



September 25, 2017

Dear Mentors,

Welcome to the Residential Phase of Class 2018-1, which formally begins Wednesday, September 27, 2017. We want to thank you for committing the time to partner with AMYA and “help intervene and reclaim the lives” of young Alaskans. The attachments contain a list of events which your Cadet may participate in, so we are providing as much current information as possible to assist you with planning your time and travel. If you have any further questions, please contact the staff members listed below:

Parent /Family Concerns: Contact any Platoon Leader (PL) at the Team Leader Center (TLC) 907-428-7325.

Cadre Section:

Commandant:	Timothy Andrews	907-428-7320
Platoon Leader for 1 st Platoon:	PL Fuentes	907-428-7322
Platoon Leader for 2 nd Platoon:	PL Duke	907-428-7323
Platoon Leader for 3 rd Platoon:	PL Austin	907-428-7324

Medical Questions: Supervisor Mark Doughty or Nurse Linda Bonner-More 907-428-7364

Educational Concerns: Mr. Scott Monroe, Lead Instructor/Principal 907-428-7308

After normal business hours: Team Leader Center 907-428-7325

Mentoring Concerns: Please contact your Cadet’s Platoon Recruiting, Placement, and Mentoring Coordinator:

1 st Platoon	Tracey Barnhart	Tracey.Barnhart@alaska.gov	907-428-7342
2 nd Platoon	Zee Zee Young	Zephria.Ridgway@alaska.gov	907-428-7343
3 rd Platoon	Richard Gamble	Richard.Gamble@alaska.gov	907-428-7339
Placement Coordinator-	Jake Farber	Jake.Farber@alaska.gov	907-428-7340

Sincerely,

Deborah L Morton, M.Ed.
Supervisor Recruiting, Placement, and Mentoring (RPM) Section



Mentor Reference Sheet-ChalleNGe Class 2018-1

Mail

Send letters of encouragement often. **Packages are not allowed unless pre-authorized by the Platoon Leader and may only contain items on the initial packing list.**

Send U.S. Mail to:
Cadet (first & last name), Platoon #
AMYA
P.O. Box 5727
JBER, Alaska 99505-0727

You may also send letters via email to AmyaMentors@Alaska.Gov. The mentor mail system is for mentor use *only*. All other individuals wishing to send letters of support must use traditional snail mail. Please address the subject line as follows: Cadet (Last Name, First Name), Platoon #. Emails will be printed by the RPM staff and given to Cadets, but cadets **will not have access to computers to email you back**. This is simply an alternative means of communicating with your cadet that we have found to be successful.

Updates

To access updated information regarding Academy events and possible changes or cancellations, visit our Facebook page, "Alaska Military Youth Academy ~AMYA".

****Please also email Mrs. Morton to ensure we have a valid email address for you to receive weekly email updates.

Mentor Trainings

All Mentors are required to attend one of the Mentor trainings provided by the AMYA RPM Coordinators. Trainings will be held at the Muldoon AMYA Recruiting Office, 1251 Muldoon, Space #114. Please let your Cadet's Mentor Coordinator know which training you are planning to attend.

*****Mentors out of the Anchorage/MatSu areas are not expected to travel to Anchorage for the mentor training. Your mentor coordinators will contact you to discuss the training options. Mentor training is mandatory; please send questions to and/or RSVP to your designated Mentor Coordinator as listed above.

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Anchorage/MatSu Area Mentor Trainings

The scheduled dates for mentor trainings are below:

1st Platoon Mentors: Saturday, October 21, 2017 from 9am-11am
2nd Platoon Mentors: Saturday, October 28, 2017, from 9am-11am
3rd Platoon Mentors: Saturday, November 4, 2017, from 9am-11am

You will only need to attend one (1) mentor training, not all three (3) **

Mentor Co-Training and Matching Event

Each platoon will have a scheduled mentor co-training (dates listed below). We ask that each mentor bring their lunch or there are a few fast food places nearby. Trainings will be held at the Muldoon AMYA Recruiting Office, 1251 Muldoon, Space #114. These events are for the purpose of team-building between the mentors and the cadets only. This training does not replace the required mentor training, but is a supplement to it and is highly recommended. This is an opportunity for you and your cadet to be involved in a training together designed to help develop and/or strengthen the mentor/mentee relationship.

