

Summerlin Update Social Networking

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Attention! is something that one might hear in the vicinity of Summerlin Academy, one of three Bartow High School schools. Named after Summerlin Institute, its 1858 predecessor, it is a school, according to Major M. Lewis, Summerlin math teacher, "where all Summerlin cadets develop academic as well as leadership skills." Summerlin focuses on academics, but most of all on discipline.

Most students who attend Summerlin Academy have many honors classes and high expectations that they have to meet. Cadets have a specific dress code that must be followed every day or there will be consequences. The penalty depends on the number of times cadets have had the offense, according to Colonel Butler, Summerlin Academy's principal.

It is also the school where a uniform is required. The uniform that Summerlin senior Benjamin Smith likes best is the civilian uniform because "it is easy to put on." Civilian uniform means that cadets dress in their regular clothes, not a JROTC uniform. Jorge Gutierrez, a sophomore at Summerlin, has a different opinion. Gutierrez says that the ACU [Army Combat Uniform] is his favorite

because "it is comfortable and looks really good."

Aside from all the uniforms and academics, the core of the Summerlin Academy program is called JROTC which stands for Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps. Summerlin students are required to take the class to learn more discipline that can be utilized in the future. In JROTC, there are many ranks like in the real armed forces. Ranks include Cadet Sergeant, Cadet Corporal, Staff Sergeant, Captain, First Lieutenant and Second Lieutenant. There are many ranks, but the favorite rank of Cadet Smith is Sergeant, mostly because he is one. Gutierrez also happens to have a favorite rank, Second Lieutenant, but because he is a Staff Sergeant with aspirations.

Summerlin students also manage to have a good time according to Gutierrez, who said he loves Summerlin because of the "playing, teamwork, and physical work" that makes him fit but also allows him to do what he likes to do, which is to have fun. Summerlin is a great school that most students enjoy. Summerlin began the 2010-2011 application process in January. Summerlin Academy adds another option to Polk County students' high school career options.

point to another in a specified amount of time." said Summerlin senior Felipe Fagnelli.

This year the Raiders consisted of two teams; one all male and one mixed team with both young men and women. These each had eight members and competed locally. The Raiders extensively practiced physical conditioning for each event that they participated in during competitions. "Every Raider is expected to be able to meet a certain benchmark of physical fitness and know every task to be completed for every event," said Jacob Bushart another Summerlin senior.

The Raiders performed well in two competition events this year: Land Navigation and P.T.. Luckily, the Raiders

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Most teenagers use their computers and social networking sites every day. It seems almost everyone has a *facebook* and a *MySpace*, and checks them frequently. Christina Wiley, an IB freshman, says she uses social networking sites like her *MySpace*, *facebook*, and *formspring*, "more than [she] would like to admit." The average student spends about two hours a day on numerous social networking sites.

When most people joined these sites, they were just another way to talk to friends, as Wiley stated, "I have friends from other places, and I wanted to connect with them, but I can't call them every day." The internet and these sites also made their lives more convenient, making it easier to talk to someone or find information.

Now that these social networking sites are taking over more and more of people's time, they are used for so much more. Kristina Eldridge, Summerlin

Academy freshman, joins groups on facebook and plays games. Meanwhile, John Maksimik, an IB sophomore, says that he also uses sites like "tumblr to look at new media, especially photos."

People can find out about events, join clubs, and learn new information through these elaborate sites. *Facebook* even helps with schoolwork for Maksimik, he says, "I can ask my friends for help, and my physics class even has a facebook group."

The use of social networking sites is a generational thing though. Most students said their parents don't like when they spend a lot of time on the computer and just don't "get" it. Zaina Sheets, a BHS senior, states "My parents hate when I'm on [social networking sites], and they take using them away as punishment."

Social networking sites are growing every day. They make life more convenient and offer opportunities people, especially teenagers, wouldn't have otherwise.

Raiders

BY JORDAN PHILLIPS

Summerlin Academy contains several sports clubs in its athletic department, but one such club stands out. This club is the Raiders. The Raiders are a team of young men and women that competes in numerous physical events that model army life.

Some events involved in the competition are a P.T. or Physical Test, the Rope Bridge, and Land Navigation."P.T. deals with finishing push ups and sit ups within a two minute time limit and running a mile. The rope bridge is an event that involves building a 'bridge' that can safely transport team members from one

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were able to go to the State Competition for the first time in BHS/SA history. The male team won second place in Land Navigation at State.

To the members, the most important part of the team is the brotherhood they develop. They must build up two important qualities: their teamwork skills and strength in events to win in their events.

