



September 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are anticipating another successful cadet training year and are looking forward to welcoming returning cadets, and new ones!

Our Commanding Officer & staff have already started to plan a new and exciting training year for 2017-2018. Events will include regular weekly training nights, military parades, Santa Claus parades, orienteering and drill competitions, band, ground school, two field-training exercises (FTX), gliding and the much-anticipated Annual Trip. Additional events include fund-raising initiatives, such as tag days, Remembrance Day poppy sales and the sale of Ontario Provincial Committee lottery tickets.

As members of the sponsoring committee, we are approved civilian volunteers through the Air Cadet League of Canada and the Ontario Provincial Committee(OPC). We strive to support the squadron in various ways, particularly through fund raising. **OUR MOST IMPORTANT** fund raisers are **cadet tag days (SAVE THE DATES BELOW)** and the sale of **OPC tickets**. When the cadets participate on tag days, all monies raised are kept in the squadron, we receive funds back from the OPC from our sales of tickets.

Saturday and Sunday October 28th / 29th

Friday evening & Saturday May 11th/12th

Remember: There is no cost to join air cadets, however each and every cadet is required to sell at least **ONE** book of tickets every training year! You can always sell more!

PLEASE Come prepared on Wednesday to pick up your book of tickets.

You pay \$60 for the book in advance, and you are reimbursed as the tickets are sold!

Cheques can be made payable to 608 Duke of Edinburgh AC SSC. Encourage your cadet to sell them to their teachers, family and friends for an opportunity to win one of a number of NEW JEEP and CASH PRIZES for just \$5.00 a ticket! ANY books of tickets not sold must be paid out of the squadrons funds. Our squadron pays for these tickets whether they sell or not! Therefore, it is important to sell them all!

Ways you can help as parents:

- Donating a small amount of Fruit (such as apples, bananas or Clementine's) for Canteen on our parade nights – Please check out *facebook* to sign up and a calendar will be posted at the Armories. This was a huge help last year!!
- Any donations of \$5.00 gift cards, McDonalds, Tim Horton's, Chapters etc are used as prizes for the cadets, therefore not coming out of the squadron funds.
- All donations are always welcomed and a Charity Receipt can be issued for tax purposes.
- Help sell our OPC tickets!

Additional ongoing fundraising initiatives include:

- Canteen items sold each parade night **(fruit is free – therefore donations are welcomed!)**
- 608 Dukes sports bags with our logo - **\$10.00 (handy for monthly sports night, FTX and camp)**
- 608 Dukes metal water bottles with our logo - **\$5.00 (also handy on monthly sports night)**
- Christmas planters and wreaths – so successful in the last three years we hope to do it again this year! * Details will be posted on the website *

Monies raised from all of these fund-raising initiatives is what makes it possible for our cadets to enjoy a full year of fun, interactive and learning events, many of them off-site. When all cadets participate, all cadets benefit.

The air cadet program is a fantastic opportunity for youth in our community. We are happy and proud to be a part of 608 Dukes, and we support and encourage your cadet in any initiatives they wish to pursue through air cadets.

If you would like to speak to us at any time, at least one of us can be found every Wednesday evening at the Belleville Armories. We can also be reached via the squadron email at 608dukes@live.com

Your 608 Duke of Edinburgh Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron Sponsoring Committee (SSC):

Cathy Henry (Chair) -- Carol Forestell (Treasurer) -- Alexandra LeBlanc (Secretary)

Mike Henry (member) -- Michelle Emond (member)

608 Duke of Edinburgh Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron at <http://www.608dukes.com/>

608 Dukes Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/608RCACS>

The Air Cadet League of Canada – Ontario Provincial Committee at <http://aircadetleague.on.ca>