MARCH INTO SUCCESS

CAMDEN MILITARY ACADEMY
The Military Academy of South Carolina
We believe in tradition. Camden Military Academy was founded as an affiliate of Carlisle Military School of Bamberg, South Carolina, and we hold true to the traditions established there. We reward academic excellence with the Gold Star, honor visitors with military parades, and celebrate the return of alumni with homecomings and reunions. We recognize graduation as a very special event in the life of a young man by hosting dances, picnics, a baccalaureate service and an honor parade for the graduating class.

The Camden Military Academy graduate leaves here, not only with an excellent education, but also with a strong symbol, his class ring, to remind him of the bond he shares with all alumni of Camden Military Academy and Carlisle Military School.
We are America’s leading military boarding school. As part of a more than one hundred year-old tradition, Camden Military Academy continues to do today what its founders intended: prepare young men for college and life.

Camden’s unique mix of individual attention, small class instruction, teacher-student interaction and personal responsibility blend to make this experience one of total academic and personal development.

More than a decade ago, Camden led the way in totally focusing its academic program on college preparation, integrating computer instruction into the curriculum, and establishing a system that took adult supervision and mentoring to a new level. Each innovation and addition to the Camden experience was crafted to complement the total program. Today’s experience is truly a blending of the best of the past, which has stood the test of time, and the best of today’s innovation and technology, all of which

Cadet Aiden Haase | “Being at CMA has given me the opportunity to be the best student, athlete and person that I can be. Before Camden, I was unsure about my future and really never thought about it. Now, I am excited about attending college and hopefully playing D-1 soccer.”
are focused on helping each young man achieve his potential academically, athletically, militarily, spiritually and personally.

The mission of Camden Military Academy is to accept young men of unproven promise and lead them to a future of success. At Camden Military Academy, cadets are encouraged to express their individuality while wearing identical uniforms and learning the importance of restraint and discipline. Our philosophy of education continues to emphasize more than learning and retaining a mass of facts and figures.

It is imperative that our cadets be prepared for future endeavors, because at least ninety-five percent of our recent graduates attend colleges and universities. Our recent graduates realize how beneficial the Camden experience was during the challenges of higher education. The self-discipline, academic knowledge, leadership qualities and study skills developed at Camden place our graduates a step ahead.
At Camden Military Academy, providing an outstanding education is our number one goal. We believe that the close association between our teachers and students enables our students to have more opportunity for academic success.

We believe that the teacher’s role is to make learning interesting, enjoyable and challenging by providing a class atmosphere where learning can flourish. Since our average class size is fifteen students, teachers can closely monitor a cadet's performance and get to know each one personally. All teachers are required to coach a sport or sponsor a club or activity, providing even more interaction with the students.

Camden Military Academy is equipped with advanced technology in each classroom, as technology is an important component of our overall curriculum. In addition, cadets may bring their own personal computers.

Camden Military Academy has established a strong college-preparatory curriculum designed to prepare our young men for their college experiences. This curriculum, requiring 24 cred-

**Cadet Justin Wilson**  
“When I first enrolled at CMA, I felt like that this place was not for me. Now, I love it. I have experienced success in and out of the classroom and was recently named the Battalion Commander. With the help and support of CMA, I truly feel like I have accomplished something great and the best is yet to come!”
its for graduation, consists of core preparatory courses in English, foreign languages, social studies, sciences and technology. Very few electives are offered, as we insist that our cadets master the core courses ensuring a strong academic background. We also have honors and advanced placement courses designed to help the cadets maximize their scholastic potential. In addition, CMA offers dual enrollment, enabling them to earn college credit hours while still enrolled in high school.

Regular study halls are one and one half hours long and are held five nights each week. Each cadet is required to complete assigned homework for every class. Study halls are free from the distractions of music, television, visitors or telephone calls, thereby allowing each cadet to focus on schoolwork and daily assignments. Study hall is observed in each cadet's room and is directly supervised by a member of our teaching faculty.

Our library houses a well-rounded collection of books and periodicals. We serve our cadets' needs with over 10,000 hard bound volumes.

