

Dear Drill Team Instructor:

As Event Manager, Sports Network International, Inc., would like to welcome your school to the 2010 U.S. Army Cadet Command Western Championships. In preparation for the event, SNI has posted this School Folder online. You should print out all folder documents and put the contents into a folder for your use. The pages are numbered to be placed in five separate sections of a folder. The folder documents include all of the information necessary for your school to compete at the 2010 Army Nationals, including the event SOP and scoresheets (listed as Sections 4 & 5, respectively).

There is a Schedule of Dates and Deadlines for Paperwork and Finances (page 1-3) which breaks down all of the necessary paperwork and when it must be sent in. This form also notes when SNI will be sending out other follow-up information between now and the event. Your school has already sent in the first two items on this list therefore, these items have been checked off.

Your next deadline is February 10th, 2010. In addition to the paperwork due on that date, this is also the deadline for the \$10.00 package fees **required** from each cadet participant (instructors are optional). All deadlines listed are **absolute**. Please Note: The competition is expected to fill to capacity. Any school that is late with required money and/or paperwork may be dropped from the Army Nationals. **PLEASE DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOUR SCHOOL!**

The money must be in by these deadlines so that we can make necessary payments to t-shirt & medallion manufacturers, etc. Also, the Acceptance of Responsibility (page 1-5) **MUST BE NOTARIZED** and submitted by the deadline. Teams will not be allowed to compete without submitting this form on time and duly notarized.

The "My School" website: Schools will be pleased to discover that we have expanded our website to include an area where registered schools can login with a School ID and password. The My School site will allow schools to enter and submit participant lists online, check on all paperwork and money that we have received, confirm any balance due, and confirm our most up-to-date listing of your cadets. Your school was sent your school's ID and password in your confirmation mailing. If you need assistance with logging on or help with the My School website, contact Sharron Ritch in our office.

A NOTE ABOUT FAXES

SNI does have a fax machine and schools are permitted to send in SOME of their paperwork by fax. Note: The Acceptance of Responsibility form cannot be received by fax (it must be sent to us as an original through the mail). Most schools mail ALL paperwork in one package for this reason. However, should you wish to fax your Team Roster form, Financial Statement or Participant List, feel free to do so. But don't forget that the February 10th deadline for paperwork means ...

"ALL PAPERWORK MUST BE IN OUR HANDS BY FEBRUARY 10TH"!

SNI's FAX Number is 386 / 274-1255.

A NOTE ABOUT PAPERWORK: Before you send anything in the mail to SNI you **MUST** make copies to keep for your files (in case they get lost in the mail). SNI also encourages schools to check online at their My School website to confirm that we have received their money and paperwork.

Thank you again for your support of the U.S. Army Cadet Command Western Championships. The 2010 Army Nationals should be a thriving and exciting drill meet that surpasses all of our expectations. I hope that this drill season has been a success for your unit and we at SNI are looking forward to seeing you on March 13th. Please feel free to call should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Samantha Ste. Claire, Business Manager

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Paperwork Checklist

Schedule of Dates and Deadlines

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Registration Form



Registration Fee (\$100.00 per school)

Due by January 15th

Folder Download Confirmation Form / Page 1-4

Due by February 10th

100% of all team package fees sent by school or program check

Acceptance of Responsibility...MUST BE NOTARIZED / Page 1-5

Team Roster & Enrolled Cadet Letter / Page 1-6 (sample)

Publicity Rights Waiver / Page 1-7

Financial Statement / Page 2-1 / can be generated on-line – see page 1-1 for details

Participant List complete with shirt sizes and codes / Pages 2-2 a-b / can be entered on-line

Hotel Confirmation Form / Page 2-4

Sent out by SNI by February 24th

Final Status Confirmation Sheet (confirms any balance or paperwork still due)

Entry Confirmation Form (confirms the exact number of Army Nationals events entered)

Posted to website on March 5th

Competition Times (all schools receive event competition times by going to www.thenationals.net)

Due by 1000 hours at Registration on March 13th

Team Pictures Information Form / Page 3-2

Bring to the competition and keep with you

Medical Release Forms (OPTIONAL) - (Do not send to SNI...keep with you at the event / Page 1-8)

Folder Download Confirmation Form

Fax This Confirmation Back To SNI After You Have Downloaded All Sections Of The School Folder.

