



Holiday and Break & Shuttle Information (as of 14 Sep 21)

Academic Calendar link: <https://www.usafa.edu/academics/academic-calendar/>

Thanksgiving/Winter Break/Spring Break Procedures (normally): Always check with your Cadet or Cadet Candidate before purchasing any airline tickets and ensure you leave enough time to travel to the airports. Shuttle information will be sent out when released. **Note:** Cadet and Cadet Candidate travel home for holiday breaks are paid by the cadet and not USAFA.

Thanksgiving/Winter Break/Spring Break Shuttles: (Shuttle Info will be released. Please note that travel home for breaks is paid by the cadet and not USAFA. See below for more information on Shuttles.

Thanksgiving Break: (23 -28 Nov 21) **Cadets:** The official release for cadets on 23 Nov 21 after the last military duty (LMD). LMD for cadets could be noon formation if the cadet has a morning class or after an afternoon class. **Cadet Candidates:** (24 – 28 Nov 21) Cadet Candidates release for Thanksgiving is 24 Nov 21 at 12:00 pm. **Return:** Cadets and Cadet Candidates must check in by 7:00 pm on 28 Nov 21. Cadets and Cadet Candidates should land in Denver not later than 3 hours prior to Academy check-in time of 7:00 pm. No set time for Colorado Springs, but at least an hour is suggested.

Winter Break:

Cadets: (16 Dec 21 – 2 Jan 22) The official release is 16 Dec 21 for Cadets after their last military duty. The cadets will normally be able to leave anytime on the release date. That being said, you need to check with your cadet. If they take their last final on say Wednesday, then they can leave after their final with Commander's permission (standard release is normally given). Your cadet can go into the student database and look up each of his or her classes (hopefully sometime in September) and see when their last finals is. Cadets will not be allowed to move up finals for airline tickets. **Prep School:** (17 Dec 21 – 2 Jan 22) Cadet Candidates Release date is 17 Dec 21 at 6:00 am. **Return:** Cadet and Cadet Candidates will have to return by 7:00 pm on 2 Jan 22. Cadets should land in Denver not later than 3 hours prior to Academy check-in time at 7 pm. No set time for Colorado Springs, but at least an hour is suggested.

Spring Break: Cadets: (18-27 Mar 22) Cadet Spring break release is 18 Mar 22 after the last military duty (LMD). **Cadet Candidates** (19 – 27 Mar 22) Spring Break release is 19 Mar 22 at 6:00 am. **Return** for Cadet and Cadet Candidates is 27 Mar 22 by 7:00 pm. Cadets and Cadet Candidates should land in Denver not later than 3 hours prior to Academy check-in time at 7 pm. No set time for Colorado Springs, but at least an hour is suggested.

Shuttle Rides to Airports: For the main breaks from the Academy (Thanksgiving, Winter, & Spring Break), the 10th Force Support Squadron (10 FSS) Outdoor Recreation Office (719) 333-4602, has shuttle buses (for a cost). The shuttles will take the cadets and cadet candidates to Colorado Springs and Denver Airports and return them back to campus at the end of the break. **NOTE: For summer break** there are no shuttle rides provided by 10 FSS. Cadets are on their own to get to airports. Please do not wait to purchase shuttle bus tickets once Cadet Outdoor Recreation is accepting reservations. You have to have flight information before

making reservations. Please leave a message and they will call you back as this is a busy time for Cadet Outdoor Recreation.

Summer Break and Shuttle Base Access (Taxi etc...)

Alternate Shuttle information for DIA to Colorado Springs (not from 10 Force Support Squadron for Summer Break). These shuttles don't normally come directly to USAFA, but to a hotel in Colorado Springs. **No endorsement of the following shuttles is being given by USAFA, but provided by parent requests.** It is for information only to get you started. Check the internet for more options.

1. Front Range Shuttle (direct to airports): <http://www.frontrangeshuttle.com/>, (719) 237-2646.
2. Colorado Springs shuttle: <https://www.coloradoshuttle.com/prices-schedules>, 1-877-587-3456, (719) 687-3456, Reservations: reservations@coloradoshuttle.com

TAXI information for USAFA access before or after Visiting Hours: For your information the following taxis have already been approved access to the installation before or after duty hours. So your cadet can call them to get to the airport or local hotel to catch a shuttle to Denver airport during non-visiting hours.

1. zTrip; (719) 766-4567; <https://www.ztrip.com/colorado-springs/>
2. Springs Cab, (719) 444-8686
3. Uber drivers are currently not authorized on base: 1-800-101-3611, <https://www.uber.com/cities/colorado-springs/>

Cadet Return delays (weather etc.): If cadet's experience delays, or difficulties during traveling to Colorado Springs or to the cadet's destination for staying overnight, call the Colorado Springs (COS) Regional Command Post at 719-333-2633 (manned 24/7) and ask to be connected to the In-Processing Director.