

# 395 Edmonton (Griffon) Squadron Royal Canadian Air Cadets

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# **Aims of The Air Cadet Program**

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- ✈ To develop in youth the good attributes of citizenship and leadership.
- ✈ To promote physical fitness
- ✈ To stimulate an interest in the Canadian Civil Aviation Industry and the Royal Canadian Air Force

# 395 Goals and Objectives 18/19

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- ➔ **395 RCACS will continue to build upon its successes over the past few years and set the bar when it comes to air cadet training by providing a well-rounded training program with an emphasis on Instructional Techniques, Leadership, Mentorship and Team Building. This will be accomplished by providing the cadets with as many opportunities as time and resources allow. We will also continue to build our budding Biathlon, Sports, Drill, Marksmanship and our unique Karate programs.**

# Squadron Partners

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- ✈ **National Defence and the Canadian Armed Forces**
  - ✈ **HMCS Nonsuch**
- ✈ **Air Cadet League of Canada**
- ✈ **Rotary Club of Edmonton West**
- ✈ **395 Squadron Parents' Association**
- ✈ **417 Combat Support Squadron – 4 Wing Cold Lake**
- ✈ **395 Squadron Alumni Group**



# **WHAT DO WE DO FOR EDMONTON'S YOUTH?**

# 3 Training Types

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## ➔ Mandatory Training

- ➔ This is training that each cadet is mandated to participate in. Cadets must complete this training to be eligible for promotions and next level training.

## ➔ Complementary Training

- ➔ This is training that complements the Mandatory Training the Squadron is mandated to provide. It is also tied to level advancement and promotion.



# 3 Training Types

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## ➤ Optional Training

- This training varies from Squadron to Squadron based on location and SME availability. This includes Band, Sports, Drill and Karate

# Mandatory Training

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- **A Six-Level training program established by DND**
- **Level One (First Year) Training consists of:**
  - **Aviation related topics – Engines, Airframes, Meteorology, Theory of Flight, Airports, Aircraft Identification, includes a flight in a glider and/or powered aircraft**
  - **Citizenship – Community Service**
  - **Leadership**
  - **Military Drill**
  - **Survival Training (camping) - field and classroom instruction**
  - **Marksmanship**
  - **Positive Social Relations for Youth**



# **Mandatory Training**

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- ➔ **Level Two to Six Mandatory Training**
  - ➔ **Advanced leadership training**
  - ➔ **Effective communication**
  - ➔ **Instructional techniques**
  - ➔ **Advanced aviation classes**
  - ➔ **Ceremonial drill instruction**
  - ➔ **Advanced survival training instruction**
  - ➔ **Effective speaking**
  - ➔ **How to Instruct within a classroom and field environment**

# Optional Training

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- ➔ **All cadets are encouraged to participate as many of these activities as they can:**
  - ➔ **Powered Aircraft Flying - Cessna 172**
  - ➔ **Sports Teams (Basketball and Volleyball)**
  - ➔ **Drill Team**
  - ➔ **Karate (Unique to 395 Squadron)**
  - ➔ **Military Marching Band**
  - ➔ **Effective Speaking Training**
  - ➔ **Duke of Edinburgh Award Program**
  - ➔ **Air Rifle Marksmanship**
  - ➔ **Biathlon**
  - ➔ **Trips and tours conducted by the Squadron**

# Summer Camps – Basic Level

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- ➔ **Level One Cadets are eligible for the Two Week General Training summer camp held in Cold Lake, AB.**
- ➔ **Level Two Cadets, and those who join age 14+, are eligible for more summer camps at various locations across the country:**
  - ➔ **Basic Musician - Military Band or Pipes and Drums**
  - ➔ **Basic Aviation**
  - ➔ **Basic Aviation Technology and Aerospace**
  - ➔ **Basic Drill and Ceremonial**
  - ➔ **Basic Survival**
  - ➔ **Basic Sports and Fitness**

# Summer Camps – Advanced Level

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- **Level Three Cadets are eligible for more summer camps:**
  - **Advanced Aviation**
  - **Survival Instructor**
  - **Fitness and Sports Instructor**
  - **Leadership and Ceremonial Instructor**
  - **Air Rifle Marksmanship Instructor**
  - **Intermediate and Advanced Musician – Military Band or Pipes and Drums**

# Scholarships & Employment

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- ➔ **Level Three Cadets and Senior Cadets are also eligible for the scholarship courses and summer employment:**
  - ➔ **Flying Scholarship – Private Pilot License - TC**
  - ➔ **Gliding Scholarship – Glider Pilot License - TC**
  - ➔ **International Exchange - Asia, Europe, USA**
  - ➔ **Advanced Aviation Technology – Aircraft Maintenance**
  - ➔ **Advanced Aviation Technology – Airport Operations**
  - ➔ **Advanced Aerospace – Canadian Space Agency**
- ➔ **Staff Cadet**



# How Do We Do All Of This



- ➔ To complete all of our training, the squadron requires about \$80-100K a year to operate.
- ➔ This includes Fam Flying, Karate, Band, Space Rentals, Bus Rentals, Meals and any other expense that DND does not cover. This amount does not cover the citizenship trips we do every 2 years.
- ➔ Money comes from fundraising (Bingos, Casinos, Bottle Drives, Fertilizer and Ice Melt sales) coordinated by the 395 Parents association and donations.



# Squadron Stats

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- ➔ Squadron currently has 140 cadets.
- ➔ Cadets come from all ethnic backgrounds. We also draw in a lot of new Canadians.
- ➔ Most cadets come from the north end of Edmonton. About 70% of the squadron comes from low income homes.
- ➔ To ensure that all cadets have the same opportunities, no fees are paid for membership.
- ➔ Currently there are 3 Air Cadet Squadrons, 2 Army Cadet Corps, 1 Sea Cadet Corps are within 10 block radius. 395 is the biggest.
- ➔ Current Staff includes 5 CIC Officers and 7 volunteers. Have two adults enrolling to be CIC Officers and 1 becoming a Civilian Instructor. By Feb\Mar all 9 positions should be filled.



























# QUESTIONS



Thank you for attending