To all Army Nationals JROTC units attending the 2010 U.S. Army Cadet Command Western Championships on March 13th:

Access to the School Folder has been listed prominently on the Army Nationals website. Schools must download sections 1 through 5 and place them in a binder/folder for your use. This School Folder contains all of the information you will need to attend this event. On **Page 1-3** (Section One, Page Three) you will find a checklist to help with organizing the forms that you must send to our office. Your next deadline for all paperwork and the \$10.00 package fee per cadet is February 10th.

Please fill in the information requested below **AFTER** you have successfully downloaded the School Folder and **fax this page to 386/274-1255** a.s.a.p.

School Name _____

Print Instructor Name _____

I have successfully downloaded all sections of the required School Folder from the 2010 U.S. Army Cadet Command Western Championships website.

Date: _____

Instructor Signature: _____

Please call our office if you have any problems or questions. Thank you.

Samantha Ste.Claire
Sports Network International, Inc.
(800) 327-9311

DUE BY FEBRUARY 10
(original only – no faxes)

2010 U.S. Army Cadet Command Western Championships

ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSIBILITY FORM

I, the school drill instructor of the high school or military academy representing _____ High School from the City of _____ in the State of _____ do hereby accept full responsibility for participation by any and all members of this drill unit in the 2010 U.S. Army Cadet Command Western Championships to be held in San Antonio, Texas on March 13th, 2010. This acceptance of responsibility includes any and all accidents, illnesses, or injuries of any type from any cause to any member of this team, its commanders, or other students associated in any manner with the drill unit during this time period, including any related time period required to travel to and from the above mentioned event.

We also agree to hold harmless all officers and employees of Sports Network International, Inc. along with the Alamodome, City of San Antonio, and the U.S. Army Cadet Command for any injuries sustained by any member of our entire group, either participating in the U.S. Army Cadet Command Western Championships or as a non-participant.

As the instructor of the above team, I hereby also accept all rules, regulations and guidelines set forth in the Standard Operating Procedures of the 2010 U.S. Army Cadet Command Western Championships.

DRILL TEAM INSTRUCTOR (signature)

INSTRUCTOR NAME (printed/typed)

DATE

<p>MUST BE NOTARIZED</p> <p>_____ Notary Signature</p> <p>_____ Notary State of Residence</p> <p>_____ Date</p>
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Team Roster Information & Enrolled Cadet Letter

As a school entering the 2010 U.S. Army Cadet Command Western Championships, there are two requirements to compete at the Army Nationals which can both be accomplished by one letter. Sports Network would like you to follow the example on this page when making out your own Team Roster & Enrolled Cadet Letter. It is requested that this letter be done on school or JROTC letterhead stationery.

1. Each school/program at the Army Nationals is required to present a "Team Roster" for each team competing at the competition. This roster consists of a listing of the Team Name, with all cadets representing that team listed beneath. If you have more than one team, they can both be listed out on the same letter but must be separated by team (as shown below). **A single cadet cannot compete in both the Armed and Unarmed divisions.**
2. This same letter should specify that all cadets listed below are enrolled in this school, and are currently enrolled in the Junior ROTC program. This letter should be signed by the Senior Instructor or Drill Instructor of your program.
3. This letter is due with the majority of the paperwork on February 10th. Should you have any changes in the roster listing of cadets (substitutions, additions, etc.), you can update your letter and send any revisions as necessary. Feel free to call if you have any questions.

--- SCHOOL LETTERHEAD ---

EAST High School - ARMY JROTC

1 February 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

The following students are currently enrolled at East High School. They are all members of the Army Junior ROTC program at East High School.

