Hickman County Schools Board Agenda Item Request

Date: 17-May-21

Name of School: Hickman County High School

Item Requested: Trip Request (Raider Nationals)

Explanation: HCHS JROTC request permission to participate in the Raider National Championship on 05NOV2021. Travel days will be 04 and 06 NOV 2021. The cost for each Cadet will be $45 per person. Travel will be by 7-passenger vans rented through the Army's Enterprise account. Cadets will stay in hotels.

Attachments (if necessary and appropriate):

Competition Memorandum of Instruction

Trip Request

Signature of Person requesting to be placed on the agenda:

Signature of Building Principal

Hickman County Schools Trip Request

Name of School: HCHS

Name of Club/Group: JROTC

Trip Requested: Raider Nationals

Purpose: Competitive Event

Date and Time frame: November 4 - 6 2021

Number of Students: 16

Number of Chaperones: 2 (Crystal Breece, Sandra McNeil)

Cost Associated: $45

Attachments (any information or permission slips that are sent home with students)

Has the cafeteria been notified? N Number of Lunches needed? _____

How will students travel? 7-Passenger Vans

Is a transportation request attached if system transportation is needed? No

Signature of person requesting the trip: 1SG RILEY

Signature of Principal:

Signature of instructional Supervisor _____

*Per Hickman County Board of Education policy 4.302, any requested trip that has an out-of-state destination and/or is planned for overnight must have prior approval by the Board of Education.



2020 ALL-SERVICE RAIDER CHALLENGE CHAMPIONSHIPS

STANDING OPERATING PROCEDURES

22 JUNE 2020 – REVISION #1

http://raider.thenationals.net

Event Manager: Sports Network International
388 Muddy Creek Lane Ormond Beach, Florida 32174
Toll-free) 800/327-9311 / E-mail) raider@thenationals.net
http://raider.thenationals.net

Competition Site: Gerald I. Lawhorn Scouting Base
1166 Dripping Rock Rd. Molena, GA 30258
For all site questions, please contact SNI
http://www.flintrivercouncil.org/sitecore/content/Council095/Camp.aspx

NOTE: YELLOW areas are changes for 2020.
BLUE are Covid19 virus related changes for the safety of cadets & spectators.

1) GENERAL OVERVIEW

a. Congratulations and thank you for preparing for the All-Service Raider Challenge Championships! This SOP will provide you with all rules & procedures needed to compete safely & effectively within the arduous events of Raider! The "Raider Challenge" is designed to provide all-service Raider talent with a fantastic opportunity to compete against many of the best all-service JROTC teams in the nation in a first-class environment. The entire Raider Nationals Weekend will be the largest gathering of Raider teams anywhere. Come for the competition and prepare to learn and grow throughout the weekend!

b. **General entry into the Raider Nationals weekend BEGINS ANNUALLY ON 1 JUNE!** All JROTC units wishing to obtain a competition slot should register to attend ***as soon as they know they are planning to compete!*** Registration is done on-line from the event website. When the competition slots are filled, the event is full. We cannot save any slots for any school for any reason so please do not ask! Your school registration **IS NOT SOLIDIFIED** until the FEE and PPWK are completed, submitted and received by SNI – not simply registering!

c. The Raider Challenge Championships are to be held throughout the day on Friday, 6 November 2020 at the **Gerald I. Lawhorn Scouting Base**, Molena, Georgia. The general directions & park layout for the Raider Nationals is posted on the official website for download/review, along with all other required paperwork and spectator information.

d. The Raider Nationals weekend will maintain not only this event, but the Army Raider Championships (currently the largest Raider competition in the world). It is filled with the most talented Army units in the nation on the two days following this event. **Sports Network International** of Ormond Beach, Florida will provide all support for competition related items. Various experts and local schools have volunteered their time and expertise to prepare and grade the competitions. We are sure you will have the finest overall Raider experience for your cadets available anywhere!

e. Early event registration will begin in the later afternoon the day prior on Thursday, 5 November at the Raider Nationals HQ Building. Same day registration will again occur in the morning of the competition at the same facility. The event Commander's Call is held across the street.

