

Texas A&M University Corps of Cadets

AGGIE EAGLE PROGRAM

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Texas A&M's Corps of Cadets & Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scouts ... Two Groups, Same Character



The Aggie Eagle Program is for eligible high school juniors and seniors in scouting who want to learn more about Texas A&M and the Corps of Cadets.

It's Time
for the
Corps of Cadets



FALL 2011 AGGIE EAGLE PROGRAM

What is the Aggie Eagle Program?

The Aggie Eagle Program (AEP) is a recruiting program for the Corps of Cadets at Texas A&M University. The program began in the Fall of 2004.



Left and above: Aggie Eagle Program participants work to complete various challenges at the Confidence Course.



Who is Eligible?

All attending Scouts must be either a junior or senior in high school. All participants must hold the honor of Eagle Scout, the Gold Award or the American Heritage Girls Stars and Stripes Award. Active participation in Scouting will be deemed sufficient if they have not yet received the honor of Eagle Scout or Gold Award.

For any Spring AEP, seniors must have a completed application on file in the Texas A&M Office of Admissions no later than the January 15 cutoff in order to attend the Spring program. Those wishing to participate in the program should apply early.

What Happens During AEP?

Participants of the AEP have the opportunity to watch and have discussions with Cadet members of the Rudder's Rangers and Recon Company special units. They will also watch a Fish Drill Team (FDT) performance, and have the opportunity for questions and answers with FDT participants. During the Fall, Scouts will attend Midnight Yell Practice and observe the Corps of Cadets march-in followed by a Texas A&M football game. At the Spring session, Scouts will attend a Texas A&M basketball game. In all sessions, attendees will have

an opportunity to participate in specific exercises at the Corps' Obstacle, Leadership Development and Stamina Courses. In the event of bad weather, Scouts will tour the George Bush Presidential Library and Museum. Parents will have their own session highlighting the Admissions process, scholarships, the Leadership Program and a presentation on Cadet life. Parents are also invited to be our guests at the Awards Banquet.

Cover Photo: An Eagle Scout receives his scholarship from Assistant Commandant Col. Sam Hawes '81 at the Aggie Eagle Banquet. One Hundred Seventeen Eagle Scouts from 36 councils attended the Fall program.

AEP Banquet

The Texas Aggie Corps of Cadets Association sponsors the AEP Awards Banquet for Scouts, family members, cadets and special guests on the Friday evening of the program.



All qualified Scouts attending the Aggie Eagle Program will receive a place holder Corps of Cadets scholarship. This scholarship is worth a minimum of \$1,200 per year for the first two years, renewable. The scholarship makes out of state scouts eligible for in state tuition costs.

A much more significant amount could be awarded as we review each Scout's Corps scholarship application. These scholarships do not require military service and they may be used in conjunction with other scholarships.

If a Corps scholarship is awarded to a Scout who is not a resident of Texas, the recipient may qualify for in-state tuition. This is a tuition reduction of approximately \$30,000 over four years. These scholarships are contingent on the Scout being admitted to Texas A&M and joining the Corps of Cadets.



Above left: Eagle Scouts and cadets share the banquet meal. Above right: Cadets discuss the Corps with other banquet attendees and Assistant Commandant of Recruiting, Col. Sam Hawes shares the benefits of a Corps lifestyle. Below: scouts and their families sway to the *Aggie War Hymn* after the banquet to the music provided by the Aggie Band. Cadets receive their scholarships.



DID YOU MISS THE FALL AGGIE EAGLE PROGRAM?

The next Aggie Eagle Program weekend is **January 27-28, 2012.**

Qualified Scouts may register online at **corps.tamu.edu**. Click the Aggie Eagle box on the left navigation bar. If you have any questions you may call **1-800-TAMU-AGS**.

Fall 2011 Participants by Council

Alamo

Ricardo Cepeda
Matthew Marshall
Jonathan Cluck
Matthew Atkinson
Rafael Ramos-Michael

Aloha

John Hendrick
William Woodbery

Bay

Justin Gillman
David Griffith
Jake Nash

Buffalo Trace

Timothy Austin

Capital

Pierce Fuller
Derek Grass
Travis Hurson
Adam Tucker
James Bethke
Andrew Burdis
William Hemphill
James Holmes
Stephen Luna
Sam McDonald
Blake Younger
Philip Yambrick

Central New Jersey

Keith Augustine

Cherokee

Kevin Black

Circle Ten

Paul Copley
Ashton Farr
Ernest Lopez
Nicholas Overcash
Patrick Settles
Adam Bosch
Rhett Bruck
Justin Graham
William Headrick
Jonathon Notebaert
Nathan Owen
Tanner Pochmann
Tyler Rozelle
Taylor Swallow
Carter West
Jeffery Westerheide
Joshua Mott

