

Citizenship Trip – March 2023



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CITIZENSHIP TRIP – COLD LAKE – PARENT INFORMATION PACKAGE

During the second week of Spring Break (March 25-30, 2023) 243 Ogoopogo Squadron will be going on an educational trip to the Canadian Forces Base (CFB) at Cold Lake, Alberta; as well as a visit to CFB Edmonton. The aim of the trip is to give Cadets unique opportunities to explore aviation and familiarize them with our Air Force. We have some amazing experiences lined up and this trip is available to all Cadets in good standing.

At this point, you and your Cadet will have confirmed their attendance by signing the trip attendance form sent out in November 2022 and paid the \$135 fee for the trip.

1. How will we be travelling?

We will be renting the Westside Warriors bus and driver for our trip. The bus is a coach style with a washroom, 2 USB plugs per seat and tvs on board.

2. What will we eat?

A variety of meals will be provided along the way - some will be sit down dinners at places like Old Spaghetti Factory or the mess hall at the CFB and some will be meals on route like Subway. We will provide 3 meals per day and will provide snacks where available at no extra cost. Cadets may choose to bring some small snacks for the bus but please **do not pack nuts or seeds**, as we have some members with severe allergies.

3. Where will we sleep?

Throughout the trip we will have the opportunity to sleep at Canadian Forces Bases accommodations. These places have beds (no linen), rooms, and showers for us to use. The only exception is the first evening where we will sleep in a military armouries. No beds are provided and Cadets/staff will be sleeping on the ground (open classroom style). Cadets will need to bring a sleeping bag, and pillow. A sleeping mat ('foamie') will be provided.

4. What about hygiene?

There will be bathrooms available everywhere we stay where cadets can wash up and use the facilities (shower as well!). Adult staff will be strictly enforcing good hygiene habits throughout the trip, so don't forget hygiene essentials like a toothbrush and deodorant!

5. What should my Cadet pack?

See the attached permission form and kit list. We have limited space on the bus so please do not go overboard packing everything you own. **Be aware that theft or damage to property is the responsibility of the Cadet so if you intend to pack valuable items it is at your own risk.**

6. How do I contact my Cadet?

The adult staff will have their phones with them throughout the trip and if your cadet brings a cell phone you can contact them directly. In an emergency, please call the Duty Officer number - 778-771-2771 or contact Capt Solomonides directly at 250-859-0886 or CO@243air.com.

Please reserve contact with staff for emergencies. Ensuring regular communication with 50+ parents throughout the trip will be too challenging to accommodate. However, if you'd like to see what we're up to along the way please feel free to follow our social media – #243CitTrip

[Facebook.com/243air](https://www.facebook.com/243air)

[Instagram.com/243aircadets](https://www.instagram.com/243aircadets)

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TRIP SCHEDULE ***This is the booked schedule but due to unforeseen circumstances the schedule may change.

SATURDAY, 25 MARCH 2023

06:15 Cadets arrive at East Kelowna Hall (2704 East Kelowna Road)

06:45 Bus leaves Kelowna

We will drive from Kelowna to Edmonton to sleep over at the Jefferson Armoury. We will be stopping over at Lake Louise for lunch and sightseeing.

SUNDAY, 26 MARCH 2023

We will make our way to CFB Cold Lake in the morning, in time for lunch. We will be partaking in local activities in Cold Lake (Provincial Park, visiting the Canex) along with a tour of the CFB Cold Lake Officers Mess, where Cadets can learn about some Air Force Traditions (Crud) and history. Cadets will be able to have down time in the evening to work on their uniforms and call home.

MONDAY, 27 MARCH 2023

We will spend the day touring CFB Cold Lake. We are hoping to connect with the local Air Cadet Squadron for an evening activity.

TUESDAY, 28 MARCH 2023

In the morning, we will continue to tour CFB Cold Lake. After lunch, we will head to Edmonton and sleep over at CFB Edmonton followed by an evening at the CFB Fitness Centre where we will be swimming.

WEDNESDAY, 29 MARCH 2023

We will be touring CFB Edmonton until midafternoon, then we will be heading to West Edmonton Mall in the evening for dinner at the Old Spaghetti Factory and a chance for the Cadets to visit the mall for some shopping and sightseeing.

THURSDAY, 30 MARCH 2023

We will leave CFB Edmonton at 07:00 to come home to Kelowna.

18:00 Arrive at East Kelowna Hall (2704 East Kelowna Road)**

** Cadets will have a chance to call home as we get closer to Kelowna.