f. Smaller, less competitive Army teams will be entering this all-service Challenge Championship. Top finishing Army schools here are REQUIRED to move up to the Army Championships. **ALL CADETS COMPETING IN THE ARMY RAIDER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS ARE INELIGIBLE** to compete in these all-service Challenge Championships. "JV" teams or B squads NOT COMPETING in the Army Championships are encouraged to enter this event without issue). Those Army units who are competitive among the best units MUST register and compete within the U.S. Army JROTC Raider National Championships held during the two days following this all-service event. Teams are encouraged to come watch the excellence the following day.

g. **OVERNIGHT CAMPING WILL BE ALLOWED & ENCOURAGED AT THE LAWHORN SCOUTING CAMP**. While camping is highly encouraged, hotels are just 15-20 minutes away from the venue but fill quickly. Schools may attend this event as a "commuter school" (driving in to compete without camping), or by camping at the venue. Full details on both the campsite and camping in general can be found later in this document under **Section 9, "CAMPING DETAILED INFORMATION".**

2. TEAM COMPOSITION & ENTRY RULES

a. **We are again offering a FEMALE DIVISION!** The rules & requirements regarding pack weights, course configuration etc. will be identical to that of the MIXED Division except where noted.

b. Competition Team Rules: **ALL TEAMS** teams will be allowed to maintain up to 14 members but only 10 cadets participate in each event. Female teams have 8 minimum and 10 maximum participate in each event (8-10, your call). Within this total team, YOU form the best team for EACH event at YOUR discretion. *Mixed teams think about both male & female alternates!*

c. **MIXED TEAMS** must have a minimum of FOUR females in every event. Increased numbers of females are not generally recommended as you will be competing against teams that are made up with 6 males and 4 females in each event and this may place your team at a disadvantage. **MALE TEAMS** are generally comprised of all male members, however due to injury or personal preference; the team may contain females in any quantity.

d. Cadets will substitute only within the team they are assigned. Male or Female team members cannot substitute onto the Mixed Team, etc. Substitutions can be done ***ONLY*** prior to the start of an event within your assigned team and can be done for any reason without any permissions sought or granted just like most every other athletic team event.

e. Schools may enter ONE complete raider team into EACH of the THREE competition divisions, **providing that no individual cadet competes for more than one team**. Therefore, individual cadets cannot compete on two different teams for any reason, *nor any other team throughout the weekend*. Schools seeking a 2nd team in any division may be granted on a case by case basis. In no instance will a 3rd team be granted in any one division from the same school.

3. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

a. *05 November:* Early School registration at **Lawhorn Scout Base** Scoring HQ.
b. *06 November:* Final school registration at **Lawhorn Scout Base** Scoring HQ.
(NOTE: No school may compete WITHOUT going through event registration!)
c. *06 November:* Cadre/Coaches Meeting at **Lawhorn Scout Base** Grand Pavillion *(across from the HQ).*
d. *06 November,* Rotation of all Team Events will begin.
e. *06 November,* Scores are tabulated and the Awards Ceremony begins after the post-lunch events.

FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, THE TENTATIVE WEEKEND SCHEDULE IS FOUND ON-LINE AT THE OFFICIAL EVENT WEBSITE. THE FINAL EVENT SCHEDULE IS POSTED ONE WEEK PRIOR WITH MINOR TIME ADJUSTMENTS.

NOTE: The actual start times and rotation of events will be determined after all schools have registered. Teams will have ample ability to move between events with prior planning. This FINAL event schedule will be distributed via the official website NLT one week prior to the competition.

f. Schools will be permitted into the Camp HQ building, THREE PEOPLE per school maximum. One instructor & two cadets or two instructors and a single cadet. Masks are required for each person entering the HQ room. A sign-in sheet will be posted outside and registering schools will be permitted to enter, register and leave then the next school will be called. All SNI personnel will have masks while indoors. Hand sanitizer will also be omnipresent both just outside and inside the HQ building.

