

Open Letter to Potential Summerlin Academy Cadets

There is a voice inside that calls to all of us. A voice that asks for challenges, a voice that says be unique, and a voice that asks to be better. Follow it, and it will push you further than you've ever been. It will inspire you to accomplish things you once thought impossible. The voice will carry you to a place where the mind is sharpened, the character is molded, and the body is forged. It is a place where you learn to walk tall.

The voice that calls to you can never be stilled. It cannot be pushed aside and forgotten. It is always asking you to take the next step and make a difference in your life. It asks to light the fire within your self, and to lead instead of follow. The voice is always asking you to take the first step down a path few have the courage to follow. The path leads to self-discipline and success. Accepting the calling to be a Summerlin Academy cadet will change you forever. The change will not be just academically, but also mentally, physically, and morally. It will change you in ways that will positively impact your entire life.

On the road to becoming a Summerlin Academy graduate, you will be faced with constant challenges that require more than simple strength. You will learn to adapt quickly to changing situations, you will learn to use your imagination and creativity to overcome life's obstacles. You will learn to improvise, and to adapt to any situation that you face in school and in life.

A Summerlin Academy cadet is a highly disciplined individual, capable of accomplishing almost any task. Character points Summerlin cadets in the proper direction, and self-reliance sees them through. From the moment you step off the bus at Summerlin Academy you will begin exercising self-discipline. Initially your body will struggle and your mind will beg for compromise. As you push yourself further, your resolve hardens giving you strength and confidence that you thought you didn't have. The confidence will give you the strength to make the right choices as you follow a steady course towards a successful future.

Following is one thing, and leading is another. From the beginning of your Summerlin Academy career you will learn what it takes lead, and how to effectively form a team. As a Summerlin cadet you will learn to manage time, resources, while developing your own style of leadership. Your new skills will become second nature. Once you earn the title of Summerlin Academy cadet you will understand the school motto "possim si velim", which means, "I can if I try". You will realize that you are an integral part of something larger than yourself. You will have a shared experience like none other. You will be part of a community that is forged in life-long learning, commitment and honor.

Sincerely,

Commandant
Summerlin Academy