Students are graded daily. Each cadet receives a printed report card, enabling him to review his status at the end of each two-week grading period. Permanent grades are given every six weeks, and report cards are mailed home to parents at that time. Tutorials are required of any student who does not maintain at least a "C" average in any course during a two-week grading period. Tutorials are part of the daily class schedule.
Cadet Ryan Neel | "Camden Military Academy has taught me to become more responsible and I have really matured throughout the few years that I have been CMA. I used to think that life was all about me, but I realize now that every action has a consequence and that I am solely responsible for my future"
A boarding school must provide more than just a quality education. Camden Military Academy is committed to a positive environment in which our cadets can live and learn. Students are housed two to a room in air-conditioned dormitories on campus. Whenever possible, a cadet rooms with another young man of his age.

A cadet may have a computer, television, small electronics and other small personal items. Small safes and individually coded door locks have been installed to help each young man safeguard his personal items and ensure his privacy. All adult supervisors have immediate access to all rooms at all times.

We serve three hot meals daily in our dining facility. Meals are served family style. A fresh salad bar is available at the lunch meal, and hot soup is added to the evening meal. Meals are carefully monitored to ensure an exact and appropriate USDA approved diet for our cadets. Medical care is provided by our school nurses working under the supervision of a local doctor. Camden Military Academy has a modern infirmary to treat and house young men who need temporary medical care. Kershaw Health, the local hospital is a five minute drive from the campus.
The primary motivation for cadets to do their best in all activities is a merit system. Merits are awarded to cadets who show excellence in academics, athletics, appearance, military presence and personal conduct. This system allows a positive approach to the development of leadership and self-discipline.

A young man learns that he is rewarded for his accomplishments, rather than merely being punished for his shortcomings. When punishment does occur, it is not extreme or arbitrary and is issued by an adult supervisor only.

When reported for an infraction, a cadet has an opportunity to explain his actions. If his explanation is not satisfactory, he

Cadet Chao Rui Huang | “Camden Military Academy helped me become a better man because it developed my knowledge, leadership skills and physical ability. I gained time management skills and lifelong friends, and learned more about team work. Camden Military Academy gave me all the experiences that has made me into the person I am today, who makes me and my parents proud.”
will receive demerits, work detail, restriction or tours to be walked. Our merit system inspires our young men to do their best work by acknowledging their successes and strengthening their character.

Spiritual development is an important aspect of cadet life. While the Academy is nonsectarian, all cadets are required to attend church services each week at the church of his and his parents' choosing. An on-campus service is conducted every Sunday at CMA and is very popular among the cadets. Area churches welcome cadet participation.

Several clubs are active at Camden Military Academy. These include the Marching Band, Jazz Band, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Key Club, DKS Honor Society, Boy Scouts, International Club, Civil Air Patrol, Science Club, Fine Arts Club, Robotics, and many others, all sponsored by the faculty.
Cadet Ian Walter | “Camden Military Academy has taught me to manage my time, work independently and help me become a leader. Without CMA, I would simply care less about succeeding. I now constantly aspire to better myself and be the best in everything that I do. The staff and faculty have helped me become the best me.”
Once classes end, free time begins. All campus facilities are available for use. Cadets may use our gymnasium, outdoor basketball court, beach volleyball courts, weight room and tennis courts. Cell phone use is permitted during free time. The Carlisle House, our student center, is an adult-staffed facility equipped with a snack bar, a game room with pool tables and ping pong tables, a lounge, and a television viewing area. Students may enjoy snacks such as burgers, fries, pizza, nachos and ice cream. The Carlisle House is a popular place for cadets to mingle and enjoy their free time.

A junior olympic sized pool is open in the afternoons, depending on weather. The library hours are extended through the afternoon each weekday for cadet leisure reading and to provide opportunities to access the internet with direct adult supervision. Cadets may wear civilian clothing of their choice during free time.

We offer many adult-chaperoned activities and trips. During the week, cadets may play golf for free at our local course. They may go bowling, horseback riding or participate in paintball events.

Each month, we sponsor a trip to one of a variety of destinations. We will travel to West Virginia for skiing and snow boarding. White water rafting is a popular trip in the fall. We will also visit our nation’s capital as well as Williamsburg, Charleston and Myrtle Beach. We also visit the birthplace of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in Atlanta as part of our Black History Month celebration.
A full athletic and physical training program exists at Camden Military Academy with emphasis on the development of good sportsmanship and character.

