

Holiday Leave and Special Event Leave Guidance Fall Semester 2019

Holidays, breaks, and chances to visit campus are important times for our cadets and their families. Below are key things you need to know about departing for and returning from the breaks, and welcome dates for families to visit during the Fall 2019 semester – all in one place for easy reference.

Cadets should complete the [online transportation request form](#) at least 5 days prior to departure to reserve a seat on the shuttle.

Cadets should verify that they will be free to leave campus before making transportation or other vacation-related reservations. Cadets should ensure that they have a signed & approved leave or pass form prior to purchasing no return/no change tickets.

Please note that times are subject to change.

Cresting Ceremony and Labor Day Holiday

Leave Guidance – Cadets Granted Leave AFTER the Conclusion of the Cresting Parade and the Lowering of the Colors on Friday, August 30

- Cadets with penalty/study hall hours or athletes may not be able to leave on Friday afternoon. All cadets should verify with their coach/TAC that they are free to leave for the remainder of the weekend.

Return Guidance – No later than 6pm on Monday, September 2

Family Weekend

Leave Guidance – Cadets Granted Leave AFTER the Conclusion of the Parade and the Lowering of the Colors on Saturday, October 19

- Cadets are allowed to leave campus Friday night for dinner leave only. Overnight leave Friday night is not permitted.
- Cadets should be back on campus no later than 9:00 p.m. on Friday night.
- Athletes and cadets with penalty/study hall hours may not be able to leave on Saturday afternoon. All cadets should verify with their coach/TAC that they are free to leave for the remainder of the weekend.

Return Guidance – Cadets Should Return No Later Than 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 20

Thanksgiving Holiday Break

Departing for Thanksgiving Break – Begins at noon on Friday, November 22

- All cadets should leave campus no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 22.
- Later departures are not permitted unless special authorization is granted through the Commandant's department – any cadet requesting special permission should see their TAC for the proper request procedures.
- Shuttle transportation is available to Birmingham transportation facilities – check www.marionmilitary.edu/transportation for details.

Returning from Thanksgiving Break – No earlier than 8am and no later than 6pm on Sunday, December 1

- Earlier and later arrivals are not permitted unless special authorization is granted through the Commandant's department – any cadet requesting special permission should see their TAC for the proper request procedures.
 - Shuttle transportation is available from Birmingham transportation facilities – check www.marionmilitary.edu/transportation for details.
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Winter and Christmas Holiday Break

Departing for Winter Break – Begins after Completion of Final Exams/Commencement & Commissioning

- Non-graduating cadets are free to leave for the break after they have completed their last final exam and have had their room cleared by their TAC.
- All cadets should be out of the barracks on Friday, December 13 after Commencement and Commissioning.
- Shuttle transportation is available to Birmingham transportation facilities – check www.marionmilitary.edu/transportation for details.

Returning from Winter Break – No earlier than 8am on Thursday, January 9, 2020 and no later than 6pm on Sunday, January 12, 2020

- Basketball athletes, ITC cadre, and new recruits are permitted to report at an earlier date. These students should check with their appropriate leadership for their arrival instructions.
- All other returning cadets should be back on campus no earlier than 8:00 am on January 9 and no later than 6:00 pm on January 12 (any cadet who returns later than 6:00 pm without special approval will be considered AWOL).
- Earlier and later arrivals are not permitted unless special authorization is granted.
- Cadets with reasonable cause for an early or late return time should contact their TAC for proper request procedures.
- Shuttle transportation is available from Birmingham transportation facilities – check www.marionmilitary.edu/transportation for details.