Blue Guard (Armed)

1. Jeff Smith
2. Joe Johnson
3. Bill Jones
4. Patrick Kline
5. Stuart Redman
6. Larry Underwood
7. Joe Jackson
8. Bill Katt
9. Fred Lipton
10. Adam Ross
11. Richard Rodriguez
12. Ken Darby
13. Vincent Montoya

Red Guard (Unarmed)

1. Lorraine Flint
2. Vicky Peterson
3. Tasha Michael
4. Beverly Cushman
5. Susan Smith
6. Barbara Wright
7. Sarah Jefferson
8. Rachel Ward
9. Kelly Everly
10. Teresa Barker
11. Alice Norton
12. Deborah Johnson
13. Marisa Long

Col. John J. Doe

Colonel John J. Doe
Senior Army Instructor

2010 U.S. Army Cadet Command Western Championships

PUBLICITY RIGHTS WAIVER

I, the undersigned instructor of the high school or military academy drill team unit from _____ School of the City of _____ and the State of _____ do hereby release for publicity purposes any picture or likeness of the drill team of the above school, along with any and all participants and supporters of the school/drill team for use in any and all still photographs and/or videotapes made during the 2010 U.S. Army Cadet Command Western Championships on March 13th, 2010.

I understand that these photographs and/or videotapes are the sole property of Sports Network International, Inc., the Event Manager for the U.S. Army Cadet Command Western Championships. Sports Network International, Inc. reserves the right to publish and duplicate these photographs and/or videotapes for distribution to the high school JROTC market in particular and to the public in general.

The photographs and/or videotapes may include drill performances, personal interviews with cadets and instructors, as well as candid footage of all persons at the competition arena (Alamodome) and any additional lodging locations used during the event.

Sports Network International, Inc. reserves the right to use these photographs and/or videotapes to publicize the U.S. Army Cadet Command Western Championships in any medium.

SIGNATURE OF INSTRUCTOR

INSTRUCTOR NAME (print/type)

DATE

Do not send to SNI – keep with you during event

MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION PERMISSION FORM

STUDENT / CADET NAME

DATE

_____ Has my permission to go on the trip to the U.S. Army Cadet Command Western Championships in San Antonio, Texas.

_____ In the event the need arises to provide unforeseen or emergency medical treatment to my son or daughter, I understand that every effort will be made to contact me for my permission; however, in the unlikely event that I cannot be contacted, I hereby authorize the instructors/teachers of the _____ school to act on my behalf and give them this medical assignment release for necessary medical treatment.

On Saturday, March 13th, 2010, I can be able to be reached by telephone at one of the following numbers:

Area code _____ / _____ Area Code _____ / _____

Area code _____ / _____ Area Code _____ / _____

_____ My son / daughter has no known allergies to any medication.

_____ My son / daughter is allergic to the following medicines or other natural substances:

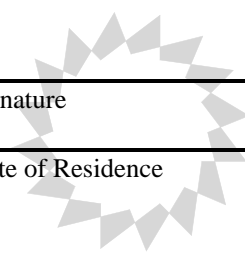
_____ My son / daughter is currently taking the following prescribed or over-the-counter medications:

PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

PRINT NAME CLEARLY

Notary Signature

Notary State of Residence Date



School Financial Statement

In organizing your attendance at the U.S. Army Cadet Command Western Championships, remember that all participating cadets are **required to pay the \$10.00 team package**. Instructors and other (non-competing) cadets in your program can also receive this package as well; simply add them to the Participant List and the Financial Statement. It will be necessary for you to get shirt sizes for everyone who is paying through the team package. (Note the size next to their name on the participant list).

You must fill out the Participant List on page 2-2, listing names, shirt sizes & codes. Upon completion, fill in the financial statement below. The Participant List must maintain all cadets eligible to compete.

Once you have the total amount that your school owes, send a school or program check to SNI for the TOTAL AMOUNT DUE by February 10th, 2010 (along with all of the event paperwork due - see page 1-3). Finally, please fill in the bottom portion of the Financial Statement with the specific numbers of the persons attending the event, as reflected on your Participant List, and include it with your payment.

