



WELCOME TO MCRD SAN DIEGO!

sandiego.usmc-mccs.org/recruit-families

NEW MARINE FAMILY MEET & GREET

Wednesdays (graduation weeks)
1700-2000

Reservations required:

mcrdmeetandgreet.eventbrite.com

FAMILY DAY

0815	Warm Up	Shepherd Field/ Parade Deck
0830	Motivational Run	Shepherd Field/ Parade Deck
0930	Welcome Orientation	Depot Theater
0945	Marine Corps 101	Depot Theater
1030	Company Commander's Brief	Depot Theater
1045	Beyond the Yellow Footprints	Depot Theater
1120	Liberty Formation	Shepherd Field/ Parade Deck
1145-1730	Depot Liberty	

GRADUATION

0730-0830	Colors Ceremony Please be seated NLT 0730	Commanding General's Building
0830-0945	Graduation Seating Please be seated NLT 0945	Shepherd Field/ Parade Deck
1000-1130	Graduation Ceremony	Shepherd Field/ Parade Deck

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

Base Access: MCRD San Diego is located just northwest of downtown San Diego and north of the San Diego International Airport, Lindbergh Field. Gate 5 (Washington St.) is the main gate.

Rideshares: Rideshares (taxis, Uber, Lyft, etc.) are allowed access to the installation following a cursory vehicle search. If the rideshare driver chooses not to undergo the cursory vehicle search, the passenger must be dropped off at the designated pick-up/drop off location at each gate. A cursory vehicle search is an external visual inspection of the vehicle by law enforcement.

Gate 5 Coordinates: 32.739091, -117.185831 (Navigation apps will direct you to the wrong gate) or search "MCRD Gate 5" or "MCRD Visitor Center."

Directions:
sandiego.usmc-mccs.org/recruit-families/base-map

Entering and Leaving the Depot: All visitor vehicles MUST enter through Gate 5 (Washington St.). Vehicles and personnel will be searched upon entry. Expect delays and plan accordingly. Gate 5 opens at 4:00 PM for Meet & Greet and 6:30 AM for graduation visitors on Family Day and Graduation. Gate 4 (Old Town Ave.) and Gate 5 will be open for all visitors when departing MCRD San Diego.

Driver's License/Registration/Insurance:
If you are driving a vehicle, ensure you have a valid driver's license, vehicle registration, and proof of insurance in your possession.

Identification: Every person age sixteen and older is required to have a valid form of photo identification to gain base access. Acceptable forms of U.S. government issued identification include: driver's license, state identification card, passport, military dependent identification card, or school/work identification card (for persons under age 18).

Firearms/Weapons: All firearms and weapons are prohibited aboard MCRD San Diego. Prohibited weapons include but are not limited to: knives greater than 3 inches, switchblades greater than 2 inches, and brass knuckles.

Drugs: All controlled substances are prohibited aboard MCRD San Diego. Any person(s) found possessing a controlled substance or associated paraphernalia (i.e., smoking devices) will be found in violation of Federal law. A medical marijuana card does not authorize possession of marijuana aboard MCRD San Diego. Contraband will be seized and offenders may be cited and denied entry. Controlled substances include but are not limited to: marijuana (or related products), methamphetamines, hallucinogens, and prescription medication without a valid prescription.

Picnic Areas/Tailgate Lot/RV and Trailers: There are lawn spaces throughout the installation for visitors to picnic. It is requested that visitors who arrive with an RV or trailer, or whom wish to set-up pop-up tents and canopies to utilize the "Tailgate Lot" located adjacent to Bldg 10. Overnight parking, charcoal grills, and consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited on the premises.

Medical Treatment Facility: The Medical Treatment Facility aboard MCRD San Diego only provides services to recruits. They are unable to provide services to civilians or refill prescription medications. Please plan accordingly.

Boot Leave: Most recruits will book their travel for their boot leave on T-33 (week 6). They are provided an opportunity to make a phone call to confirm travel arrangements in advance of booking their airline tickets and transfers. Travel arrangements are booked through MCCS Camp Pendleton Latitudes Travel.

