



52 (City of Calgary) Squadron

Royal Canadian Air Cadets

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WELCOME TO TRAINING YEAR 2020-2021 AND 52 SQUADRON

Welcome Perspective Cadets and Parents!

I'm so glad you have chosen to join 52 Squadron in a year that will be like no other. With no schools renting space, we will be fully virtual for our regular Tuesday night training. We will be augmenting that with in-person activities by training level until such time as we receive further direction from our Headquarters.

By joining us this year, I'm going to have to ask for your patience as we try to navigate through the ever changing world of a pandemic. Change and adapting to change can be hard, but we have a very motivated staff of adults and senior cadets that are up to the challenge of making this year as fun as we can make it!

I have opted to keep our "normal" parent information form in the package because it provides some good context about what we do normally as an Air Cadet Squadron. Some of the big changes this year will be:

- We will begin a virtual training program starting in October 2020.
- The Commander has authorized a return to limited-in-person activities effective 1 October 2020. We will be planning activities around our virtual training program.
- Each cadet and staff member will be expected to wear a Non-Medical Mask at all in person activities. Eventually we will be issuing Non-Medical Masks to all of the cadets.
- We will be conducting COVID-19 screening prior to all in-person activities.
- No adult visitors will be permitted to any in-person activities.
- We have no information, at this time, on any Summer Training opportunities for Summer of 2021.
- There are no overnight activities permitted, nor is there any travel outside of 1 hour from our local Headquarters.
- All travel outside of our local Headquarters is to be done by parents only (ie. No bussing)
- No cadet will be left behind, if any cadet, for whatever reason, cannot complete the training requirements to pass their level, they will not have to repeat it come the next training year.
- We are to use in-person activities to challenge and motivate the cadets and most importantly have FUN.
- We are still waiting for direction on how to safely run sports, marksmanship and biathlon activities.
- Cadets shall not participate in any in-person fundraising activities for the year.
- We must follow all public health guidelines for in-person training, which means for now, we will not be able to gather as a whole squadron.
- New cadet uniforms will be communicated at a later date

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Now for some of the **fun and exciting** news:

- Our staff are ready, willing and able to bring as much fun and enjoyment to this year as we can.
- We have access to many interesting guest speakers that the cadets should find engaging.
- Our Squadron Sponsoring Committee is in full support of upgrading our Flight Simulators to the newest Microsoft Flight Sim 2020. With that, we have been approved additional funding for MORE Flight Sim's and upgraded technology to be able to run our basic, intermediate and advanced programming.
- Our online clothing store is up and running and available for cadets and parents to show their squadron spirit all year long. (<http://52rcacs.entripyshops.com>)
- We have the prototypes of our new Squadron Baseball hat for which we'll be taking orders for in the near future.
- The Duke of Edinburgh's program is making it easier to complete activities by physical distancing. Anyone eligible should take this opportunity to join the program!
- The new TeamApp will make it easier to distribute communications to the cadets and parents, additionally this will be our mechanism for sign-ups and squadron initiated purchases (ie. Baseball hats).
- Our parent meetings and sponsor meetings will be done virtually to make it easier for families to attend.
- We still are cautiously optimistic that we will be able to celebrate the Squadron's 80th Anniversary with a fun engaging event.
- Again, being cautiously optimistic, we have only postponed our Squadron Mess Dinner, not cancelled. If need be, we'll celebrate "Christmas" whenever public health guidelines dictate.
- We need helpful, dedicated parents to assist with our sponsor to think of new, innovative ways of fundraising.

To complete your registration process, first you'll need to complete all of the paperwork. The "New Cadet Registration Checklist" will be your guide as to how all of the paperwork is to be completed.

When you're done, you need to book an appointment with our Administration Officer by navigating to <https://bit.ly/2GIXXzx>. You will meet and go through the application to complete the registration process.

If at any time you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to email us at 52squadron@gmail.com.

Welcome to the 52 Family!

Sincerely,

Major Gene Kushnir, CD, AdeC
Commanding Officer