When sending in payment for the team package fees, please remember that these payments must be made by either a school or drill team program check. Cashier's and certified checks, and money orders are also acceptable, but not necessary. Schools wishing to use a Credit Card for payment should contact Sports Network for details.

Note: No personal checks will be accepted.

To add any individuals to your paperwork after you have sent in the paperwork and money simply call SNI and we will adjust your paperwork over the phone! **DO NOT fax or mail revised participant lists - CALL INSTEAD!** Depending on the balance you owe for these individuals, SNI will either have you send a supplemental payment or pay the balance upon arrival at Event Registration. Please note that all payments made for package fees are totally non-refundable, as SNI has to contract for total t-shirts, medallions, and photographs after your paperwork and payment is received.

Please note: All of this information can be entered on the "My School Website". See page 1-1 for details.

SCHOOL NAME: _____

PEOPLE PACKAGE PRICE TOTAL COST

_____ X \$ 10.00 = \$ _____ / must enclose page 2-2 a-b

**PLEASE NOTE: The \$100 registration fee is separate from this package cost.
Do not include the registration fee in your calculations.**

Package Totals:

_____ IN – INSTRUCTORS

ONLY include instructors
that are paying for the
\$ 10.00 package.

_____ MC - MALE CADETS

_____ FC - FEMALE CADETS

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_____ **TOTAL PACKAGES**

must match total quantity on participant list

LOCAL HOTEL NAME

HOTEL City & STATE

HOTEL PHONE NUMBER

(_____) _____

2010 Army Nationals - Western

DUE BY FEBRUARY 10

Participant List

Shirt Sizes:

- S - 34-36
- M - 38-40
- L - 42-44
- XL - 46-48
- XXL - 50-52

Participant Codes:

- MC - MALE CADET
- FC - FEMALE CADET
- IN - INSTRUCTOR (Optional)

PLEASE NOTE

The \$10.00
Team Package
IS REQUIRED
of all competing cadets.

Note: All competing cadets MUST be listed below and they MUST pay the \$10.00 package fee. Please do not list anyone below that is not paying the \$10.00 package fee.

(Listing instructors or non-competing cadets is optional. If your Instructor(s) are not paying the \$10.00 fee for the shirt, medallion and picture, please do not list them on this form.)

Please note: All of this information can be entered on the "My School Website". See page 1-1 for details.

School Name: _____

#	NAME	SHIRT SIZE	CODE
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**2010 Army Nationals – Western Championships Participant List -
continued**

School Name: _____

#	NAME	SHIRT SIZE	CODE
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2010 Army Nationals – Western Championships Team Picture Form & Information

March 13th, 2010 - 0900 - 1600 hrs

Team Picture Quantities

The team package allows for each school to receive one team picture print for each person paying through the \$10.00 package. However, within this system you can have different team picture groupings. (Example: East H.S. is bringing two teams to the event, the "Blue Guard" and the "Red Guard". East H.S. has a total of 30 cadets attending through the team package. They will break down their team pictures as follows: "Blue Guard" whole team photo - 13 prints; "Red Guard" drill team photo - 13 prints; "Red Guard" color guard photo - 4 prints.) This example shows how you can split up the team pictures into groups (most notably, many schools have their Color Guard photos taken separately) provided that you do not list more total prints than you should receive.

