

Appalachian ChalleNGe Advantage



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Commandant's Cup

The Commandant's Cup, challeNGing physical, strategy, and scholarly abilities of our Cadets. Opening with a full presentation of the colors by our Cadet Color Guard. Day one progressed with flag football and track events. Day two with Chess and spelling bee matches. Day three with Basketball and Volleyball showdowns. Day four with Softball and Cornhole tournaments. Day five Awards and Staff Vs. Cadets soft-ball game.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Graduation

- November 30th

Meet and Greet Opportunities

- November 13th Florence
- November 14th Lexington
- November 21st Ashland
- December 5th Somerset

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DRUG PREVENTION ON THE MOVE!



“On The Move!” is a drug education and prevention initiative. This five-component program is provided through a partnership with the Kentucky Army National Guard. Using pre-test and post-test evaluations – compiled by Southeastern Program Evaluation, inc., which is affiliated with the University of Kentucky’s Prevention Research Center – “On The Move!” provides schools with real-time data collection on program instruction that is aligned with the Kentucky Core Content areas of Practical Living and Health.



The “On The Move!” program, as a whole, is designed to educate youth about the dangers of making poor choices from using alcohol or other drugs. It provides them hands-on experiences for visual impairment, the brain’s reaction when impaired, and the physical reaction of the body to impairment. The combination of these elements makes the “On The Move!” initiative unique.



Dual Credit

Welding

Fiber Optics

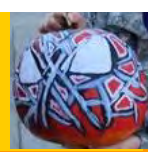


Dual Credit classes at the Southeast Kentucky Community and Technical College are offered to eligible cadets and award them with the opportunity to gain college credit and, in some courses, a certification. Cadets can take fiber optics or welding courses. We are proud of our partnership with Southeast, as it helps us to provide additional opportunities to make our cadets' lives successful with skills that can be used for future employment and self improvement.





Pumpkin Painting



Artistic expression combined with some fall season fun. Cadets had the opportunity to show their creativity and unique perspective through pumpkins and paint. We hope you enjoy their efforts as much as we did!



Career and Education



Our Cadets had the recent privilege of time with Dr. Stephen Richter, the Executive Director of the Institute of Agriculture, Natural Resources, and the Environment at Eastern Kentucky University. Dr. Richter presented a great wealth of information in how the departments he leads at EKU provide education opportunities in many career fields that support vital parts of support and protection of our wildlife areas, environmental study, outdoor recreation, as well as agriculture that includes handling of livestock, crops, food production, and other related sectors. With a wide range of programs and instructional paths in these fields, the career options are numerous and widespread including federal, state, local and private sector jobs that are stable or growing career paths. Dr. Richter, spoke about his own experiences and how having “GRIT” (that is to have; courage, resolve, perseverance, and determination) is what carried him through even in areas that could have held him back in the pursuit of working toward a career path that is truly meaningful and he enjoys doing. That now includes the opportunity to share these passions that fit within the world of agriculture, natural resources and our environment to others. We truly appreciate individuals like Dr. Richter who are willing to invest in our Cadets and their futures and help us provide resources that strengthen their post residential opportunities.



Cadet Achievements

Core Component: Leadership/Followership

Week 15 Promotions

CPL:

Allen	(Laurel)
Bowman	(Nicholas)
Brown, J	(Scott)
Candelario	(Fayette)
Corman	(Madison)
Estep	(Floyd)
Farquharson	(Wood)
Hogan	(Boone)
Jackson	(Fayette)
Neice	(Pendleton)
Perez	(Whitley)
Trent	(Perry)
White	(Fayette)
Wurts	(Boyd)

SGT:

Adkins, A	(Pike)
Adkins, L	(Laurel)
Crawford	(Kenton)
Friemoth	(Lucas)
Gullett	(Fayette)
Young, B	(Kenton)

SSG:

Ayad	(Clark)
Brown, C	(Boyd)
Dunn	(Wolfe)
Fry	(Rowan)
Griffin	(Lincoln)
Jett, S	(Estill)
Johnson, X	(Grant)
Jolly	(Boone)
Lunsford	(Boone)
Osborne	(Kenton)
Patterson	(Kenton)
Russell	(Bracken)
Seed	(Boone)
Smith, Jac	(Pike)
Smith, Jer	(Robertson)

SFC:

Conn	(Pike)
Cromer	(Fayette)
DeLatorre	(Hamilton)
Dykes	(Pulaski)
Gorman	(Grant)
Grozdanoff	(Norton City)
Hammonds	(Lawrence)
Hill	(Whitley)
Messer	(Knox)
Napier	(Laurel)
Nunn, H	(Whitley)
Poorman	(Cumberland)

MSG:

Baker, Hai	(Bell)
Caise	(Clark)
Carpenter	(Johnson)
Clark	(Boyd)
Curtis	(Hamblen)
Fedrick	(Boone)
Gill	(Fayette)
Gray, E	(Scott)
Gray, J	(Carter)
Henderson-Harper	(Boone)
Hylton	(Floyd)
Johnson, K	(Jefferson)
Lang	(Mason)
Mardis	(El Paso)
Monroe	(Harlan)
Morgan	(Claiborne)
Muntean	(Fayette)
Murrell	(Fayette)
Nunn, B	(Grant)
Ollier	(Boone)
Porter	(Floyd)
Provence	(Shelby)
Shepherd	(Magoffin)
Smith, Jas	(Madison)
Thompson	(Madison)
Veron	(Boone)
Weber	(Hamilton)
Wood	(Lincoln)
Young, A	(Madison)

Cadet of the Week

Week	1st Platoon	2nd Platoon	3rd Platoon
13	Tolson (Braden)	Poorman (Cumberland)	Johnson K. (Jefferson)
14	Jett D. (Jessamine)	Ayad (Clark)	Cromer (Fayette)
15	Monroe (Harlan)	Bowman (Nicholas)	Hill (Whitley)
16	Brooks (Kenton)	Smith, Jer. (Robertson)	Carpenter (Johnson)

Recruiting News

Now Accepting New Applications for Class 026

Meet our Recruiting/Admissions Team



Rusty Bailey



Dexter Day



Eric Gray

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Sarah Lawson

Class 026 will begin on January 26, 2025. Meet and Greets are a perfect opportunity to find out more information about our program, and also to sign your teen up for the program. Our recruiters will be available 3 to 7 pm to answer all your questions, and you don't have to be present the whole time. To complete an online application please visit our website: <https://challengeaca.com/apply-now/>

Meet and Greet Dates

- ◆ Florence: November 13th, January 2nd and 3rd Holiday Inn/Cincinnati Airport 1055 Vandercar Way, Florence Ky
- ◆ Lexington: November 14th, January 9th and 10th Holiday Inn
- ◆ (Hamburg) 1976 Justice Dr, Lexington Ky
- ◆ Ashland: November 21st Delta Marriott 1441 Winchester Ave, Ashland Ky
- ◆ London: December 12, Holiday Inn (exit 38), 506 Minton drive, London KY

NOTE: Things to bring
Your Teen
Birth Certificate
SS Card
Insurance Card



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Dream. Believe. Achieve.

The Appalachian ChalleNGe Academy is a 22 week, residential quasi-military program dedicated to advancing foundational development of regional youth, followed by a 2 year post residential follow up program. With a focus on 15 1/2-18 year old youth, it is our goal to provide a diverse skillset through our Eight Core Components that will prepare them to successfully transition into adulthood and create the future they set their sights on. If you would like more information or are interested in joining our community of support, feel free to contact us. We look forward to hearing from you!

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