

Your Army JROTC unit is invited to be a part of a new era at the...

2010 U.S. Army Cadet Command Championships

Western Region Championship
Saturday, March 13th, 2010
The Alamodome
San Antonio, Texas



Eastern Region Championship
Saturday, March 20th, 2010
Macon Centreplex
Macon, Georgia

"Official Home of the U.S. Army JROTC Championships"

Sponsored By: U.S. Army Cadet Command, Ft. Monroe, Virginia

Introduction

This invitation is extended to your Army JROTC unit to apply for entry into the **2010 U.S. Army Cadet Command Championships**. This 7th annual Army JROTC competition is sponsored by the **U.S. Army Cadet Command** with **Sports Network International, Inc.** tasked to serve as the Event Manager. All U.S. Army JROTC programs in good standing throughout the world are eligible to apply for entry into this prestigious competition. The "Army Nationals" are the annual home of the finest Army JROTC units. Each year, both the U.S. Army Eastern and the U.S. Army Western units will compete in both Armed and Unarmed competition in this single day event.



Competition Events

As most schools are well aware, the Army Nationals remains the largest and finest Army-only competition held anywhere. The two drill events combined involve over 2,000 cadets and instructors and showcase most of the finest drill programs in the world of JROTC drill. The units that attend the event do so to expose themselves to the best drill units in the country.

Team Events, scoring & cadets required at the Army Nationals are as follows:

- Team Inspection:** 12 cadets+ CMDR (25%)
- Color Guard Drill:** 2 rifles / 2 flags only (25%)
- Platoon Regulation:** 12 cadets+ CMDR (25%)
- Exhibition Drill:** 9 cadets min. w/no max. (25%)

The **Team Inspection** event involves cadets and a Cadet Commander standing inspection in front of event judges. Both **Regulation and Color Guard Drills** are comprised of graded, memorized movements performed in sequence. **Exhibition Drill** uses a 6-9 minute time limit and the movements are left to the imagination of the drill team.

All drill areas have a single 15' entry/exit point unless otherwise noted. This is the only point at which a team may enter/exit the drill area. Please do not call and request an exception. Complete drill floor layouts/maps are available on-line with all other event paperwork at the Official Website of the Army Nationals: <http://army.thenationals.net>.

Schools may enter up to two full teams (one Armed, one Unarmed) per level. While a single cadet may compete within all four competitions, cadets may not "cross-over" and compete for more than one team. Therefore, schools entering two separate teams can have **no individual cadet competing for both teams**. Allowing this would reduce the total number of schools able to participate in this championship event. With the Western Championships moving to the Alamodome, we have the space and availability to offer a Challenge Level for less experienced or JV teams that wish to attend. The Challenge Level will be offered should sufficient teams register and would run concurrently with the standard competition. Space constraints prevent this level from being offered from the Eastern Championships. Schools may enter two teams in the standard competition and two teams in the Challenge Level.

Competition Locations

The Army Nationals are held indoors for both the Eastern and Western Championships. The upcoming Western Championships will be held at the **Alamodome in San Antonio, Texas**. Both the city of San Antonio and specifically the **San Antonio Youth Commission** have worked hard to provide this colossal, noteworthy building at an affordable price to our event. Known around the world, the Alamodome will provide every cadet a performance memory they may never forget! This venue is centrally located between several major interstate highways, as well as just a few minutes from the San Antonio International Airport. It maintains all of the extras you would expect from a building of this magnitude!



Not to be outdone, the 2010 Eastern Championships are held in **Macon, Georgia** at the venerable **Macon Centreplex**. This 8,000-seat facility is a fantastic facility for a meet of this scope. For both competitions, the crowd to attend is large for both competitors and spectators and both facilities have plenty of room. They are fantastic, luxurious settings for these competitions with ample parking, elevated competitor/spectator seating, house sound systems and concessions. Both facilities maintain nearby primary care medical centers! Greater details regarding both venues, as well as complete drill area layouts can be found on the Army Nationals website.

Event Judging & Scoring

Three scoring judges will be utilized in each competition area with four maintained within Inspection. All judges will have travel orders from Cadet Command to attend, assuring detailed and extensive knowledge of U.S. Army FM 3-21.5 within the area they are judging. All judges will receive an extensive event judging manual and briefing prior to attending the event as well. Sports Network International is renowned for its double-check scoring system. Complete scoring packages include detailed score breakdowns for their team, as well as all other teams in their competition division, as well as all event scoresheets returned immediately following the Awards Ceremony Saturday evening.



Army Nationals Event Specifics

All teams will receive their competition start times in advance via the event website, as well as their safety briefing and seating chart. The Army Nationals event is anticipated to begin at 0830. Events will continue during the day and early Saturday evening. The team events will conclude with the Armed, then Unarmed Knockout Drills. All registered cadets are encouraged to enter both the Armed & Unarmed Knockout events.

On Saturday evening, the Army Nationals Awards Ceremony distributes stunning Championship & Runner-Up Overall trophies in both Armed & Unarmed Divisions, as well as 1st-5th place team trophies in each team event. The top three finishers in each Knockout will also receive special hand-painted, cloisstone medallions.