Requirements & Limitations

- This form must be completed at Event Registration and verified by an SNI staff member. Once completed, this form must be turned in to the Team Picture check-in table. **No changes can be made to this form at the Team Picture check-in table**, so please decide carefully how you wish to have your pictures taken in advance.
- **Each team (armed team or unarmed team) has the choice of EITHER taking one picture of everyone (drill team, color guard, everybody) OR one picture of the drill team and one picture of the Color Guard.** No other options are possible within the very tight schedule that we must maintain for this event.
- **No more than 38 total persons can be placed in a Team Picture.** Due to the space limitations and safety considerations of our risers, we cannot go beyond this number in a single group photo. Schools attending with two teams who wish to have their picture taken together (basically one photo for the whole school) must consider the number of cadets they have and whether they fit within this limitation. If you have more than 38 persons, you must break the group up into two smaller groups (i.e., two teams or color guard taken separately, etc.).
- Please fill out this form and bring it with you to Event Registration. Write in the school name & number of package persons attending the Army Nationals event. Then fill out one section for each team you have, write in the team name (Blue Guard, Eagle Battalion, etc.), then for that team circle the group type you wish to be photographed (these are the only options for group types) with the quantity of prints in the corresponding space.

School Name: _____

Total Package Persons: _____

Team Name #1: _____ - **Armed / Unarmed** (circle one)

Group Type: whole team / drill team only / color guard only (circle one) #/Prints: _____

Group Type: whole team / drill team only / color guard only (circle one) #/Prints: _____

Team Name #2: _____ - **Armed / Unarmed** (circle one)

Group Type: whole team / drill team only / color guard only (circle one) #/Prints: _____

Group Type: whole team / drill team only / color guard only (circle one) #/Prints: _____

TOTAL QUANTITY OF PRINTS: _____

U.S. ARMY CADET COMMAND WESTERN CHAMPIONSHIPS HOTEL CONFIRMATION FORM

Complete this form and send it to SNI no later than February 10, 2010. This information will help us to best plan our future hotel needs and verify existing contract data with our hotels. Please also include a copy of the confirmation received directly from the Hotel – it can be either a letter or a copy of an email. If your school will not be staying overnight please fill out the first 2 lines and on the third line (Hotel Name) please list "LOCAL."

School Name: _____

Instructor Name: _____

Hotel Name: _____

Hotel Phone Number: _____

Hotel Address: _____

City/State/Zip _____

Room #	Last Name Reserved under <small>(include first initial if common name)</small>	# of nights		Room #	Last Name Reserved under <small>(include first initial if common name)</small>	# of nights
1				11		
2				12		
3				13		
4				14		
5				15		
6				16		
7				17		
8				18		
9				19		
10				20		

Instructor Signature: _____

2010 Army Nationals – Western Championships

Tentative Schedule of Events

The Alamodome
Saturday, March 13th, 2010

Doors Open
Doors open at 0800 hrs

Specific starting times for each school will be posted on-line on Friday, March 5th

Event Registration –
0800 – 0930 hrs - Shirts & Medallions Packages signed out

Team Pictures
0900 - 1600 hrs

Armed Inspection
0900 – 1645 hrs
Drill Area G – Meeting Room I

Unarmed Inspection
0936 – 1645 hrs
Drill Area H – Meeting Room C

Armed Regulation
0900 – 1645 hrs
Drill Area A – Main Arena

Unarmed Regulation
0900 – 1645 hrs
Drill Area B – Main Arena

Armed (Div.) Color Guard
0900 – 1645 hrs
Drill Area E – Main Arena

Unarmed (Div.) Color Guard
0900 – 1645 hrs
Drill Area F – Main Arena

Armed Exhibition
0900 – 1645 hrs
Drill Area C – Main Arena

Unarmed Exhibition
0900 – 1645 hrs
Drill Area D – Main Arena

Knockout Drills: Unarmed & Armed
1700 – 1800 hrs – Main Arena

Awards & Closing Ceremony
1830 - 1930 hrs – Main Arena

*Please Note: This is a tentative schedule based on the maximum competition hours possible.
A revised schedule & specific event times for each school will be posted to the website
on Friday, March 5th.*

2010 Army Nationals – Western Championships

Event Logistics

Venue Information & Parking

The Army Nationals will be held at the Alamodome in San Antonio. This facility is “state of the art” and gorgeous. It is an HONOR that they will host this JROTC event. Schools will not find a more luxurious drill facility in use anywhere in the country. Schools will enter the building through the main doors, signs will direct you how to get to the registration table and drill areas. Acres of vacant paved parking areas will be available for drill practice throughout the day on Saturday weather permitting. We ask that all attendees park in Lot C. Paid parking will be in effect.

