

**1. What are the U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps and the Navy League Cadet Corps?**

The U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC) and the Navy League Cadet Corps (NLCC) are federally sponsored youth programs for young Americans, male and female, ages 10 through 17. The objectives of the program include developing an interest and skill in the naval and maritime sciences, and to teach patriotism, courage, self-reliance and kindred values. Cadets train aboard the ships and shore activities of the Navy and Coast Guard, and are authorized to wear Navy uniforms appropriately marked with NSCC or NLCC insignia. There are some 180 units in operation in almost every state of the union and in Puerto Rico and Guam, with over 10,000 young Americans participating. The Cadet Corps affords equal opportunity for participation to all American youth, without regard to race, color, religion or sex.



**2. What are the requirements?**

All prospective cadets must be unmarried, enrolled in school, have parental consent and possess good moral character.

**3. What about medical exams?**

A medical exam is required. The Sea Cadets comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) – we do not discriminate based upon physical ability. Additional physical requirements may be required for specific training events (such as aboard Navy ships).

**4. Will I have to pay dues?**

Yes. The enrollment fee is presently \$53.00 per year and includes premiums paid toward the Sea Cadet Group Accident Insurance Plan.

**5. Must I buy my own uniform?**

Typically no. NCBC Battalion will issue a full uniform set to each Cadet upon their acceptance into the program. Cadets also have limited Navy Exchange privileges and can purchase items at the NEX Uniform Shop.

**6. Will Sea Cadet training detract from my schoolwork?**

Just the opposite...our experience has shown that young people active in the Sea Cadet program gain critical study skills and self-discipline so necessary for successful academic performance. The Sea Cadet unit meets every Saturday morning at Quonset Point in North Kingstown during the school year. Instruction is designed to supplement your schoolwork.

Normally, training away from home is conducted only during school vacation periods.



**7. What do the Sea Cadets learn?**

Cadets study a broad range of subjects. Some are designed to help cadets become better adult citizens, others teach the importance of strong maritime forces. Cadets also study naval history, customs and traditions, seamanship, navigation and similar subjects which would help their chances for promotion should they decide to join one of the sea services.

**8. What are my chances for promotion?**

Promotion within the Sea Cadets is based upon merit. Promising young men and women, upon fulfilling certain successive qualifications and requirements, are given command positions and develop leadership skills.

**9. Who sponsors the Quonset Sea Cadets?**

The US Naval Sea Cadet Corps, NCBC Battalion, is sponsored by the Fleet Reserve Association (FRA), Branch 42; the Newport County Council of the U.S. Navy League; and the Seabee Veterans of America, Island X-1. The Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC) began Sea Cadet operations in 1986.

**10. Who instructs the Sea Cadets?**

Sea Cadets are instructed by naval personnel (active, reserve and retired), by Senior Cadets, and by other adult leaders willing to devote their time and knowledge to this activity.

**11. Can I go to camp in the summer?**

Yes! Summer training fees are very low, typically \$150-170 per training week. After completing at least 10 days of summer recruit training required for all new Cadets, you can participate in additional training in advanced subjects such as seamanship, port operations, SEAL training, airman school, and more.

**12. Are Sea Cadets permitted to go to sea?**

Yes. After completing recruit training and other required courses of instruction, many Sea Cadets can participate in two weeks advanced training aboard Navy and Coast Guard vessels ranging from small harbor craft to large nuclear powered aircraft carriers.

**13. What training is available aboard ship?**

Sea Cadets are trained in basic seamanship, damage control, watchstanding, firefighting and other nautical skills.

**14. Are there advanced training courses for Sea Cadets?**

Yes. In addition to advanced training aboard naval vessels, Sea Cadets may attend advanced orientation courses such as Airman or Corpsman School, Seamanship, Port Operations, Music School, Seabee Builder, Underwater Demolition/Seal Team training, Submarine Orientation and other courses designed to prepare cadets for leadership, either within the Sea Cadet organization or in other fields.

**15. Are there travel opportunities?**

Yes. Sea Cadets travel to training sites all over the country during the summer training period. Additionally, outstanding cadets are selected to participate in international exchange programs with other maritime cadet activities worldwide.

**16. How are Sea Cadets selected for the Exchange Program?**

Exchange cadets are selected on a merit basis. Each cadet must have an outstanding record as well as a good reputation within his or her home community.

**17. Can Sea Cadets obtain summer employment?**

Yes. Sea Cadets are permitted to choose a training period during the summer months that will not interfere with summer employment arrangements.

**18. Will I be required to join the military?**

No. Sea Cadets have absolutely no commitment regarding future military service. For those Sea Cadets who do decide to enlist in the Navy or Coast Guard, prior Sea Cadet training may permit entry at an advanced pay grade with accelerated promotion.

**19. What is the main purpose of Sea Cadet training?**

While Sea Cadet units are organized along military lines, their main purpose is to foster good citizenship, develop leadership skills, and encourage ambition. Along the way Cadets also develop an interest and appreciation of our nation's maritime services – the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine.

# U.S. NAVAL SEA CADET CORPS

NCBC Battalion, Quonset Point, RI



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