If friends and family need assistance booking their travel arrangements to MCRD San Diego, Camp Pendleton Latitudes Travel advisors are available to assist:

Mon-Wed: 0830-1700 and Fri: 0830-1700
760-763-3183 or 760-763-3184.

For official graduation information:
sandiego.usmc-mccs.org/recruit-families
mcrdsd.marines.mil
facebook.com/mcrdsd



Scan QR code for Family Day and Graduation information

MCRD SAN DIEGO GRADUATION GUIDE

Every Tuesday
1030-1200 pacific time (virtual)

The **Yellow Footprints** to prepare you for your visit. Family and friends of new Marines are invited to attend this virtual workshop.

- What to Expect for Family Day & Graduation
- Before, during and after boot camp
- History & Traditions of USMC
- Benefits of being a Marine

meeting.marinenet.usmc.mil/mcrdsdgraduationguide/

PASSCODE: **family**

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1700-2000

An evening hosted at the Bay View Restaurant every Wednesday before Boot Camp Graduation. It is a chance to mingle with other new Marine families, meet the Senior Drill Instructors, relax on the beautiful bay on MCRD San Diego and get a sneak peek slide show of the crucible for the graduating class.

Reservations: mcrdmeetandgreet.eventbrite.com

MOBILITY EQUIPMENT

Rentals available at Guest Services (MCX Mall)
619-725-3771 (Family Day + Grad)

0700-1700

Single Stroller \$ 12.00 Wheelchair \$ 20.00
 Double Stroller \$ 16.00 Electric Wheelchair \$ 45.00
(prices subject to change)

DINE

Aloha Ice
Family Day Depot Theater **0700-1000**
Graduation Reviewing Stands **0800-1000**

Bay View Restaurant
 Located by the marina
Family Day Liberty Lunch Buffet **1100-1400**
Graduation Lunch **1100-1400**

The Common Grounds Café (Bldg 10) **0600-1500**
Family Day Depot Theater **0700-1000**
Graduation Reviewing Stands **0800-1000**

Food Concessionaires (Family Day) **1100-1700**
MCX Mall: Various food and sweet treats vendors.

Domino's **1000-2200**
 Located inside the Community Center
 Pre-order: Domino's app or 619-344-0850

Bulldog Tavern (Full Service Bar)* **1200-2100**
 Located inside the Community Center

SHOP

Marine Corps Exchange* **0900-1800**
 Located on the MCX Mall

USMC Memorabilia (Logo Store)* **1000-1800**
 Located on the MCX Mall

Marine Mart* **0600-2000**
 Located on the MCX Mall

Guest Services
 Located inside the Welcome Center
 Mobility equipment rentals - Information
Family Day **0700-1700**
Graduation **0700-1300**

Engraver **1100-1700**
 Located inside Building 10

USMC Memorabilia Trailer*, Guidons/Pennant Flags, Engraver, Platoon Photos, and more!
Family Day Depot Theater **0800-1100**
Graduation IVO Parade Deck **0800-1000**

Fuel Mart* **0700-1700**
 Gas lanes open 24/7 with Military Star, debit, or credit card payment.

Profits generated go directly back into MCRD San Diego's quality of life programs for Marines and their families.

PLAY

Tickets and Tours* **0900-1700**
 Located on the MCX Mall
 Discounted tickets to local and SoCal attractions

