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I doubled-checked on the leave time frames:

Thanksgiving leave is 24-30 Nov 09. It begins LMD on 24 Nov 09 (...at the conclusion of Comm's Challenge ~ projected for 1500 hrs). Per the published Cadet Military Training Schedule... Cadets can schedule Denver Flights NET 1830hrs... and COS Flights NET 1730 on the 24th. All cadets must be back at USAFA on 30 Nov... and be signed in by 1900. For planning purposes on the return, if arriving in Denver, they need to arrive NLT 1530... and if in COS, they need to arrive NLT 1630. This allows for adequate transit time in the event we experience inclement weather in the local area.

Winter break begins 18 Dec but the cadets are allowed to leave after their last final. Finals take place on 12, 14, 15, 16 and 17 Dec and your cadet will not know his finals schedule until Sep or early Oct. If you absolutely need to make reservations now you should make them for the 18th, though. (Keep in mind the last final could be on any of those dates and your cadet could "possibly" leave earlier than the 18th.) Cadets must sign back in by 7:00 pm on Sunday, 3 Jan. Again, for planning purposes on the return, if arriving in Denver, they need to arrive NLT 1530... and if in COS, they need to arrive NLT 1630. This allows for adequate transit time in the event we experience inclement weather in the local area.

Ultimately... the information provided at this time is general guidance. The definitive guidance w/respect to departure and return times will be published in the applicable Operations Order (OPORD) approximately 60 days prior to each event (i.e. the TG OPOrd will be published on/about 24 Sep 09... and the Winter Break OPOrd will be published on/about 12 Oct 09. Parents and/or cadets should not make any plans until the final OPOrDs are published. As indicated in the OPOrDs... reduced airfare is not a reasonable excuse/justification for early departures or late returns. CADETS CAN ACCESS THESE OPOrDs (but no one outside USAFA).

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