Cadet Behavior

Teams are to be on their best behavior while at the competition. This facility is contracted for the Army Nationals and in order to utilize this facility in future years we need to return the building in better condition than when we received it. Running around or rough-housing, etc. will not be tolerated. Cadets are directed to remain inside the Arena throughout the event. Any cadet leaving the facility for any reason (i.e., go to the bus for equipment, etc.) MUST be accompanied by an INSTRUCTOR or adult chaperone.

Concessions

The Alamodome will have concession stands running throughout most of the day. No outside food or beverages can be brought into the building. There will be a scheduled lunch break during the day. Schools are welcome to leave for lunch, but are strongly encouraged to know where they plan to go and allow enough driving/parking/eating time.

Package Distribution

As noted on the Event Schedule, all team package materials (shirts & medallions) will be distributed from the Army Nationals Registration Desk from 0800 - 0930 hours. Schools must go through Event Registration and have their packages picked up by 0930 hrs. Please plan to arrive in time to register before your first event. See diagram for location of the Registration Area.

Performance Boards

You will be issued performance boards when you receive your team package materials at registration for your team's use during the competition. **These boards are not for you to keep and must be returned in excellent condition before you will receive your photographs or scoresheets.** They are to be placed on the easels by the drill area entrance just prior to your team's performance, which allows spectators to identify your team. They need to be removed immediately following your performance. We ask that while you are sitting in the stands that you display the sign by propping it on a seat. This allows us to quickly identify schools from a distance in case we need to contact you and can assist in the reduced use of the Public Address system. When you are finished competing, please turn in the performance board to the Information Desk. All performance boards should be turned in prior to the Knockout Drills.

Team Pictures

As a part of your team package, all schools will have team pictures taken on site. In preparation for this, schools must have filled out the Team Picture Form (page 2-3) prior to arriving at Event Registration. You will also have a designated time for your team to have their team picture taken. Prior to actually having your picture taken, schools must turn in their Team Picture Form at the Event Registration desk. Therefore schools are encouraged to be aware of this requirement and be sure to get to Registration for their package materials immediately upon arrival at the event. The photographs will be printed on-site during the event and should be available for distribution following the Awards Ceremony that evening. Should there be any technical difficulties during the event; the photos will be mailed to schools within 7 days after the event.

Event Logistics / continued

Dressing Rooms

Teams should come prepared for the competition in uniform. You will be allowed to utilize the dressing rooms located near the Inspection rooms (see diagram). Do not leave any items unattended in these rooms, they will be used by all teams attending and will not be secure.

Videotaping at the Competition

Schools are permitted to videotape the competition, provided they do not need access to electrical outlets (BRING CHARGED BATTERY PACKS). While everyone will be given access to film the competition, any and all professional filming being done by US Army Cadet Command, SNI or the press in general will have priority in locations from which to film. **Please inform your parents in advance that they are not allowed to utilize the building's electricity.**

Army Nationals Information & Headquarters Desk

If you have any questions regarding the competition site, where drill areas are, where to sit, get pictures taken, etc., please do not hesitate to ask SNI staff...that is why we are here. Specifically, there will be an Information Desk set up near the scoring tables (see map for location) where you can have all of your questions answered.

Lost & Found

Should you find anything while at the event, please turn it in to Lost & Found at the Information Desk. Should you lose anything, please check with Lost & Found before leaving the arena.

Judging Criteria Questions

Should any cadet commander or instructor have questions regarding the judging for an event or the interaction with any judge at the Army Nationals, these questions should be directed only to the Judging Director, Justin Gates. Please do not interrupt the competition process by directing your questions to the active judges, and please address the issue at hand immediately (don't wait to bring a question to the Judging Director. It is always best to answer questions while it is fresh in everyone's mind).