Community Center* **0900-2100**
 Arcade Games - Bowling - Wi-Fi - Televisions

Boathouse & Marina* **0730-1700**
 Picnic Tables - Playground

Library **0730-1600**
 Computer Lab - Wi-Fi - Children's Area

***Cashless operation**

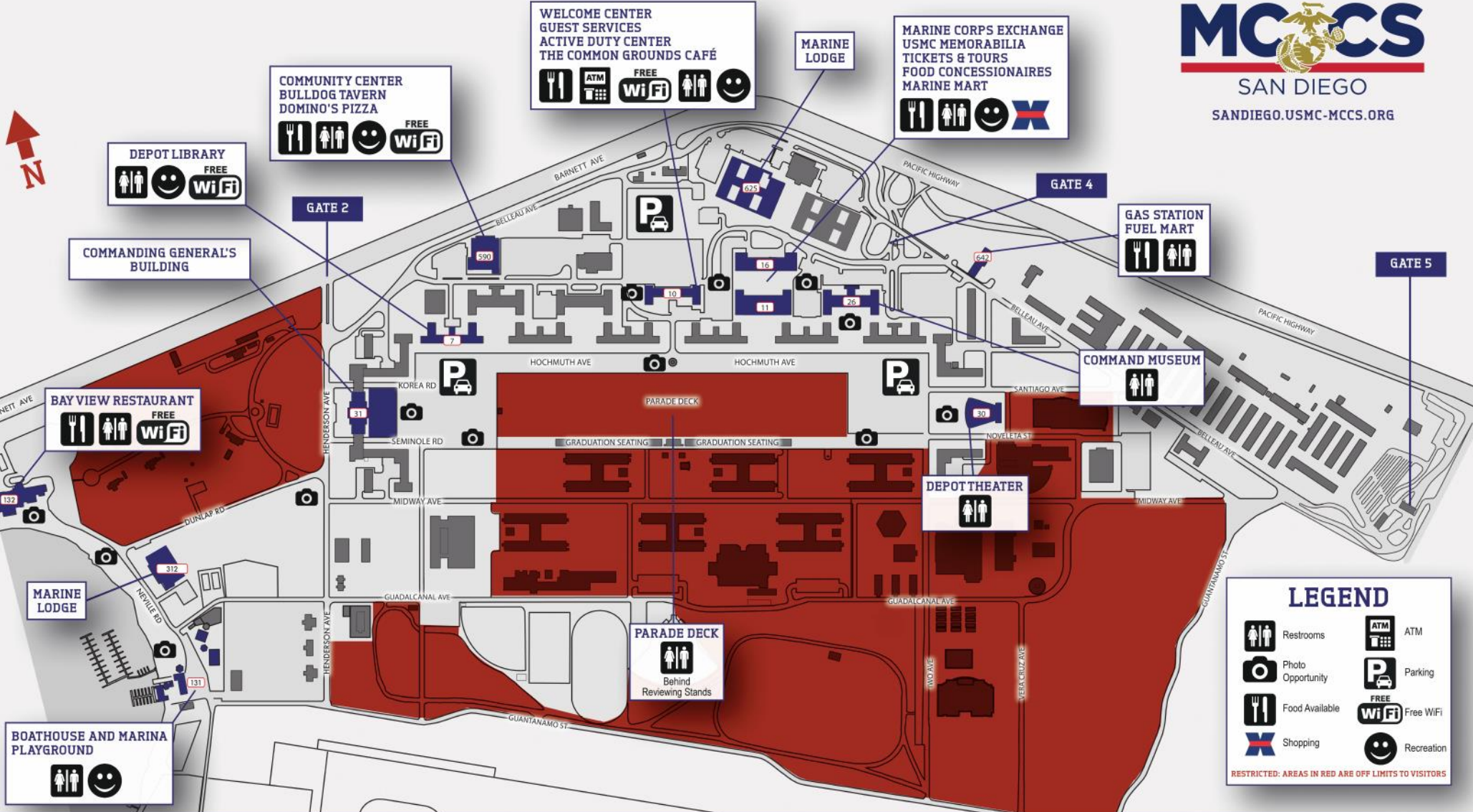
Effective May 7, 2025



MCRD San Diego Visitors, Are You REAL ID Ready?

Effective **May 7, 2025**, all guests and visitors 18 years and older accessing Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego should be prepared to present a REAL ID-compliant driver's license or an approved alternate form of identification (i.e. - U.S. passport) to enter the base, in accordance with federal law, MCO 5530.13, and the Department of Homeland Security's REAL ID Act.

For more information:
<https://sandiego.usmc-mccs.org/real-id>



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