

2012 Falcon Sports Camps - Frequent Questions

Dates: Session 1 - June 10-15, Session 2 - June 17-22, Session 3 - June 25-27

Question: How do we register for Falcon Sports Camps?

Answer: Registration is accomplished ***"On-line" only***. It's convenient, and easy to manage your account. Simply locate the sport you wish to participate in, click onto the coach's letter, and then click onto the "On-Line" registration button.

All Early Bird registrations (Jan 1st-Jan 31st) must be paid in full. Standard registration between Feb 1st and April 30th has a payment option plan, but must be paid in full NLT April 30th. Anyone registering between May 1st and June 3 must pay in-full at the time of registration. **NOTE: Only a credit card/debit card is accepted. (VISA/MC/DISCOVER/AMEX)**

Question: Is a deposit required to secure a spot?

Answer: A non-refundable \$150.00 deposit is required for all registrations. **NOTE:** The "Early Bird" discount requires payment in full. Those who register after the "Early Bird" period must be paid in-full by April 30th. For those who register after April 30th, (May 1st thru June 3rd) full payment is due at the time you register on-line.

Question: Are Sports Camp discounts available?

Answer: Discounts are available *only* during our "Early Bird" special. (January 1st thru January 31st) This discount is available to ALL applicants and can be accomplished through our ***"on-line"*** service during the advertised "Early Bird" period. Payment during this special discount is due in full. After the "Early Bird" period, there is a "standard" registration time period. **NOTE: (Group discounts** of 10 or more in the same sport are still available during the standard registration period, but you must call Randy Richards at 719-333-2116 in order to apply for this group discount.

Question: What is a "Lightning Band"?

Answer: Lightning Bands take the place of cash and may be reloaded with a phone call from the parents. Bands are worn on the wrist, and may be used to purchase souvenirs from our gift shop, or food and drink from one of our vendors during camp (regular meals already provided). Starting at \$50, Lightning Bands can be purchased in \$25 increments during initial on-line registration. **NOTE:** Recommended for "Overnight Boarders" only. **It's highly recommended you purchase your Lightning Band "on-line" when you register for camp.** This will alleviate having to wait in long lines during camp "check-in day" trying to purchase a lightning band. You may purchase lightning bands "on-line" until June 1st using your Sports Camp account. To reload a band during camp, call Karyn at 719-333-9537/2116.

Question: What is the refund policy?

Answer: Other than a medical emergency, if you cancel out from any camp, your \$150.00 deposit is non-refundable. If a refund is requested for medical reasons, a statement from your doctor must accompany your written (mailed, emailed, or faxed) request. **NOTE:** Refund requests will not be honored after July 1st.

Question: What is the age requirement to attend camp?

Answer: Commuter ages are 8-18 for most camps, while boarder ages are 12-18. (Check individual camp listings)

Question: How much money should my child bring to camp?

Answer: All meals are included in the price of camps. However, during Night Rec, a camper has a choice of several food and concession vendors inside the Field House. There is also a Gift Shop for souvenirs and Air Force apparel. Our suggestion is no more than \$100. **NOTE:** Take advantage of a Pre-Loaded "Lightning Band". This is worn by your camper and takes the place of carrying cash. (See above question on Lightning Bands, or read our Camp Information letter.

Question: What about valuables? What should my son or daughter **NOT** bring?

Answer: We highly discourage bringing any type of expensive electronic gear, such as I-Pods, I-Pads, DVD players, Blackberry's, Laptops, etc. Unfortunately, items end up lost or even stolen. If high end sports' equipment is brought, it must be safeguarded and well marked. **Cell phones ok, but not allowed during camp instruction.**

Question: Is transportation provided to/from Colorado Springs Airport?

Answer: Yes, transportation is provided for "boarders". Too and from the C. Springs Airport only. (Not Denver).

Question: Who actually coaches the campers during Sports Camps?

Answer: Each respective sport is headed by the Air Force Academy's head coaching staff. However, because of the number of campers, additional high school and college coaches are hired to assist.

