

**“Cancellations”:** Please note: If you cancel, or opt out of camps for any reason, you will forfeit your **\$150** deposit. For an approved medical refund, or cancellations due to medical issues, a full refund may be issued minus a **\$50** handling fee. Any medical emergency or cancellation due to a medical issue must be in writing from your medical provider.

**“Transferring between Sports or Sessions”:** If you transfer between sports or sessions please be aware that you may be charged a \$25 transfer fee.

## **BOARDER & COMMUTER CHECK-IN**

Camp check-in for **Sessions 1 & 2** will take place on **Sunday** (June 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>) between the hours of 11am & 4pm at the Cadet Field House. All traffic should enter through the **North Gate** of the Air Force Academy, exit 156B off I-25. Travel west on North Gate Blvd to the Cadet Field House (see map). Once you arrive at the Field House, please park in the east parking lot and proceed to the main entrance of the Cadet Field House. Proceed directly to your respective sport's table.

**Drive-In Boarders:** For “Drive-In” Boarders, you will be directed to place your bags outside the main entrance of the Field House. After check-in, boarders will be directed to an assigned bus that will transport campers to the dorm. For those Boarders driving their own vehicle, you will be asked to park in the Field House East lot on Check-In day. Boarders *cannot* use their vehicle until the end of camp. **Note to Parents:** Please tell your son or daughter that a “Parking Pass” will be available during check-in & must be displayed on the car’s dashboard.

**Airport Boarders:** If you are flying into Colorado Springs, we provide transportation to/from the Colorado Springs Airport only. Campers **will not** be met at their gate. (The Colorado Springs Airport is small and easy to navigate). We ask you to proceed downstairs to the **Falcon Sports Camps** desk in the baggage claim area. From there, camp personnel will escort campers to a bus where they will then be transported to the Air Force Academy’s Cadet Field House. After check-in, boarders will be directed to an assigned bus that will transport campers to the dorm.

**All Boarders:** Following camp Check-In on Sunday, boarders will meet their counselor and will then be escorted to dinner at approximately 5:00 pm. Following dinner, a mandatory meeting for all **boarders** will be held at 6:30 pm in the Field House. Camp security and safety rules will be addressed and any questions can be addressed at this time. (Note: Failure to follow camp rules may result in immediate dismissal with no refund). Our main goal is to provide the safest environment possible while still having fun. Questions on camp rules/policies can be found in this letter. Further questions can be directed to the Sports Camp Office at **(719) 333-2116**.

**Note:** All bags are subject to search. Security measures prohibit parents from driving to the dormitory.

**Day-Commuters:** Commuter campers attending **Session 1 or 2** will also check-in on **Sunday** (June 5<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>) between 11 am & 4 pm at the Cadet Field House. Camp starts promptly at 8:30 Monday morning.

Check-In for **Session 3**: Monday, June 20<sup>th</sup> between 7:30-8:30 am in the Cadet Field House.

## **AIRLINE RESERVATIONS**

Please try to schedule your inbound flight to arrive between 9:00 am--2:00 pm on Sunday. We will however, try to be as flexible as possible regarding your flight arrival. For Friday outbound, optimum departure time is between 2:00 & 5:00 pm. Your camper will be taken back to the Colorado Springs airport for their return flight. Transportation **is not** provided to/from DIA (Denver).

**IMPORTANT:** *Submit your flight information online inside your Sports Camp account. All flight information is due not later than June 1<sup>st</sup>. For questions please call Karyn at 719-333-9537. If you are personally picking up your camper, please do so by 1:00 pm on Friday at the Cadet Field House.*

## **WHAT TO BRING**

If you are boarding in the dormitory you will need to provide your own linen (twin bed) or sleeping bag, pillow, blanket, towels, washcloth, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, and any other necessary toiletries. Please bring enough clothes to last for the 5 days of camp. Nights here can get cool so a lightweight coat or wind breaker is recommended. Please do not bring TV's, stereos, skateboards or other large bulky items. Items of high dollar value, i.e. IPODs, Laptops & DVD players are also highly discouraged. The gift shop and various food & drink vendors are available during the day and evenings so money is a plus, but please don't bring more than \$75 - \$100. Depending on what sport you are in, campers will need their own personal equipment (i.e. Hockey-pads/skates/helmet/sticks, Lax sticks/pads/helmet, golf clubs, fencing equipment, etc. and all necessary work-out clothes). Sunscreen is a must! It's also a good idea to bring a padlock to secure your valuables in your room. **IMPORTANT:** Identify luggage with name, sport, address, phone number.

## **LIGHTNING BANDS-(Overnight Boarders)**

The purchase of "Lightning" Bands is designed and highly recommended for "overnight" boarders. The bands take the place of money, and are worn on the wrist of a camper and may be used to purchase souvenirs from our gift shop, or food and drink from one of our many vendors during camp. Starting at \$50, Lightning Bands can be purchased in \$25 increments during initial on-line registration. If you don't purchase a "Lightning Band" during registration, you may do so up until June 1<sup>st</sup> through your own on-line account. (**Note:** To avoid long lines, we highly recommend you purchase Lightning Bands prior to the June 1<sup>st</sup> date. After June 1<sup>st</sup> Lightning Bands can only be purchased during Check-In Day, or by calling Karyn at 719-333-9537, or Randy at 719-333-2116. (During camps, the same applies for re-loading all "Lightning Bands". (*Lighting Bands are not applicable at the Golf Course or Visitor's Center*).

