



July 1, 2024

Dear Parents and future AFJROTC cadets,

The AFJROTC family is pleased to have your son/daughter enrolled in our Award-Winning Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFJROTC) at Wylie High School. This letter is to inform you and your child of an opportunity for him/her to attend the 22nd annual First-Year Orientation (FYO). The orientation will be held at Wylie High School, beginning **Tuesday, July 30, through Friday, August 2 from 9:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.** Please report to Rm. 457 (in the AFJROTC/Band hallway).

Purpose: This orientation is optional, yet highly encouraged. Orientation is a chance for your son/daughter to get a head start in AFJROTC. At FYO, cadets will learn what it takes to become successful in JROTC. FYO graduates will have a head start in our program.

Objectives: The objectives are to educate and train high school students to become more productive citizens by instilling self-discipline, encouraging self-responsibility, promoting community service, and developing good moral character through instruction in Aerospace Science and Leadership Training.

No Military Obligation: We are a citizenship program, not a military recruiting program. By participating in JROTC, your son/daughter **will not be obligated** to join the United States Armed Forces. However, if your son/daughter decides to join the military, having JROTC experience will allow your child to be promoted up to two ranks ahead of his or her peers. JROTC will also greatly improve your child's chances for a service academy nomination or for receiving an ROTC college scholarship. Last year, our Cadets collectively earned \$1.3 Million dollars in college scholarships!

Cost: There is no cost for attending FYO. In fact, the cost for an entire year of JROTC is arguably the best deal at Wylie High School. We receive funding from both the Air Force and the school. We also have several fundraisers each year sponsored by the JROTC unit as well as our outstanding booster club. Most required uniform items are furnished by the Air Force. Out of pocket expense by each cadet throughout the year is only a small fraction of the actual total cost.

Cadet Orientation Guidelines:

- Be on time / Bring the right attitude / Bring a lunch for Tuesday through Thursday
- Bring your questions about AFJROTC / Expect to learn...AND expect to have a LOT of FUN!

Schedule:

- Tuesday – Introductions, team-building activities, academics, drill, and retreat.
- Wednesday – Reveille, team-building activities, academics, drill, and retreat.

- Thursday – Reveille, team-building activities, academics, drill, and retreat.
- Friday – Reveille, field-day (games, fun, friendly competition, and pizza party), and retreat.

Snacks and Water:

- Water and a light snack (fruit, cereal bars, etc.) will be provided each day, Tuesday through Thursday. Cadets may bring other snacks with them if they choose to.
- Pizza will be provided on Friday day beginning about 1130 A.M.

What to wear:

- Keep in mind that we will be outside most of the time, weather permitting.
- Cadets must always bring appropriate attire.
- Cadets must wear shorts (knee length when standing) and a school-appropriate t-shirt. An appropriate ball cap or hat is optional yet highly encouraged.
- Cadets **MUST** wear tennis shoes and socks. Since we will be marching outside, open-toed shoes are not appropriate.
- Sunglasses are optional and highly encouraged.
- Bring sunscreen.

Bring a friend:

- Your son/daughter is encouraged to bring a friend(s) or a family member(s) to “check out” AFJROTC. The friend(s) must be enrolled in Wylie High School.
- If your child recruits (2) or more friends or family members that enroll in AFJROTC, your child will earn his/her first ribbon in our program and will receive the recruiting ribbon to wear on their uniform.

We will provide plenty of water: We will also provide sunscreen for anyone who forgets theirs.

Please let us know if there are any medical conditions or allergies your son/daughter may have. We look forward to seeing your child at our orientation.

Sincerely,

//Signed/1 July 2024//

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