Competition Guidelines

The complete Army Nationals Team Folder is finalized and posted to the event website for download after schools are accepted into the event in December. This team folder maintains all paperwork necessary to attend the event, as well as other vital information.

The Army Nationals Team Package Plan

Every competing cadet attends the event through the Army Nationals Team Package Plan. The price of the Team Package Plan is \$10.00 per cadet. This plan provides cadets with treasured event mementos while paying the costs of running the drill competition.

All cadets competing in any part of the Army Nationals event must attend using the Team Package Plan.

The Team Package Plan is *optional* for instructors, parents and non-competing cadets. Few other drill events maintain the high quality, first-class atmosphere, lasting memories and beautiful event items that are a part of the Army Nationals.

The Team Package Plan provides:

- Army Nationals goldtone chest medallion
- Army Nationals competition t-shirt, ordered to size
- 8" x 10" glossy color unit team photo with personalized event border
- Ability to participate in all facets of the Army Nationals event

Army Nationals Registration Information

The costs of producing the Army Nationals are heavily subsidized by Cadet Command, thereby keeping the costs very low for each attending school. The School Registration Fee for the Army Nationals is just \$100.00 per school. This allows one school to enter up to two complete drill units (one per division), as well as allowing your competing cadets entry into both the Armed & Unarmed Knockouts.

To apply for entry into the Army Nationals, please complete the Army Nationals Registration Form and mail it to Sports Network International along with your \$100.00 School Registration Fee. Upon receipt by SNI, your school will be notified that we have received your entry request.

SELECTION PROCESS: *All registrations will be reviewed by the SNI Competition Committee beginning on Friday, December 5th, 2008 (if your entry ARRIVES after this date, your school will have a reduced chance to gain an entry slot.)* SNI will evaluate all entries on their merits and decide which schools will be accepted. This judgment will be based on many factors but the largest of these include:

- ❖ *Overall placement and team strength in past drill competitions. Teams make their best case for inclusion on page two of this Registration Form.*
- ❖ *Teams looking to capture an Overall Championship (complete teams entering all team events within a division) are given preference over partial teams not choosing to enter all team events within a division. Schools not competing in every team event may be accepted but this event is designed for those competing for an overall title.*
- ❖ *Geographic spread, gung-ho nature & previous entry attempts are all points considered by SNI.*

Additional Registration Info

While most schools who have been looking hard at entering this competition will register within weeks of receiving this invitation, history dictates many will choose to wait. Do not allow the U.S. mail service to cancel your trip before it begins! All schools who enter the competition by this entry deadline will be given first consideration. Schools who have their entry received by SNI AFTER the early December review deadline will have a smaller chance of getting into the Army Nationals competition. The event will likely be FULL on or near the initial review deadline of December 4th, with only a rarely used "standby slot" available for schools to gain entry after this date.

Schools accepted for entry will be mailed confirmations and listed on the SNI website beginning on Tuesday, December 9th. Any school not accepted into the Army Nationals will have their Registration Entry Fee refunded in full within 10 business days from the review deadline. A complete list of accepted schools will be posted to the SNI website on Tuesday, December 9th, 2009.

Schools should prepare in advance for the fact that, as a REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP, many quality schools **may not be able to be accepted based solely on space limitations**. Please ensure your school includes PLENTY of information on page two of the School Registration Form to allow Sports Network International the best chance of accepting your school into the event. Feel free to attach additional pages of information on your unit should you feel it will better make your case why your school belongs in the competition field of this event.

All checks and correspondence should be sent to **Sports Network International** at the address listed below. Schools are encouraged to contact SNI by email or telephone, as well as to check the Army Nationals website.

Overnight Housing

Knowing that a large percentage of schools attending the event will need hotel accommodations, numerous quality hotels all very near the competition sites have been contracted and are ready to provide very reasonable billets for competitors and spectators alike. Simply go to the official website of the Army Nationals event you are planning to attend and click on the "[BILLETING INFORMATION](#)" link to see the complete, most up-to-date list. All schools are eligible to stay at any hotel they wish, however it is hoped that the listed hotels will be utilized as every hotel included is a strong supporter of JROTC and the Army Nationals event. NOTE: Schools are encouraged NOT to make non-refundable hotel reservations until their entry into the event has been received and accepted in December.

In Closing

Several schools asked about getting rooms overnight for an extra day of sightseeing and/or college campus tours. SNI has provided information regarding hotels, guided tours, monument maps and other essential items within the Team Folder, as well as on the Army Nationals website, for all entered schools looking to make this trip more than just a one-day drill competition. The most up-to-date listing of these hotels are always posted on-line.

Thank you for considering attendance at the **2010 U.S. Army Cadet Command Championships**. This event promises to provide a pleasant experience for competitors, instructors and spectators alike. We would like to encourage all of the top Army JROTC units from around the world to make the Army Nationals a part of your annual competition calendar. It can do wonders for the overall health, vitality and population of your program!

With the strong backing of the United States Army Cadet Command, the upcoming Army Nationals looks to be an unparalleled, single-service platform to display the hard work your cadets have put forward during their years of Army JROTC. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call, write or email to the location outlined below. Here's wishing you good health and success throughout the school year.

Sincerely,

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