

COAST GUARD ACADEMY SEARCHES FOR JUNIORS FOR SUMMER PROGRAM

CLANG, CLANG, CLANG, the SAR alarm sounds! The cry goes out, "The "Aimster" has sprung a leak." Five high school juniors, together for only two days, work feverously as a team to save the sinking vessel.

A passage from a small boat station SAR log, hardly. A damage control exercise supervised by Auxiliaries designed to challenge young minds and foster teamwork, definitely!

The U.S. Coast Guard Academy is accepting applications from high school juniors to attend a week of orientation at the Coast Guard Academy this summer. Students with leadership potential, an interest in technical degree programs and a service academy education, should apply by April 01, 2008.

The Academy is regularly listed as a "Top Ten Best Undergraduate Experience" by the Princeton Review.

The week-long program, known as the Academy Introduction Mission (AIM), brings some of the best and brightest in the nation to the Academy for a week of intense academic/engineering orientation, athletic competition and leadership training. This non-stop program is designed as an introduction to life as a cadet and Coast Guard officer careers. Three sessions will be offered in July 2008.

AIM graduates tend to excel as cadets. About 80 percent apply to the Academy and over 50 percent are offered Academy appointments. Attendees can decide first-hand whether the Coast Guard Academy is right for them. They will live like a cadet and see if they have what it takes to succeed.

AIM applications will be screened based on the applicant's high school performance, rigor of academics, participation in extracurricular activities, and high school transcripts. Candidates will then be selected by a lottery system to fill the three AIM sessions. Application is free and online at <http://www.cga.edu/display.aspx?id=2942>. Attendance costs \$350 and all travel costs are at the expense of the student. Limited scholarships are available. Call for more information.

Applications and additional information on AIM can be found on the Internet at <http://www.cga.edu/display.aspx?id=2942>. Or interested students can request additional information by contacting Long Island Regional Representative Academy Admission Program, William Gearty, at 631-630-0818 or via email at Commanderbill11@aol.com