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### U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps Traverse City-Squadron “ARRIVING”

The formation of a new U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps (NSCC) Squadron is underway in the Traverse City area. The NSCC national organization [www.seacadets.org](http://www.seacadets.org) has over 260 units with over 11,000 cadets and officers throughout the USA including major communities in Michigan. The NSCC program is offered to both males and females ages 10 through 18 who are physically and academically well grounded and seeking the “**Adventure of a Lifetime**”. The NSCC program - headquartered in Arlington, Virginia - is a sponsored by the United States Navy and Coast Guard with support from all other branches of the military as well.

LTJG Ernest Wood [twood39391@aol.com](mailto:twood39391@aol.com) the prospective Commanding Officer of the Squadron has enrolled four Cadets and three staff officers to date and drill one weekend monthly at the USCG Air Station Traverse City. LTJG Wood stated, “We are very excited about having the opportunity to bring the NSCC program to our youth in Traverse City. This outstanding program provides year-around challenging trainings based on a cadet’s interests. Mr. Wood went on to say, “The NSCC program consists of adult volunteers working with youth improving Grade Point Average (GPA) through high school. We are planning to begin our monthly drill schedule in January 2011.

Throughout the year cadets participate in advancement activities qualifying them to apply for summer training locally, nationally and internationally. CDR Spaner, CO of the USCG Air Station Traverse City this past summer provided six 14-day training periods for cadets stated, “The crew of the Air Station-TC were impressed with the level of maturity and interest the NSCC Cadets exhibited in completing our two week syllabus each receiving their NSCC Air Wing ribbon award. NSCC is an outstanding youth program and the USCG is pleased to support their arrival in Traverse City.”

The Commanding Officer of the NSCC Unit is seeking local adult volunteers of good character; men and women who are interested in helping to shape their new unit as Escort Officers serving the Greater Traverse City area. This summer cadets will be offered specialized summer trainings in leadership, seamanship, medical, legal, airman, police and fire, mechanical by such organizations as USCG, USN, NOAA, FEMA, USAR and Maritime organizations nationwide in addition to local municipalities and vocational centers cadets have a personal interest.

Sea Cadets are issued full U.S. Navy enlisted uniforms and earn rank up to Chief Petty Officer. Ribbons are awarded for community service, academic achievement, recruiting new cadets, time in service and other special accomplishments. Volunteer staff personnel receive commission officer status upon meeting the NSCC criteria set forth by the USN.

If you would like to receive additional information about the NSCC program in Traverse City, contact LTJG Ernest Wood, NSCC, [twood39391@aol.com](mailto:twood39391@aol.com) .