**Note:** Depending on whether you are a "Boarder" or "Commuter", *Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner* are already provided). All dollar amounts on Lightning Bands must be expended during camps. There is no refund for money left on a band.

## **COMMUTER CAMPERS**

The question comes up regarding the course of instruction between boarders and commuters. Simply put, it's identical. The only difference is "Boarders" stay overnight, and "Commuters" are dropped off in the morning and picked up at the end of the day.

During camp, each camper is asked to dress appropriately for their sport. In case of rain or cool weather, please bring a sweatshirt or windbreaker. Depending on your sport, each camper will need their own personal equipment (hockey/lacrosse/fencing/golf clubs, etc and any necessary work-out clothes). Sunscreen is a must!

**Session 1 & 2:** Monday through Thursday, day commuters should be dropped off around 8:15 each morning and picked up in the afternoon between 4:30-4:45. On Friday, camp ends at 12:00 noon. Campers need to be picked up no later than 1:00pm.

For indoor camps, the drop off and pickup point is in the East parking lot next to the Cadet Field House. For outdoor sports, please ask your coach on "Check-In" Day where to pick up and drop off your camper. In case of inclement weather, the Field House will always be used for end of day pick-up.

**Session 3:** This is a 3-day Commuter Only Camp. Camp will end on Wed at 4:30pm.

Campers who drive their vehicle to camp must park their car in the East parking lot adjacent to the Cadet Field House and may not use it until camp is over for the day. If you have an emergency and you need to contact your camper, please call (719) 333-2116. A runner will be sent to locate your son or daughter.

## **MEALS**

**Boarders:** Three meals a day: (Monday thru Thursday) plus Sunday dinner and Friday breakfast. Breakfast & Dinner are served in Mitchell Hall (Cadet Dining Facility). Lunch is served in the Cadet Field House.

**Commuters:** Lunch is provided Monday through Thursday. **Session 3:** Monday through Wednesday.

\*\*Lunch for all campers is provided inside the Field House. No vegetarian/special meals are provided.

## **MEDICATION**

Campers are responsible for self administering any prescribed medicine. Please ensure it is well marked. Medical information must be given to our medical staff/trainers at Check-In. If applicable, send a note with medicine, dosage, & ailment.

Thanks again for considering Falcon Sports Camps as part of your summer fun! Call (719-333-2116) if you have questions. Information can also be attained at: [www.goairforcefalcons.com](http://www.goairforcefalcons.com) & click on Sports Camps.

## **RULES & GENERAL CAMP GUIDELINES**

Here are some of our rules and guidelines for campers to follow during camp. Some of these rules are “a given”, but we believe they are critical for campers to understand. Our # 1 priority is the safety and well being of our campers.

1. DRUGS! The possession or use of illegal drugs will lead to automatic dismissal (subject to legal prosecution).
2. Absolutely no tobacco, alcohol, explosives, laser pointers, knives, or firearms are allowed.
3. The use of foul language, fighting, horseplay, sneaking out of the dorm, bullying, or any type of inappropriate behavior is prohibited and may lead to immediate dismissal from camp.
4. Contact with cadets other than your cadet camp counselor (official camp business only) is forbidden.
5. **Boarders** - Be sure to safeguard your dorm key and camp identification card! If you lose your key, go to your counselor or the dorm's information desk immediately. Lost keys will incur a \$10.00 charge.  
**Please wear your lanyard identification badge at all times.**
6. Safeguard valuables! Keep dorm room/locker locked at all times & don't give your key to anyone.
7. Get involved in our Night Recreation program. We have ice skating, tennis, volleyball, movies, games, and more).....(Note: This is for our “Overnight” Boarders only, that reside in the dormitory).
8. ABSOLUTELY NO MALE BOARDERS are permitted on the 6th floor of the dormitory.
9. ABSOLUTELY NO FEMALE BOARDERS are permitted on 2nd, 3rd, and 4th floors of the dormitory.
10. Dress Code - No lewd or provocative clothing is allowed. Those who are wearing inappropriate clothing will be asked to change their clothes immediately.

11. Mitchell Hall Dining Facility - No sandals, flip-flops, swimming suits, tank tops, robes, or pajamas are allowed during breakfast or dinner.
12. At 7,200 feet, water is an essential part of your daily diet. Drink plenty of it throughout the week!
13. Wear sunscreen! If you didn't bring any, please ask one of our medical trainers for some.
14. Get to know your staff. It's important to know your Cadet leadership, and Cadet Counselors.
15. Lights Out at 10:30 p.m.
16. Turn in your lanyard/dormitory key to your counselor or to the information desk at completion of camp  
*Note: Lost dorm keys incur a \$10.00 fee*

*Sincerely, Falcon Sports Camps*  
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