



United States Naval Academy (USNA) NESAs Jamboree will be held January 18-19, 2013.

This is an awesome experience for Boy Scouts 14 and older. For details, go to <http://www.usna.edu/NESA/index.html>

A new award has been created that will be offered to senior Scouts only instead of working on merit badges. It will be called the USNA NESAs Military Skills Award.

Sign-ups for the event should be coming on line around mid to late November at <http://www.usna.edu/NESA/index.html>. Last year, they were able to get some time on campus for activities rather than having everything at Camp Letts. This year, they may have all activities on campus. Last year they were able to get lunch at the student dining hall on campus for the first time in many years. That also should be repeated this year.

So, if you have Scouts who are interested in a really unique experience, do consider putting together a group to camp at the Naval Academy and take part in the 26th annual USNA NESAs Jamboree that is run solely by the midshipmen and gives your Scouts a truly unique opportunity.

The Skills award is designed to give scouts a taste of the Plebe (freshman) experience. It also follows much of the format of Naval Academy Summer Seminar (for high school kids between junior and senior year). The Scouts will be carrying a 20 pound ruck sack, running all over the place, getting yelled at as if they were new plebes and doing all the military stuff the midshipmen get to do. Following is a brief outline of the skills award (it is still being developed some).

USNA NESAs Military Skills Award:

Requirements

1. Personal Fitness MB
2. First Aid MB
3. Participate in the 0500-0600 Morning PT & Test at USNA NESAs Jamboree
 - a. 1 mile run (less than __ mins)
 - b. Pushups (minimum __ consecutive 2 mins)
 - c. Sit ups (minimum __ 2 mins)
 - d. Pull ups (minimum __)
4. Complete the rifle squad course at USNA NESAs Jamboree
 - a. Squad rush tactics
 - b. Platoon Tactics, forest, road, clearing, town
 - c. Room clearing (MOUT)
 - d. Weapons safety
- e. Land Navigation
 - i. Basic map and compass skills
 - ii. Tactical maneuvering
 - iii. Ex-filtration planning

5. Complete the Combat First Aid course at USNA NESAJamboree including:
 - a. Gunshot wound
 - b. Knife wound
 - c. Explosive wounds
 - d. Combat tourniquet
 - e. Carry techniques
 - f. Triage
 - g. Perimeter security
6. Camp overnight under the stars at the USNA jamboree
 - a. Stand at least 1 hour of fire watch
 - b. Low impact campsite
 - c. Must carry with you for the day all of the camping supplies for the evening in addition to flak, Kevlar, and M-16
7. Understand the Training pipeline of U.S. Navy Special Forces
 - a. SEAL
 - b. EOD
 - c. Marine Corps
8. Act as Squad leader/platoon commander for at least one portion of the training day leading your squad/platoon through an evolution.