**SPORTS OFFERED AT CMA**

- **BASEBALL**
- **BASKETBALL**
- **BOWLING**
- **CROSS-COUNTRY**
- **DRILL TEAM**
- **FOOTBALL**
- **GOLF**
- **LACROSSE**
- **MARKSMANSHIP**
- **SOCCER**
- **TENNIS**
- **TRACK AND FIELD**
- **WRESTLING**

We have a no-cut policy in most sports. All willing young men are given an opportunity to participate and letter in an interscholastic sport. We have an average of 100 cadets lettering in their respective sports. Our superb coaching staff consists of dedicated faculty working under the guidance of an athletic director.

The Academy also offers an excellent physical training period with intramural sports such as volleyball, softball, flag football and basketball. Although participating in varsity athletics is optional, participation in the activity period intramurals is required.

Camden's southern location provides for a mild climate with many sunshine-filled days. All our athletic facilities are available for cadet use during free time. Horseback riding and instruction, at additional charge, can be found at a nearby stable. Many cadets use our sand-filled volleyball court or lighted outdoor basketball court. Our small school size ensures that your son can participate in a sport.

**Cadet Davis Long**

“Camden has taught me organization, self-discipline, time management and I have improved my grades, but the most important thing that CMA has given me is family. I now have over 300 brothers and I wouldn’t be the person I am today without them.”
Cadet Leo Eckhardt | “The teachers here really care about you. They will do whatever they can to make sure you understand the material they are covering in class. My GPA is now where it should be and I owe that to the staff and faculty of CMA.”
General breaks are granted at Thanksgiving, at Christmas and at Easter when we close our campus, allowing our cadets an opportunity to go home. Cadets earn additional weekend or merit furloughs through quality schoolwork and the accumulation of merits for good behavior. Typically, a cadet in good standing can receive an opportunity to go home at least once every four weeks.

We publish a list of breaks on our annual calendar. Other furlough opportunities may be granted on a case by case basis for emergencies and significant family events, such as weddings and reunions.

Scheduled furloughs commence at the end of class on Fridays and end at 9:00 PM on Sundays. Special arrangements may be made for those cadets who fly, take the bus or ride the train.

Special leave, an opportunity for a cadet to depart campus for a short period of time, normally less than one day, is also available on most Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons and evenings. In addition to furloughs, high school cadets are granted leave to go downtown at regular intervals.

**Scheduled School Breaks**

- **Thanksgiving** . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Seven (7) days
- **Christmas** . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Seventeen (17) days
- **Spring Break** . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Seven (7) days

Our regularly-scheduled school breaks provide several opportunities for furlough. Breaks vary slightly each year.
Dear Parents,

Attending Camden Military Academy can be a dynamic experience for any young man. We continuously work with our cadets in order to keep them a step ahead in life and academics. Our structured environment provides fewer distractions and enables our cadets to reach their potential. The discipline and skills learned during their tenure at Camden provide the most solid foundation possible for their future.

We would welcome the opportunity to show you our campus. We conduct visits each weekday and by appointment, and we would be happy for you to discover the Camden experience. I am confident that our faculty and cadets will help you realize that Camden Military Academy is the best choice for your son.

Sincerely,

Casey Robinson
Director of Admissions

COME VISIT US

Camden Military Academy lies four miles northeast of Camden on U.S. Highway No. 1, easily accessible by bus, car, train, or plane. The nearest scheduled airline service is Columbia, SC. Additional air service is available in Charlotte, NC, approximately 1 hour away.

Directions from I-20 | Take Exit 98 onto Highway 521 North. At the 3rd stoplight (DeKalb Street), make a right. Camden Military Academy is five miles down the road on the left.

CAMDEN MILITARY ACADEMY is accredited or a member of the following...

- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)
- National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS)
- Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS)
- American Military Colleges and Schools of the United States (AMCSUS)

Cadet Matthew Healy | “Camden Military Academy has given me a second chance to do better for myself. At my previous school, my reputation always got in the way of me trying to better myself. The new start at CMA has really given me the chance to excel in school and better my overall work ethic. CMA has enabled me to be the son that my parents can be proud of!”