

GRDUATION PREP SUMMARY

BEFORE:

1. Book Flights
2. Book Hotel / House
3. Book Car
4. Book restaurants
5. Create schedule, booklets or prepare other materials
6. Order clear plastic bags from Georgia Parents Club
7. Order Graduation Message for Yearbook
8. Order Graduation Announcements from Balfour
9. Order Banner or any other materials from sites like Vista Print
10. Order any other memorabilia you want (lanyards, stress balls, pins, etc.)
11. Make sure your cadet gets you enough tickets for graduation ceremony (limit is 20)
12. If you plan to attend Graduation Reception make sure to buy tickets

AT ARRIVAL:

Visit Walmart at N. Academy Boulevard and buy content for bags:

- Small Sunscreen lotion
- Chopstick with sunscreen
- Water (limit per person is 24oz in factory sealed clear bottles)
- Snacks
- Small cooling towel

DURING:

- Day 1: Commandant's Fiancé reception – Guests must be escorted by their cadet
- Day 2: Baccalaureate Services
- Day 3: (Might be Memorial Day, depends on the year. For 2020 it is the case)
- Day 4: Tapping Ceremony, Graduation Award Ceremony and Reception, Mission Element Award Ceremonies. Only attend if invited/cadet receiving award
Last day to take any pictures with the Class Crest mounted in the center.
- Day 5:
 - a. 7:30 am – 9:00 am – Cadet Aerial and Cadet Honor Guard Demonstrations
 - b. 9:00 am – 10:30 am – Graduation Parade
 - c. 10:30 am – 1:30 pm – Graduation Reception at Mitchell Hall
 - d. 1:30 pm, 4:30 pm, and 7:30 pm – Commissioning Ceremonies – by squadron, schedule will be on USAFA website. Be prepared for last minute changes
- Day 6: Graduation. Be there early (7:30 am)! Be prepared to stay at the stadium till 4:30pm. Don't forget to bring tickets and your clear plastic bags, hats, sunglasses

AFTER:

- Relax and Enjoy!
- Don't relax too much – you still need to fly home 😊
- Look at Lifetouch for Reception and Graduation pictures