Question: What evening activities are available for boarders after camp each day?
Answer: Falcon Sports Camps has an array of Night Recreational activities and venues for each boarder. Campers may elect to ice skate, play basketball, swim, play volleyball, tennis, racquetball, foosball, air hockey or table tennis. Boarders can also play board games, grab a snack from our concession stands, or visit our gift shop. Campers also have a choice of 2 movies during each evening. Each venue is supervised and managed by a staff of trained adults.

Question: What kind of dormitory supervision is provided to boarders during their stay?
Answer: Led by a staff of active duty officers, there are over 80 cadet counselors who reside in the Sports Camp dormitory during camp. Cadets and our active duty staff provide counseling, guidance, and supervision. A security company also provides additional security & oversight during evening and nighttime hours.

Question: Is there a medical staff available at all times for campers?
Answer: Yes. There is a staff of nurses and medical trainers available 24 hours a day.

Question: Are dorm rooms available between Session's 1 & 2 on Friday & Saturday nights?
Answer: Unfortunately not. Friday's and Saturday's are spent cleaning rooms, taking care of maintenance issues, and preparing for the next camp. (Note: There are several fine hotels just minutes from the Academy that parents do choose to send their kids to, but Falcon Sports Camps cannot endorse or make reservations for parents. This is strictly up to each individual parent).

Question: Are girls and boys dormitory rooms located on the same floors?
Answer: Male and female floors are completely segregated from each other. In addition, each section has an assigned nurse and additional medical staff personnel.

Question: Are meals included during camp?
Answer: Boarders are provided breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Lunch is provided for commuter campers.

Question: Is a physical required in order to participate in camp?
Answer: No, but remember that a **(Medical Insurance/Information Questionnaire)** is required when registering.

Question: Is bed linen and toiletries provided for boarders?
Answer: No. Boarders must bring their own blanket, pillow, sheets (twin beds), towels, toiletries, etc. (shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothbrush & toothpaste). Please also bring sunscreen!

Question: Are Sports Camp Scholarships available?
Answer: Unfortunately NCAA rules and regulations prohibit us from granting scholarships.

Question: How many campers are in each sport? Can my son or daughter participate in multiple camps?
Answer: The number of campers varies. Sports such as Wrestling, Gymnastics, Track & Field, or Cheerleading may have 15-40 participants. Soccer, Football, or Basketball may have several hundred. Each sport is dependent on the facilities available, and the amount of staff we hire. You cannot switch from one sport to the next, unless circumstances dictate.

Question: Does Sports Camps provide tours of the Air Force Academy?
Answer: Unfortunately, neither time nor manning allows us to accomplish this. Please remember that your son or daughter will be exposed to ninety percent of the Academy's Cadet Wing, and surrounding facilities.

Question: What does a typical camp schedule look like for a "Boarder" camper staying overnight?

SUNDAY

11:00-4:00 Check-in at Field House/meet coaches/room assignments/meet counselors
5:00-6:00 Dinner at Mitchell Hall
6:30-7:00 Boarder Safety Briefing in Field House
7:00-9:00 Night Rec in Field House/Cadet Gym
10:30 Lights Out in Dorm

MONDAY-THURSDAY

6:30 Wake-Up
7:00-8:00 Breakfast
8:30-4:30 Camper Instruction (Includes lunch hour)
5:00-6:00 Dinner
6:00-9:00 Night Rec in Field House/Cadet Gym
10:30 Lights Out in Dorm

FRIDAY

0630 Wake-Up

0700-0800

Breakfast

8:30-12:00

Camper Instruction/Camp concludes at noon

NOTE: **COMMUTER "DAY" CAMPERS:** Monday thru Thursday: 8:30-4:30 Friday: 8:30-12:00

Sessions 1 & 2: Camp Check-in is on Sunday between 11:00-4:00 at the Cadet Field House.

Session 3: Check-in is on Monday morning between 7:30-8:30.