

Welcome to



395 Griffin Squadron
Royal Canadian Air Cadets

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New Cadet and Parent/Guardian
Information Package

This information package and all of the attached materials are extremely important.

Please read everything very carefully and keep it for future reference.

Welcome to the Air Cadet program and specifically the 395 Griffon Squadron!

This package is designed to give you some general information about the Air Cadet program and answer some of your questions about what to expect in the coming year.

Air Cadets is an organization for youth between the ages of 12 and 19. The three aims of the air cadet program are to:

- Develop leadership and good citizenship;
- Promote physical fitness; and
- Stimulate an interest in the aviation industry and the air, land and sea elements of the Canadian Forces.

We encourage each Cadet to achieve their own potential through mandatory and optional training programs.

There is no cost associated with joining the Air Cadet program. All mandatory training activities and most optional activities are delivered at no cost to the cadet. A large reason for this is through the fundraising activities of the 395 Squadron Parents' Association. The program is implemented through the affiliations of a number of different organizations including the Department of National Defence/Canadian Forces and the Air Cadet League of Canada.

DND-Supported Training and Resources

- Tuesday night training
- Fall Survival Exercise
- Gliding Days
- Winter Survival Exercise
- Uniforms
- Facility Rental
- Staff

Fundraising-Supported training and resources

- ALL Power familiarization flights
- Gliding Day transportation
- Squadron music program (i.e. Instrument purchase, rental and repair, staff)
- Squadron sports program (i.e. practices, equipment, facility rental)
- Squadron effective speaking program
- Ground school training resources (i.e. textbooks)
- Mandatory training resources (i.e. laptops)
- Biathlon training resources (i.e. cross country skis)
- Marksmanship training resources (i.e. targets)
- Squadron Trips (i.e. Legislature)
- Food for cadet activities (i.e. Saturday training)
- Annual Banquet cadet tickets

Parent's Association Membership

Membership in the Parents' Association shall be automatic to all persons who are person or guardians of Cadets in 395 Squadron Royal Canadian Air Cadets. Membership will also be automatic to the Commanding Officer of the Squadron and any other staff members from time to time designed by the Commanding Officer. Membership may be granted to any other person by a majority vote of a duly constituted general meeting of the Association.

Parents' Association Mission

The 395 Squadron Parent's Association is a non-profit organization whose sole purpose is to further the Edmonton 395 Air Cadet Squadron through its ongoing support. The Mission of the 395 Squadron Parent's Association is to enhance the experience that each cadet has with 394 Squadron. We exist and operate within our own charter and are not Governed by the 395 Squadron, or their sponsors. We are required to work in conjunction to and with the Commanding Officer, and their Sponsors, to provide a spirit of co-operation and support to achieve the goal common to us all...

"Giving our children the best cadet experience possible."

Parents' Association Objectives

- Provide moral and financial support to the Cadets of 395 Squadron
- Promote physical fitness
- Develop in the Cadets the attributes of good citizenship, leadership, and community involvement
- Promote the aims of the Air Cadet League of Canada

Fundraising

All parents are strongly encouraged to assist in fundraising activities as often as they are able. **Many of the activities and opportunities that 395 cadets participate in are entirely dependent on the success of this fundraising.** Fundraising requires volunteer work from the parents of the Cadets and the Cadets themselves. Without these funds many "extra" programs will not be available for the cadets. The Parent's Association **needs a commitment of 3 Bingos and 1 casino shift per family in order to meet that need.**

Volunteer screening is NOT required for most fundraising activities and ANY parent can help out. Volunteer screening is required for volunteering in the kitchen at the Survival camps as well as any direct Cadet related activities.

There are 2 categories of fundraising revenues: a) gaming and b) social.

- a) **GAMING Funds** are earned by having volunteers work at casino and bingo events. Income earned is used to pay for cadet programs not covered by the Department of National Defense (DND). Gaming funds are restricted and permission needs to be granted for use of these funds by Gaming. Bingo income is generally used to cover office costs such as on-going internet access, website hosting, telephone costs, general office supplies, and costs of optional cadet activities as required. Casino income is generally used to fund additional/optional trips and excursions not otherwise funded by DND such as; larger items, band instruction, Karate, trips such as CFB Cold Lake, and major trips every 2 years or so (past trips: Quebec, Victoria, Banff/Calgary winter activities, Seattle).

Casino Dates:

Century Casino, 13103 Fort Road 2016 Date to be determined
35-40 volunteers needed.

Positions

- 2 General Managers (Day/Night)
- 2 Bankers (Day/Night)
- 1 Counter Room Supervisor
- Cashiers,
- Chip Runners,
- Count Room workers

Day Shifts: 10 am – 6 pm

Night Shifts: 6 pm – 2 am

- b) **SOCIAL Funds** are earned from a variety of activities as listed below:

- Cookie Dough Sales
- Mundare sausage
- Funscrip Gift Card Program
- Bottle Drive

Social Funds are used to cover costs which cannot be paid for by using gaming funds; the most notable is cadet tickets for the Annual Banquet & Awards night. Funds are also used for the End of Year Family BBQ.

Canteen: a cost recovery fund which provides cadets with snacks at their Tuesday nights' breaks. Items range from \$0.50 - \$1.00 each

Spirit wear: clothing and additional items which can be purchased for Cadets and their family. These items are sold twice per year, usually in the fall (delivered before Christmas) and spring (delivered before the end of the year). These items are not mandatory for training.