4. COMPETITION EVENTS & GENERAL INFORMATION

a. All Raider Nationals events are governed under this SOP and the guidelines of the U.S. Army manuals referenced herein. These manuals are reviewed from the official Raider website at: http://raider.thenationals.net.

b. While the weather for any Fall events in Georgia will likely be gorgeous, nothing but lightning or other dangerous conditions will delay or cancel a team event. Teams must prepare for every type weather condition to be fully prepared at the Raider Nationals.



c. The competition begins with a brief Cadre/Coaches Meeting early the day of the event and then the rotation of events will begin throughout the venue. The competition utilizes a "shotgun start"; therefore all events start across the facility at roughly the same time. All events and the closing awards ceremony end on Friday later afternoon for this one-day competition.

d. The All-Service Raider Championships are comprised of FOUR total events. These events are designed to test your cadets physically as well as test their ability to work as a team. Teams must enter and obtain a score in all five events in their entered division to be eligible for the overall title. The event overviews are as follows (note: details on each are found later in this document):

1. **Physical Team Test (PTT):** (Annex 14-A, PTT): The PTT will consist of numerous items that require individual and team agility, strength, balance and stamina.
2. **Rope Bridge:** (Annex 14-B, Rope Bridge): Standard one-rope bridge according to this SOP and FM 3-97.61 (Military Mountaineering). Rope length must be **at least 150'**; low stretch ropes (Kermantle) may be used (NOTE: **YOU MUST HAVE YOUR OWN ROPE** or make arrangements to borrow a rope from another team).
3. **Raider Gauntlet:** (Annex 14-D, Raider Gauntlet): Team maneuvers carrying weighted items largely through roughly 1 mile of woodsy terrain while overcoming numerous technical obstacles that require great teamwork & strategy to complete.
4. **5-Kilometer Team Run:** (Annex 14-E, 5K Team Run): Team runs together without gear of any kind. Team runs to halfway point, entire team gets a turn-around marker, and then the team retraces their path and ends at the starting point. Team must all be within the 10-yard box at the completion to finish without penalty.

NOTE: Other meets may use many other events within their Raider competitions. This is the beauty of Raider that it can be tailored to meet the wants of attending schools. Schools are cautioned that the USACC has limitations on what JUNIOR ROTC RAIDER is supposed to be all about (it is NOT a mini Ranger event). Those hosting Raider should ensure their events meet all USACC Guidelines.

e. Any school competing in the All-Service Championships who is NOT competing in the Army Championships *MAY* have their cadet accepted to compete within the Ultimate Raider competition Sunday morning. VERY limited spaces will be available for such inclusion. However if your cadet is EXCEPTIONAL and you will be around, contact SNI for details!

f. All schools MUST check the SOP Update/Clarifications page on the Raider Nationals website throughout the Fall. Major and minor changes and general event news will be posted there first.

g. Any cadet who curses or utilizes other unsportsmanlike acts may subject their team to a minimum 1 minute penalty in any event. Acting in this manner is unbecoming a JROTC Raider cadet or coach. Ensure it does not happen to your team.

h. AGAIN WE STRESS TO ENSURE TEAMS USE PROPER TECHNIQUE in coming down off any/all walls. **Hang and drop remains the standard in use for all team events at the Raider Nationals.** ***ONLY during the Ultimate Raider competition are individuals authorized to execute any other form of departure from the wall***. This is only because these cadets are designed to be your most athletic, most skilled and most heavily practiced cadets on your team.

i. Teams competing with one less cadet than the minimum prescribed will receive a one minute time penalty. Those with two or more cadets who do not finish will disqualify the team, receiving a last place finish and/or a zero score depending on the event. Any team DISQUALIFIED in any event will render that team INELIGIBLE to compete for the overall title in their division.

j. The event SOP often refers to wearing the ACU uniform for many events. This is the Army term. Non-Army teams should wear the equivalent uniform for their service. It is NOT required to wear either the pistol belt OR a canteen. However, teams are ENCOURAGED to bring canteens or water bottles with them during ANY event they feel it may be needed (i.e., 5K run, Gauntlet, etc.). Teams may make water available to their teams during any event as well.

5. SAFETY WHILE AT RAIDER



a. SNI takes safety of Raider competitors and spectators seriously. Obviously with the new virus concerns in place, SNI has made several modifications from past years practices. These are detailed herein and additional measures may be added as the event nears.

b. Having people in positions of authority that have been doing these events for decades of practical Raider competition with high school JROTC cadets is hugely beneficial. While the manual was never written as a competition manual AND it was never written for teams of high school cadets, we adhere closely where applicable and only deviations outlined herein are permissible. To that end, SNI has plenty of wise heads on the course to ensure compliance within all rules and regulations.

c. In 2020, every competing cadet will have their temperature taken with a no-touch thermometer before EVERY EVENT at the event site. Anyone getting a temp reading of 99.9 or higher will have their temperature taken again as the last team member. Another high temp and that cadet will have their band removed and they will be ineligible to compete and to be in the general public area or in any closed spaces at the Raider Nationals. This is not subject to appeal. No "re-temp" will be done as caution dictates the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few or the one.

