

Norwich University Family Weekend • October 8–10, 2021

FAQs for Families of Rooks

Q: When is my rook allowed to leave campus and when should he or she be returned to campus?

A: Your rook may depart campus once the Friday afternoon Corps Review ends at approximately 4:00 p.m. Your rook must return to campus by 9 a.m. on Saturday morning by 9 a.m. for required activities. That afternoon, your rook may depart again after the football game on Saturday at approximately 4 p.m. and must be returned to campus on Sunday afternoon no later than 4 p.m.

Q: The Family Buffet is on Friday evening after the Corps Review. If we attend the Family Buffet with our rook, can we depart campus after the buffet?

A: Yes. Please note that your rook will still need to be returned to campus by 9 a.m. on Saturday morning.

Q: Can my rook be returned to campus before 4 p.m. on Sunday?

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

Q: Can I visit my rook in his or her assigned barracks?

A: Yes. We ask that all visitors respect the fact that the barracks are living quarters for our cadets and that Friday is an academic day. Everyone is required to wear a mask when indoors in all campus buildings.

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

A: Yes. And if your rook is not available, you can drop the items off at the Guard Room inside Jackman Hall adjacent to the main entrance, or to 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: 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 his or her room?

A: Yes.

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

A: Yes: Beginning with lunch on Friday and through brunch on Sunday, families may eat any meal with their rook in the WCC Abare Dining Hall through brunch on Sunday.

Q: Can I attend academic classes?

A: Yes. Your rook must first receive permission from his or her faculty member(s).

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

A: You may speak to your rook's academic advisor. 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 Student Success for assistance at (802) 485-2355 or visit their office at the Hassett House (Campus Map Bldg 37).

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 (CM) of the unit to which your rook is assigned.

In order, those CMs are as follows:

- CTC 1 – CSM Paul Putney, Patterson Hall 316, pputney@norwich.edu
- CTC 2 – CSM Joe Bosley, Hawkins Hall 313, jbosley@norwich.edu
- CTC 3 – CSM John de Nagy, Alumni Hall 204, jdenagy@norwich.edu
- CTC 4 – CSM Kevin Devine, Alumni Hall 404, kdevine@norwich.edu
- CTC 5 – CSM Geraldo Mercado, Gerard Hall 318, gmercado@norwich.edu



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Q: Can my rook 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, your rook must wear the authorized cadet uniform when out in public, such as at a restaurant or shopping.

Q: If we are accompanying our rook on campus, does he or she 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 visit with my varsity athlete rook after his or her sporting event?

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

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

A: No, not during the first half of the game. Rooks have obligations at the game and may sit with their parents at the start of halftime but 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 that will be presented?

A: Legacy Pinning will take place 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 Office. It may be possible to arrange for a private pinning ceremony. If you do not receive word from your rook about the Legacy Pinning, please contact the Alumni Office at (802) 485-2100 or 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 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.” It’s very likely that your rook will be adopted by another family, or a faculty or staff member for the weekend.

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

A: No

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 8 a.m. to noon, phone (802) 485-2206.

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

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