Interaction with Judging Staff

The active duty judges at the competition are encouraged to interact with the cadets at the event (one of the reasons these judges attend the Army Nationals is to communicate the benefits of the Army and to answer questions from interested cadets). The judging staff has been strictly instructed as to the proper protocol for interacting with cadets as well as instructors, i.e., no discussion of any matters pertaining to the Army Nationals (no shop talk!).

Army Nationals Dignitaries

The U.S. Army Cadet Command Western Championships will be visited by many dignitaries throughout the day. They will be observing various drill competitions and will be acting as Guest Speakers at the Closing Awards Ceremony. Teams are expected to maintain the highest possible military bearing and discipline throughout.

Army Nationals Closing Awards Ceremony

All cadets are required to attend the Closing Awards Ceremony Saturday evening. Schools will be seated in the stands and the Cadet Commanders will go forward to receive their team's trophy when called. The actual Awards Ceremony is not expected to last more than one hour.

Event Standings Report & Scoresheet Packages

If time allows, final event standings and scoresheet packages will be distributed following the Awards Ceremony. Should time be too limited to allow for this, these packages will be mailed to schools within 7 days after the event.

Trash Detail

Schools are required to maintain the cleanliness of their bleachers section during the day (particularly at the end of the day, whether the trash was generated by your school's cadets or not!). Large garbage bags will be distributed to all schools at registration for this purpose. It should be noted that cadets are not allowed to bring concession foods into the bleacher seating. This should significantly minimize the trash that needs to be removed. Schools will be directed as to where in the building they should drop off their full & tied closed garbage bags throughout the day.

LOCATION & DIRECTIONS TO THE COMPETITION VENUE

and other vital information

COMPETITION VENUE

The Alamodome

100 Montana Street / San Antonio, TX

MAIN PHONE: (210)207-3663

<http://www.alamodome.com>

From IH-35 North, Use the New Braunfels Street exit, south on New Braunfels to Commerce Street, west on Commerce Street to Cherry Street, south on Cherry Street and into lots.

From IH-35 South, Use US-90 East to New Braunfels Street exit, north on New Braunfels to Commerce Street, west on Commerce Street to Cherry Street, south on Cherry Street and into lots.

From IH-10 East, Use Hackberry Street exit, north on Hackberry to Durango Blvd., west on Durango Blvd. To Cherry Street, North on Cherry Street and into lots.

From IH-10 West, Use IH-35 north to New Braunfels Street exit, south on New Braunfels to Commerce Street, West on Commerce Street to Cherry Street, south on Cherry Street and into lots.

NEAREST TRAUMA HOSPITAL

Baptist Medical Center

111 Dallas Street / San Antonio, TX / (210)297-7000

http://www.baptisthealthsystem.com/facilities_bmc.aspx

Get Maps and Driving Directions Tailored SPECIFICALLY
for your School to the Competition Venue and the Hospital

Hands down, the finest method of getting specific directions from your doorstep to the front steps of the competition site are found at **MAPQUEST.COM**. This is a free service on the internet. It can provide you with area maps, as well as very specific and accurate driving directions from your school to the venue. **This web address for Mapquest is: <http://www.mapquest.com>.**

Click "DRIVING DIRECTIONS" on the site, type in your address and the address of the Alamodome listed above and you will get a printable map as well as ordered list of driving directions specifically tailored for your school! WHAT COULD BE BETTER OR SIMPLER!

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Along with a link on the website, I have included below the direct URL link you may copy and paste in Mapquest.com to give you a printable map of the venue with just a single click!

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps?city=San+Antonio&state=TX&address=100+Montana+Street>

Hotel Information for Army Nationals Schools

INTRODUCTION

All schools attending the event may choose to stay overnight for one or multiple nights to enjoy their stay in San Antonio. The San Antonio area has numerous housing options for teams, with dozens of clean and affordable hotel/motel accommodations. Schools looking to attend the U.S. Army Cadet Command Western Championships drill competition as either competitors and/or spectators may need assistance acquiring overnight accommodations. Sports Network International has provided the following information to assist schools looking for rooms.