d. While this event is held outdoors, SNI will be implementing the following requirements as well:

1) All spectators when closed into non-open air smaller spaces to spectate MUST use good judgment to maintain solid 6' spacing AND have a mask or scarf properly worn over the nose and mouth at all times. THIS WILL REQUIRE SCHOOLS WITH LARGER PARENT FOLLOWING TO POSSIBLY LIMIT THEIR NUMBERS. ALL SCHOOLS WILL BE REQUIRED TO "POLICE THEIR OWN" ON THIS. Failure to do so will require SNI to remove these violators from the area and warn the school regarding policing their own spectators. Repeated violations will cause the spectator to be removed from the facility and the team to receive a penalty UP TO event disqualification. PLEASE make sure your parents understand the ramifications of their actions to themselves and the team.

2) Teams and spectators please be mindful of team ready areas. Ensure those waiting to compete are not bunched together with other schools and other cadets.

3) Large hand sanitizer containers will be made available at each competition area. Teams will be strongly encouraged to have all team members take one pump to the hands BEFORE and AFTER their event.

4) Lastly, other procedures specific to each event to ensure virus protection standards EXCEED anything found in most youth sporting events are listed under the detailed competition regulations for every event. PLEASE REVIEW and UNDERSTAND these for your team(s)!

e. Cadre are responsible to ensure a continuous, rigorous safety program is in place for your team. NEVER HAS THIS BEEN MORE IMPORTANT! This begins with discussions on hand washing, hydration, reporting all injuries, checking for fevers, campfire safety and the like. All units are required to read the SNI Raider Risk Overview (https://thenationals.net/raider-Risk_Overview.pdf).

f. As the Event Director for the Raider Nationals, Sports Network International (SNI) maintains sole judgment pertaining to competition items. All decisions made by SNI regarding rules, procedures or other matters are final. All competitors, instructors, and supporters are subject to comply with all of the rules & procedures of this SOP and of the Raider Nationals. Any items not specifically covered by your service manual(s) or by this document are enforced at the sole determination of the SNI Judging Director. If you have any questions regarding this event, please direct your question either via phone or email to Sports Network International in advance.

g. On-site medical support is available and ambulance support will be either on-site or quickly summoned if needed. This support is designed for urgent medical need only. Teams are STRONGLY ENCOURAGED to bring basic first aid materials with them on the bus and to keep these handy at all times during the Raider Weekend (including bringing these materials to every site where your cadets are gathered), Additionally for back-up, SNI maintains a well-stocked medical bag filled with "bump, bruise & cut" items (located at the Event HQ).

h. Weather will determine special daily risk assessments and changes to events for safety reasons. These will be fully briefed the morning of the competition during the Commander's Call.

6. RAIDER PREPARATION – EVENT INTERRUPTION

a. **ALL of the events are physically demanding, and stressful weather conditions (heat, cold, damp, etc.) can make this tougher!** However, any team that has trained hard for several months and fully prepared themselves for the events listed herein will do just fine. Please remember to hydrate BEFORE the day of the competition – solid hydration starts 48 hours prior!

b. **Instructors and their cadets ARE ENCOURAGED to recon any/all competition sites the day prior to their event.** Schools are allowed and encouraged to: 1) recon the site map to find the location of every event, as well as 2) walk the course(s) with an instructor to ensure all competing cadets are prepared for the layout and any obstacles they may face (NOTE: No running the course or rope bridge construction will be allowed on the actual course areas – this is a visual walk-through only).

c. As the 8' wall IS NOW PART of the Raider Challenge Championships, teams MAY practice the wall the day prior ONLY UNDER DIRECT INSTRUCTOR SUPERVISION.

d. No participant may leave any assigned racing area or "take a short cut" outside the marked racing area. Any cadet/team doing so and found to have gained an advantage by these actions will cause the team to receive a subjective penalty. If the shortcut was determined to be completely accidental, the penalty will be the estimated amount of seconds saved by going "off-course", plus an additional 10%. If the short cut was determined to be intentional done, the team will likely be disqualified.

