

Camp Concept

Advanced Camp is the single most important block of training in the career of the Army cadet. It is often the first exposure to the Active Army and it is the only arena where cadets from various college campuses undergo a common, high quality training experience.

Cadet Command's mission is to *Commission* the future leaders of the US Army. Within that framework the camp mission is to *Train* cadets to Army standards, *Develop* leadership and *Evaluate* officer potential.

Advanced Camp is intentionally tough and introduces stress. The days are long with considerable night training and no days off – in short, a tough camp. Throughout the five weeks cadets encounter physical and mental obstacles which challenge them as a person, soldier, and leader. Cadets gain self-confidence through accomplishment of tough training. Platoon competition develops collective cohesion from individual performance.

Training at camp uses small unit tactical training as the vehicle for evaluation cadet potential to serve as a commissioned officer.

Training is sequenced at Advanced Camp in a logical, building-block manner. The cadet regiments report to camp on separate dates. This “tiered” approach allows an ideal flow of training, which is maintained for each cycle. Training covers basic military skills in individual and squad levels needed for the tactical exercises. Training culminates with tactics instruction at the platoon level.

Evaluation is constant and begins shortly after the cadet arrives. The tactical officers and NCOs advise, coach, and ultimately, render an official evaluation of the cadet's potential to serve as an officer.