



243 Ogoopogo Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron (RCACS)

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TRAINING WELCOME LETTER FOR 2023 - 2024

Welcome to the 2023-2024 training year at 243 Ogoopogo Squadron! We hope you had a great summer!

We're very excited for the training year and we can't wait to see you all again. We have a plethora of exciting activities planned, some mandatory, others optional. To see a full list of events and further details, please visit – 243air.com/training--calendar. We recommend you set that page as a favourite on your computer and cellphone, we'll use the training calendar as our "source of truth".

The Air Cadet program is comprised of 5 training levels (monthly training schedule available on the Training Calendar webpage). Most of the training curriculum is offered on the mandatory training nights (Wednesdays), where **Duty Cadets are expected to start at 6pm**, cadets of the ranks **Flight Corporal (FCpl) and up are expected to start at 6:15pm**, and **other cadets are expected to start at 6:30pm**. To provide a more diverse training program, we have scheduled the following events (**subject to change based on approvals and availability**):

Event	Type	Who	When
NCO Leadership Day	Mandatory	All Level 3+	September 16
Junior Leadership Day	Mandatory	All Level 1 - 2	September 17
Canadian Forces Tour	Mandatory	All Cadets	September 23-24 or September 30 - October 1
Fall Field Exercise	Mandatory	All Cadets	October 21
Remembrance Day Ceremony	Mandatory	All Cadets	November 11
Swimming / Gym	Optional	All Cadets	November 15
Overnight Movie Screening	Optional	All Cadets	December 1
Christmas Dinner	Optional	All Cadets	December 13
Skating	Mandatory	All Cadets	January 3
Curling	Mandatory	All Cadets	January 6
Regional Sports Competition	Optional	All Cadets	January 27 - 28
Rockets Game (Kelowna vs Victoria)	Optional	All Cadets	February 7
Cross-country Skiing	Optional	All Cadets	February 25
Airport Tour (YLW)	Mandatory	All Cadets	March 9
Regional Tri-Service Exercise	Mandatory	All Cadets	May 4
Bubble Soccer	Optional	All Cadets	May 11
Rock Climbing	Optional	All Cadets	May 15
61 st Annual Ceremonial Review	Mandatory	All Cadets	June 1
Bowling	Optional	All Cadets	June 5
Escape Room	Optional	All Cadets	June 8

To get the most out of Air Cadets, we highly recommend you take part in at least one of our weekly activities, mainly in one of our competing teams such as Pilot Ground School / Drill Team / Marksmanship / Pipes & Drums or other activities like Effective Speaking / Flag & Rifle Drill. To see the full list of weekly activities and further details, please visit www.243air.com/weekly-activities.

At 243 Ogoopogo Squadron, we are committed to providing a safe & fun learning environment for our Cadets.

Sincerely,

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