Concho Valley

Wesley Kuehn
Kevin Minzenmayer

Crossroads of America

Adam Wolf

East Texas

James Underwood
Benjamin Graham
Brandon Degner
Justin Schuster

Girl Scouts of Central Texas

Savannah Haney

Girl Scouts of North East Texas

Hannah Moss

Golden Spread

Thomas Lowrey III

Grand Canyon

Cody Houston

Great Alaska

Travis McClendon

Great Smoky Mountain

Matthew Waldrep

Longhorn

Nicholas Abshire
Robert Cavin
Robert Chacon
Devin Davis
Joseph Dreiwitz
Gramm Guillory
Aubrey Knickerbocker
Brandon McCrary
Benjamin Pannell
Taylor Roberts
John Wood
Robert Duffina
Kyle Sauer
Christopher Hall

Los Angeles

Daniel Martinez
Austin Gunn

Middle Tennessee

Barrett Ennis
Bailey Ennis
James Strange

National Capital Area

Eric Wasser

Nevada Area

Stephen Zissimos

Orange County

James Barker
Benjamin Schumacher

Pikes Peak

Justin O'Connor
Christopher Wilson

Pine Burr

Matthew Turley

Rio Grande

Jaime Gomez

Sam Houston

Austin Shiflet
Daniel Diehl
Kyle Falke
Zachary Gregory
Zachary Malcolm
Jesse McNicoll
Cody Rowe
Alexander Todd

Scott Weaver

Jacob Ables

Kenneth Barnum

Craig Collins

Reed Doss

Ross McNulty

Bryce Muras

Richmond Wilkins

Hamilton Frye

Robert Jaska

Zachary Mathew

Scott Meeks

Cole Pilgrim

Daniel Van Arkel-Priest

Kevin Wilfong

Joseph Tisch

San Diego Imperial

Stewart Bittle

SHAQ

Steven Summers

South Plains

Jacob Tonini

South Texas

Robert Lecocke
Weldon Weber III
Joel Winthrope

Tecumseh

Cole Retzloff

Three Rivers

Mason Burdick

Transatlantic

Bryan Walker

Troop 82

Frank Parker III

Tuscarora

Alex Breindel

The Corps Way of Life



If you decide to attend the Aggie Eagle Program, you will meet Scouts from around the nation. You will also learn about the Aggie Code of Honor, Aggie Spirit and have a unique experience that allows you and your parents to make an honest assessment of what it means to be an Aggie and a member of the Corps of Cadets.



With Army, Air Force, and Navy/Marine ROTC instruction available, Texas A&M is one of the few schools to offer military commissions in all branches of service.

For more information, go to:



<http://armyrotc.com/edu/txam>



<http://afrotc.tamu.edu/>



<http://nrotc.tamu.edu/>

Council Photos of the Fall 2011 Aggie Eagle Program



Alamo Area (San Antonio)



Bay Area (Galveston)



East Texas



Capitol Area (Austin)



Sam Houston (Houston)



Circle Ten (Dallas)



Gold Award Recipients



Golden Spread



Out-of-State



Concho Valley



Rio Grande
(Harlingen)



South Texas
(Corpus Christi)



Three Rivers



Troop 82



Longhorn

Should a Scout who is not interested in a military career attend the Aggie Eagle Program?

YES! The Corps of Cadets has a rich military history remaining one of the largest uniformed body of students in the nation, and, consistently produces more officers for the Armed Forces than any other Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) source outside the Service Academies. However, the Corps does not carry any military obligation.

Nearly 52% of our current cadets have elected not to pursue a military commission. Cadets who want to pursue non-military careers — whether in the private sector or in public service — can declare themselves Academic Certificate in Leadership candidates after their second year in the Corps of Cadets.

Cadets in the Academic Certificate in Leadership Studies Program stay with their units through their entire time in the Corps, share the personal growth and fellowship that only the Corps of Cadets can offer, and enroll in a curriculum of leadership study and practice available exclusively to members of the Corps of Cadets.

The Corps of Cadets guides students through four stages of leadership — from followership, to direct leadership of self and others, to indirect leadership of other leaders, to executive leadership of entire organizations. Combined with the immersion experience of the Corps of Cadets, the Academic Certificate in Leadership Studies Program gives every cadet the most complete personal and professional development experience available.

Past recipients are employed by Fortune 500 companies, various non-profit organizations and in all military branches.

Top 10 Reasons to Join the Corps of Cadets



10. **CHALLENGE** - To challenge yourself to meet a higher standard during your college experience
9. **FITNESS** - To get in top physical condition through the Corps training program
8. **ATHLETICS** - To participate in competitive athletics on Corps of Cadets teams
7. **ELITE UNITS** - To join elite units such as the Aggie Band, Parsons Mounted Cavalry, Fish Drill Team, Ross Volunteers, and ROTC special units
6. **SCHOLARSHIPS** - To compete for scholarships to help pay for college
5. **SPIRIT AND TRADITIONS** - To fully experience Texas A&M as a member of the "Keepers of the Spirit and Guardians of Tradition"
4. **CAREER GOALS** - To prepare you to accomplish your personal and career goals
3. **FRIENDSHIPS** - To develop lifelong friendships
2. **ACADEMICS** - To gain access to resources to help you excel academically
1. **LEADERSHIP** - To excel as a leader in the premier values-based military and civilian leadership program in the state and nation (there is no military obligation for joining the Corps)

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