LOCAL HOTEL / MOTEL INFORMATION

Regarding local hotel / motel accommodations, SNI has contracted with several local hotels to provide a modest amount of reasonably priced hotel rooms for instructors and cadets attending the Army Nationals event. **There is no restriction on where teams stay** -- these hotels are provided strictly as a convenience to our attendees. We have found these hotels and are sure you will have a pleasant stay no matter which hotel you select. The most current list of hotels are provided on the SNI website at: <http://www.thenationals.net/tx-housing.htm>. Here is the current listing:

You MUST use the RATE CODE listed below to receive these rates.

<u>Hotel Name</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Rate Code</u>
Holiday Inn	\$89/night	210/226/4361	5.7 miles	JRT
Red Roof Inn Downtown	\$85/night	210/229-9973	1.2 miles	B248JRROTC
Howard Johnson	\$78/night	210/224-3030	5.6 miles	JROTC Drill Team
Microtel Inn & Suites	\$78/night	210/231-0123	5.8 miles	JROTC Drill Team

San Antonio, Texas

Things To Do

The Alamo

More than 2.5 million people a year visit the 4.2 acre complex known worldwide as "The Alamo." Most come to see the old mission where a small band of Texans held out for thirteen days against the centralist army of General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna. Although the Alamo fell in the early morning hours of March 6, 1836, the death of the Alamo Defenders has come to symbolize courage and sacrifice for the cause of Liberty. The memories of James Bowie, David Crockett, and William B. Travis are as powerful today as when the Texan Army under Sam Houston shouted "Remember the Alamo!" as it routed Santa Anna at the battle of San Jacinto on April 21, 1836. Just a short walk from the River Walk, the Alamo is a "must see" for all who come to San Antonio. Admission to the Alamo is free. For more info, visit their website at: <http://www.thealamo.org>. This attraction is NOT to be missed.

River Walk

What began as a flood control project on the San Antonio River in the 1920's has today become a popular destination for those who want to experience the sights, sounds, and flavors of this city. El Paseo del Rio (the River Walk) is a meandering cobblestone stretch of trendy shops, restaurants that cater to every ethnic cuisine, and a lush green environment nurtured by the slow moving river one level below the bustle of downtown San Antonio. Barges and water taxis not only do a thriving tourist transport business but also provide narrated tours.

King William Historical Area

(A 25-block area near downtown on the south bank of the San Antonio River.) In the late 1800's the King William District was the most elegant residential area in the city. Prominent German merchants originally settled the area. It was zoned as the state's first historic district, and has once again become a fashionable neighborhood. A self guided walking tour brochure for the King William area is available from the San Antonio Conservation Society. <http://www.kingwilliamassociation.org>

Natural Bridge Caverns

Natural Bridge Caverns is the largest cavern in Texas and attracts more than 250,000 visitors a year. It is located 30 minutes north of downtown San Antonio, eight miles west of I-35 at exit #175, Natural Bridge Caverns Road/F.M.3009. <http://www.naturalbridgecaverns.com>

San Antonio Missions National Historical Park

San Antonio Missions National Historical Park is a cultural oasis located in the heart of one of the nation's truly dynamic cities. Contrasted to the teeming activity of metropolitan San Antonio, the 819-acre historical park offers visitors a unique opportunity to escape from the present and journey back in time to a fascinating episode in Texas history. Preserved within the park are four Spanish Colonial missions, each with an active parish church - Missions San Jose, San Juan, Espada, and Concepcion - and two of the best surviving examples of Spanish Colonial irrigation systems in the United States. <http://www.nps.gov/saan/>

On-Line Listings of Things to Do

Other items of interest can be found in several locations on the web. The best we have found include:

- <http://www.visitsanantonio.com/index.aspx>
- <http://sanantoniotourist.com/attractions.cfm>
- <http://www.helloSanAntonio.com>