Information Regarding Security Checks

For your information our students and staff are required by law, and the military, to have federal security checks. These checks include FBI fingerprint screening and State Criminal History Record Checks for all states lived in for the last 5 years.

When state and federal checks are processed information is also gathered from former employers, personal references, local city records, university campus records and others. The results of federal checks are forwarded to the military as being Favorable, Not Favorable or No Determination Made (NDM). No Determination Made means the case must be reviewed further by the military and a determination made as to whether the individual can be placed in the field. Additional information follows regarding these three categories:

1. A Favorable result allows the student to be placed in the field.
2. A Not Favorable result means that a student is not allowed to be placed in the field. Students with a felony will be designated as Not Favorable, as will students with misdemeanors in most cases. It is our experience that students with misdemeanor(s) involving DUI, theft, drug-related offense, multiple misdemeanors, assault, employment misconduct, and/or other similar offenses have been designated as Not Favorable. As well, if information on a federal security check form is untrue it may yield a Not Favorable result.
3. A No Determination Made (NDM) result means that the student is not allowed to be placed in the field until their case is reviewed by the military, and a decision made as to whether the student is cleared to be placed in the field or not (due to concerning information received). An NDM may be related to an MIP, traffic violation, bad check, employment-related misconduct, or a minor disruptive conduct such as disturbing the peace. We are not able to place a student in the field until their case with an NDM has been reviewed by the military and a decision made as to whether the student may or may not participate.
   As well, the federal security check process includes "inquiries" where information is gathered from former employers, a student's university and others. Issues, such as being fired from a job, multiple traffic violations, unfavorable reports from local city police or university campus police, are considered in the process of evaluating a student's security check during the federal security check NDM review process. Any student with a No Determination Made (NDM) will be put on hold and will not be able to be placed in the field until, and unless, the military reviews their case as Favorable. We do not have control over the time it takes the military to review an NDM case or the result of their review. Because of the length of time it may take for the military to review an NDM, it may preclude a student being able to be placed in the field as the process may not be complete before a student's departure date.

Also please note that prior arrest records that are said to be "sealed" usually appear in the state and federal check process. As well, note that it is very important that you carefully select the individuals you list on your federal form as personal references, for example friends, teachers, others. Any negative information obtained from these individuals will be considered during your security check as well.

Carefully consider the security check process before you move forward in the Camp Adventure training program. We are unable to influence the security check process when concerning issues arise that may prevent you from being placed in the field or continuing to move through training.

Copies of your state background checks may be requested by Branches of Service and/or may be needed for overseas resident permit requirements. By signing below you are also giving us permission to provide necessary state background check information to these parties.

Please print your name below, sign and date, indicating you have received and read this information.

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Print Name  Signature  Date

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