e. In the event of severe storms or lightning, competition will be immediately suspended at that point. Teams on the course will continue to completion unless directed otherwise by event officials. Judges, Coaches, and ALL Raider teams will move to the nearest safe area and wait for instructions through loud speaker. At that time a weather decision will be made based on the best information available. If the competition must be halted, the following rules will apply:

   i. Overall championship trophies will be presented and declared ONLY if all events have been held and all teams provided the ability to compete. If the event is cut short for any reason, event trophies will be provided among those teams competing ONLY.

   ii. Due to the nature of the event, all funds paid are non-refundable if for any reason the event is halted due to weather. If the event is cancelled in advance due to any virus spread, facility or insurance issues, or a government body denies travel or otherwise makes your attendance impossible for any district-wide, statewide or federal reason, event Registration Fees paid WILL BE FULLY REFUNDED. However, package fees cannot be refunded as they pay for items likely already produced/purchased.

7. COSTS/PAPERWORK REQUIRED TO ATTEND:



a. Schools gain information regarding the Raider Nationals from the Raider Nationals official website: http://raider.thenationals.net. Here you will be directed to the appropriate weekend competition and then you can learn everything about the event you plan to enter, then register your school to attend and compete. After registration, you will be emailed acceptance and then download all your competition paperwork from the website. The website is easily organized but internet access including working email is required to be able to attend the event.

b. To attend, all schools submit required paperwork and pay a School Registration Fee of **$150 per school** to enter the Raider Nationals. This entry fee will allow a school to enter UP TO one team in each competition division (so long as no cadets cross over to compete in multiple divisions). Additionally, every cadet eligible to compete attends through the Team Package. The cost of the Team Package will be just $15 per cadet. For this money, each cadet will receive a specially designed event medallion on a chest ribbon, custom event t-shirt (ordered to size), a beautiful 8" x 10" Raider team photo, and the ability to compete at the event. **THIS REGISTRATION FEE AND PER CADET FEE ARE REQUIRED COSTS (no exceptions) and are the only other required costs to attend. THIS REGISTRATION FEE AND PER CADET FEE ARE REQUIRED COSTS (no exceptions) and are the only other required costs to attend. Also, these fees are COMPLETELY NON-FUNDABLE should any of your cadets or your entire team fail to attend for any reason.**

c. Each Raider Team will provide the Covenant Not to Sue required of each cadet. Each School/Coach should make a duplicate copy of these forms and provide the copy to the Meet Director with the copy and keep the original forms for his/her records.

d. Each Raider Team provides a Statement of Eligibility that lists all of the members of the Raider Team and certifies that each Raider is enrolled in JROTC for the current school year and meets the respective state Athletic Association rules for eligibility for participation in extracurricular high school sports. This form is found on-line on your MySchool Website: http://myschool.thenationals.net.

e. Each cadet will receive a color coded bracelet to identify which team they are eligible to compete with. Any school found using illegal cadets competing within BOTH a single-gender team AND mixed team may have their entire school removed from the Raider Nationals event without recourse, and likely WILL be placed on probation from attending the event in the future. It is the responsibility of every Raider instructor to stress to their cadet leaders the purpose and inflexibility of this reg!

f. Each school is required to submit in advance all money/paperwork as required to be able to compete. *There is no exception to this requirement*. Schools should plan ahead for unit inspections, snow days or other items that can hamper the ability to meet payment and paperwork deadlines. Only a rare, unforeseen exception would allow a school to bring a non-essential item on arrival with pre-approval, so please plan your paperwork/finances accordingly.

g. Once you have read this SOP and agree to all of its terms and conditions, you must sign and return all of the required liability and other forms downloaded on-line and also submit the required registration/entry fees. No school or individual may compete in any facet of the Raider Nationals event without the proper submission of these forms and required funds. If you have a question regarding any facet of the Raider Nationals, especially regarding the money and/or paperwork required, camping on site, etc. please call and ask or email BEFORE registering to attend the event. Competition spaces are limited and we want to ensure all schools fully understand what they will need to do to attend BEFORE they go to the effort of registering to attend. In most cases, the answer is maintained in print on the website. If you do not find the answer or you need a clarification, please feel free to call/e-mail Sports Network International at the numbers listed herein.

h. PLEASE ENSURE you become VERY FAMILIAR with the dates and deadlines when money and/or paperwork submission is required. Failure to submit these items when required can have your school dropped from the event and/or removed from the camping list. Please plan ahead.