



**WELCOME
PACKET**

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PARENT HANDBOOK

OUR MISSION

YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE ABOUT TO EMBARK ON A LIFE CHANGING JOURNEY. WHILE YOUR STUDENT IS WORKING HARD TOWARDS BECOMING A BETTER VERSION OF THEMSELVES, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO DO THE SAME AT HOME. PLEASE REFERENCE THIS GUIDE DURING THE ENTIRE 5 1/2 MONTHS.

OUR MISSION

The mission of Grizzly Youth Challenge Academy is to intervene in and reclaim the lives of 16 to 18 year old at risk youth. To produce program graduates with the values, life skills, education & self discipline to succeed as productive citizens.

GRIZZLY CHARTER SCHOOL

The Grizzly Youth Academy has a charter school through the San Luis Obispo County Office of Education (SLOCOE) with California credentialed teachers. Your student will be required to participate in an academic program with an emphasis on areas that will enhance their progress toward their individual goals. Special importance will be placed on basic skills competency in reading, reading comprehension, math, English, and spelling skills. Your student will be issued a computer to use while attending the residential phase of the program. Use of the computer and internet is restricted to classroom and study hall only. ANY unauthorized use of the computer will result in disciplinary action.

ACADEMIC CURRICULUM

The school calendar is divided into 2 semesters. The first ten weeks are composed of five academic core classes and a study hall. The block schedule (M/W, and T/Th) allows your student to concentrate on their academic achievement. Progress during this time has a significant influence on future scheduling of classes while at Grizzly. The second nine-week semester includes life skills and job skills classes that are mandatory for graduation from Grizzly Youth Academy. Yearbook class and Internships are also offered during the second semester. entrance into these classes is competitive and only selected students will be granted enrollment.

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ACADEMY PHASES

Academy Phases are mission focused and is reached through individual and team efforts. Each Platoon will face a series of testing to ensure that they are ready for the next phase of the Academy and the privileges that come with it. Use this information to follow their journey and encourage them to accomplish the specific mission of each phase.

Red Phase (DISCIPLINE) WEEK 3-5

Red Phase is the Discipline Phase, it represents self- control and the willingness to do what is right regardless of personal mood or desire.

White Phase (INTEGRITY) WEEK 6-10

White Phase is the Integrity Phase, it represents a strict adherence to a code of moral values and a high standard of personal conduct.

Blue Phase (COURAGE) WEEK 11-15

Blue Phase is the Courage Phase, it represents physical and moral courage, the strength to persevere and withstand danger, fear, or difficulty.

Silver Phase (HONOR) WEEK 16-18

Silver Phase is the Honor Phase, it represents a keen sense of ethical conduct and a strict adherence to do what is right.

Gold Phase (COMMITMENT) WEEK 19-22

Gold Phase is the Commitment Phase, it represents a dedicated effort to always strive for a better future.

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COMMUNICATION PAGE

PHONE CALLS

CADETS WILL RECEIVE PHONE CALLS TO THEIR PARENT / GUARDIAN AND MENTORS EVERY OTHER WEEK DURING THE RESIDENTIAL PHASE. PLEASE MAKE SURE TO NOTIFY YOUR PLATOON LEADER OF ANY CHANGES WITH YOUR PHONE NUMBER, EMAIL, AND HOME ADDRESS.

LETTER WRITING

LETTER WRITING IS THEIR MAIN FORM OF COMMUNICATION. YOU ARE ENCOURAGED AND EXPECTED TO WRITE TO YOUR CHILD DAILY. POSITIVE LETTERS FROM HOME IS WHAT THE CADETS BEGIN TO LOOK FORWARD TO ON A DAILY BASIS. CREATE A COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO WRITE TO YOUR CADET SO THAT THEY REMAIN MOTIVATED ALL THROUGH OUT THE CYCLE. YOU CAN ALSO SEND APPROVED SUPPLIES VIA AMAZON OR MAIL TO THE SAME MAILING ADDRESS.

SEE THE IMAGE BELOW FOR OUR MAILING ADDRESS AND PROPER WAY OF ADDRESSING LETTERS TO YOUR CADET.

SOCIAL MEDIA

ONCE THE CYCLE BEGINS WE WILL POST HIGHLIGHTS THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE CLASS. JOIN US AND SHARE YOUR CADET'S JOURNEY WITH OTHERS BY FOLLOWING US ON INSTAGRAM : @GRIZZLYOUTHACADEMY



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ACADEMY CONTACT INFO

PLATOON LEADERS:

Contact for any questions / concerns regarding your cadet, family issues / emergencies, illnesses or deaths in the family, parenting classes, and probation / social worker related matters.

1st Platoon: Chief Wright - 805-312-8388 cwright@mygya.com

2nd Platoon: Chief Hile - 805-316-0540 shile@mygya.com

3rd Platoon: Chief K-562-546-3579 chiefk@mygya.com

4th Platoon: Chief Weathersby - 805-270-5346 vweathersby@mygya.com

CASE MANAGERS:

Contact for questions / concerns regarding your cadet's mentor or anything related to the mentoring process.

1st Platoon: SSG Weathersby - jweathersby@mygya.com

2nd Platoon: SPC Gonzalez - agonzalez@mygya.com

3rd Platoon: SSG Bernal - abernal@mygya.com

4th Platoon: SSG Scrudato - tscrudato@mygya.com

RPM / ADMISSIONS SUPERVISOR:

Chief Sonza - rsonza@mygya.com

Contact for any Recruiting, Placement, Mentoring, & admissions questions / concerns

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

Chief Hosey - shosey@mygya.com

contact for any volunteer / donations / outreach questions

MEDICAL TEAM:

SGT McGee/SPC Carrigan - medical@mygya.com

contact for any medical / dental concerns or questions

SOCIAL MEDIA (FOLLOW YOUR CADET'S JOURNEY VIA SOCIAL MEDIA):

INSTAGRAM & FACEBOOK: @GRIZZLYYOUTHACADEMY