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FAMILY WEEKEND

FAQ FOR FAMILIES OF ROOKS



Q: When are rooks allowed to leave campus, and when must they return?

A: Rooks may depart campus once the Friday afternoon Corps Review ends at approximately 5 p.m. Rooks must return to campus on Saturday morning by 9 a.m. to participate in the best-platoon drill competition. That afternoon, rooks may depart after the football game on Saturday at approximately 4 p.m. and must be returned to campus on Sunday evening by 7 p.m.

Q: Can rooks return to campus before 7 p.m. on Sunday?

A: Yes. Once a rook returns to campus, all rook rules apply.

Q: Can I visit my rook in their assigned barracks?

A: Yes. We ask that all visitors be respectful that the barracks are living quarters for our cadets and that Friday is an academic day.

Q: Can I deliver personal items to my rook's barracks room?

A: Yes. If your rook is not available, you can drop the items off to at the Guard Room inside Jackman Hall at the main entrance or at the Office of the Commandant, Jackman Hall, Room 233. Please ensure your rook's name, barracks, and company assignment are marked on any items.

Q: If we are accompanying our rook on campus, do they need to walk in the gutter or square?

A: No. Rooks will be at ease with family members but will not be allowed to cut across the Upper Parade Ground or use Centennial or Bicentennial Stairs. Also, rooks are still required to render proper military courtesies.

Q: Can I bring a care package for my rook?

A: Yes. A care box must be shoe box size, and healthy snacks are preferred.

Q: Can my rook have protein mix in their room?

A: Yes.

Q: Can I join my rook for meals in the dining hall?

A: Yes. Beginning with dinner on Thursday dinner, families may eat any meal with their rook in the WCC Abare Dining Hall through brunch on Sunday. Rooks dining with family members may eat at ease, but continue practicing proper dining etiquette.

Q: Can I attend academic classes?

A: Yes. Your rook must first have the faculty member's permission.

Q: Who can I speak with if my rook has academic issues?

A: You may speak to your rook's academic advisor; however, there is little the advisor can discuss with you unless your rook has authorized the release of such information via a FERPA release. You can also call the Center for Academic Success and Achievement for assistance at (802) 485-2355 or visit their office at Kreitzberg Library (Campus Map Bldg 48).

Q: Who can I talk to if my rook is struggling and thinking about leaving the Corps of Cadets?

A: You are encouraged to speak to the company mentor of the unit to which your rook is assigned:

- B Co – CSM Paul Putney, Patterson Hall 316, pputney@norwich.edu
- D Co – CSM Joe Bosley, Hawkins Hall 313, jbosley@norwich.edu
- F Co – CSM John de Nagy, Alumni Hall 204, jdenagy@norwich.edu
- H Co – CSM Brad Gallimore, Alumni Hall 404, bgallimo@norwich.edu

Q: Can rooks wear civilian clothes off campus in public?

A: Yes, but only beyond a 50-mile radius of campus; Burlington, Stowe, and White River Junction are all within a 50-mile radius.

Q: We live in central Vermont. Can my rook wear civilian clothes off-campus, such as at a local restaurant?

A: Rooks must depart and return to campus in uniform. If inside the 50-mile radius and in a public setting, such as at a restaurant or shopping, your rook must wear the authorized cadet uniform.

Q: Can I visit with my varsity athlete rook after their sporting event?

A: Yes. Often parents and family members meet with their athletes outside the locker room after the game.

Q: Can I sit with my rook during the home football game on Saturday?

A: Yes. Rooks must remain in the stadium until the game ends.

Q: I am a Norwich alum, and my rook is a legacy student. Can you tell me about the Legacy Pin Ceremony?

A: Legacy Pinning will occur at halftime of the football game at approximately 2:30 p.m. We ask the Norwich graduate(s) if attending and family members to gather on the track on the home side with five minutes remaining in the second quarter for instructions. If your legacy rook cannot be present during halftime due to a conflict, contact the Alumni and Family Relations Office. It may be possible to arrange for a private pinning ceremony. For the student to be pinned, please complete this form: [Legacy Pinning Form - Norwich University](#). Alumni and Family Relations Office, (802) 485-2100 / alumni@norwich.edu.

Q: How do I deposit more money on the Cadet\$Card?

A: You may do so online at www.norwich.edu/cadetcash.

Q: If my rook sees a cadet leader or university official off campus, how is my rook to act? Are the rook rules still in place?

A: Rook-specific rules pertain to on-campus, but military customs and courtesies are always expected on and off campus.

Q: We are not able to attend Family Weekend. Is my rook confined to the barracks?

A: No. For years we have had the edict that "No rook is left behind." Another family, faculty, or staff member will likely adopt your rook for the weekend. However, a rook may remain on campus for all or part of the weekend, if desired.

Q: Does my rook need my written permission to go with another family?

A: No, but you rook must sign out at their company as instructed.

Q: I did not purchase linen service for my rook but would like to purchase it now. Is that possible?

A: Yes. Visit the Uniform Store in the Hayden Building on the south end of campus. Open Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturday 7 a.m. to noon, phone (802) 485-2206 or purchase online via <https://www.norwich.edu/uniform-store/>

For further questions or information, please contact or visit the Office of the Commandant at (802) 485-2135, commandant@norwich.edu, Jackman Hall Rm 233 (Campus Map Bldg 4).

Have a wonderful Family Weekend!

Office of the Commandant