***Mentors outside the Anchorage/MatSu area are not required to attend an in-person training. Your Cadet's Mentor Coordinator will work with you to fulfill the required training.

Please let your Cadet's Mentor Coordinator know that you plan to attend this co-training.

1st Platoon Mentors: Saturday, October 21, 2017, from 1130am-1pm
2nd Platoon Mentors: Saturday, October 28, 2017, from 1130am-1pm
3rd Platoon Mentors: Saturday, November 4, 2017, from 1130am-1pm

Mentor Visitation

Beginning Monday, October 16, 2017, Mentors are encouraged to visit their Cadets once weekly on campus between the hours of 6:30 pm-7:30 pm, Sun/Mon/Tue/Wed or Thursday in the Sheldon Hall Dining Facility. Please note that the final date for mentor visitation is Thursday, February 15, 2018. If you need to schedule a visitation at a different time/date, please contact your Cadet's Mentor Coordinator for coordination and approval. Mentors outside of the Anchorage/MatSu areas are not required to attend weekly visitations. Coordinators will work with you and your cadet to set up bi-weekly phone calls, when schedules allow.

*****Note: The Cadets will be on family pass from December 22-26, so there will not be any mentor visitations on those dates*****

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Thanksgiving Visitation 11/24/17: This will be the only potluck event this class. The Visitation time and location to be determined and more information will be sent out soon.

Off-Campus Mentor Passes

There will be one scheduled Mentor Pass during the cycle per platoon. Mentors may sign out their Cadets on the dates scheduled by platoon below. Cadets must remain ***in uniform and in the presence of the mentor at all times*** while on pass. All pass rules will be provided during mentor training and again on the sign out pass form provided when picking up your cadet. The times for the pass are 10am-4pm. There is no makeup date or time for these passes. If the mentor is unable to take the cadet on this pass, the cadet will remain on campus and participate in scheduled activities. Mentors outside the Anchorage/MatSu area are not required to take their cadet on this pass. Please note, if a cadet is on hardcore during the time of the pass, they will not be able to leave campus for the pass. Please call the Platoon Leader prior to going out to pick up your cadet.

Pick up will be at 10am at the AMYA Dining Facility-where normal visitations are held. Cadets must be returned by 4pm at the AMYA Dining Facility.

1st Platoon

Saturday, Jan. 20, 2018

2nd Platoon

Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018

3rd Platoon

Saturday, Feb. 3, 2018

Academic Section Information:

Reminder: It is the responsibility of the prospective Cadet and their family to ensure that AMYA has an updated transcript. It should note the course title and credits earned to date. Additionally, prospective Cadets and family should retain copies of these documents and understand the graduation requirements for the State of Alaska, as well as what the transcript reflects in relation to the graduation requirements. For your information, please note the information below on possible secondary school credits offered by the Academy for successful completion of classes.

Mathematics: 1.0 credit

Science: 1.0 credit

Social Studies: 1.0 credit

English: 1.0 credit

Integrated Studies (includes: EverFi Financial Literacy, Keyboarding, Radius S.T.E.M. Program curriculum and P.L.A.T.O. credit recovery as assigned) .5 credit (for Financial Literacy)

Physical Fitness: 1.0 credit

Wilderness Training: 0.5 credit

Life Coping: 1.0 credit

Industrial Arts: 0.5 credit

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*Additional credits beyond .5 may be earned in Integrated Studies depending on credit recovery needs/offerings.

Standard Credits Available: 7.5

Final Drill and Ceremony Competition and Visitation

Saturday, February 10, 2018, with the ceremony beginning at 12pm with family visitation immediately after until 4p. The location is TBD. This competition and visitation is for immediate family (parents/guardians, grandparents, and siblings) and mentors only.

Residential Transition Briefing for Parents, Guardians and Mentors

An end-of-class out-brief will be held Thursday, February 22, 2018, in two separate sessions - 6:00pm – 6:45pm and 7:00 pm – 7:45 pm, at the Muldoon AMYA Recruiting office space.

CLASS 2018-1 GRADUATION

Friday, February 23, 2018, beginning at 10 am. Location TBD

RPM Coordinators

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