

# Training Expectations

**General Training (Army):** A two-week introductory course that offers cadets the opportunity to try different components of the Army Cadet Program including music, drill, sports, air-rifle marksmanship, adventure training, outdoor field training exercises, and citizenship.

**Basic, Intermediate and Advanced Pipes and Drums(Army/Air/Sea):** Basic (3 weeks) and Intermediate/Advanced (6 weeks) courses for cadets in pipes and drums bands to prepare them to support the unit pipes and drums music program. These courses include first aid, music theory, highland dancing, band drill and performance.

**Basic, Intermediate and Advanced Music (Army/Air):** Basic (3 weeks) and Intermediate/Advanced (6 weeks) courses for cadets in brass and reed bands to prepare them to participate, support and then lead and instruct music at their local unit. These includes first aid, music theory, band drill, performance, leadership and instructional technique.

**Basic Drill and Ceremonial (Army/Air):** A three-week course to train junior cadets in followership, teamwork and leadership. This course prepares cadets to carry out leadership at the corps/squadron and to pursue advanced leadership training.

**Drill and Ceremonial Instructor (Army):** A six-week course that trains senior cadets to be drill instructors at their home corps as well as prepare them to take senior appointments in ceremonial activities. This is a physically demanding course that requires long hours daily on the parade square participating in drill with and without arms (carrying approximately 12lbs).

**Basic Fitness and Sports (Army/Air/Sea):** This three-week course provides cadets with the fundamentals of fitness and recreational sports training. This course promotes ethical sports conduct, sportsmanship and teamwork.

**Fitness and Sports Instructor (Army/Air/Sea):** This six-week course develops cadets to be specialists as team leaders in fitness and sports activities conducted at their home corps/squadrons. Cadets learn the theoretical and technical skills required to deliver a physical education and recreational training program at their home units.

**Basic Survival (Air):** A three-week course to provide cadets with the fundamentals of survival and aspects of a survival situation.

**Survival Instructor (Air):** A six-week course designed to create specialists in the theoretical and practical application of survival skills. This training enables cadets to deliver the squadron survival training. Cadets are exposed to a simulated survival scenario in order to evaluate their skills.

**Basic Expedition (Army):** A three-week course that provides cadets with the fundamentals of expedition and includes aspects of a multi-day Expedition.

**Expedition Instructor (Army):** A six-week course to develop in cadets a specialist knowledge required to be a leader and instructor for Expedition activities. This course includes a challenging, multi-week Expedition.



## Staff Employment Opportunities

The training centre is staffed by members of the Canadian Armed Forces regular force and reserves, as well as civilian members with special qualifications. These individuals provide the necessary training, supervision, and administration for the safe operations of cadet training.

Adult staff at cadet corps and squadrons are encouraged to apply for positions at the training centre in November and December. For reservists, it can be difficult to get a full 8 weeks of leave from a civilian employer; know that Blackdown Cadet Training Centre is open to flexible or shorter employment options in some positions, particularly if availability matches course serial dates.

Please clearly indicate your availability, courses, and skillsets on your application.



# BLACKDOWN CADET TRAINING CENTRE

## INFORMATION BROCHURE

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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**THIS INFO WILL HELP YOU PREPARE FOR SUMMER TRAINING.  
ANY QUESTIONS SPEAK TO YOUR LOCAL UNIT STAFF.**

**Training Schedule:** The training day is from 0600hrs (6 a.m.) to 1800hrs (6 p.m.) Monday through Saturday. After-hours, cadets can participate in recreational sports, buy snacks at the canteen, spend time with friends, or take an opportunity to call home. Cadets are expected to be back in their barracks by 2130hrs (9:30pm) for a final headcount before bed and lights out at 2200hrs (10pm).

**Sleeping Quarters:** Our sleeping quarters (company lines) are semi-permanent soft-wall shelters where you will be assigned a bunk bed and a locker. You will need to bring a combination lock to secure your locker. The training centre provides bedding, as well as a weekly linen exchange. You are responsible for making your bed and keeping the living space clean. There will be a daily inspection of your living quarters. Food is not permitted in the living quarters. Personal electronic devices, including cellphones are permitted with the use of headphones to respect those around you. There are individual shower stalls and toilets in a nearby separate building that is part of the company line. Cadets are required to provide their own towels and toiletries.

**Haircuts:** A barber is on-site to provide haircuts to those who require them while they are at the training centre. Haircuts are free. Appointments are not required.

**Meals:** Cadets and staff eat at the Blackdown Mess Hall. Cadets and staff will go to the mess hall three times per day. The mess hall offers hot food and a salad bar with meat and vegetarian options. Cadets with food allergies must advise their home unit staff and fill out the appropriate documentation. Not all food allergies can be accommodated by the kitchen. Failure to advise the training centre may result in a return to unit (the cadet being sent home) to ensure their safety and well-being.



**Mail:** Cadets and staff can receive and send mail while they are at the training centre. The mailing address is provided in the Joining Instructions. Ensure that all letters and packages are clearly labeled with the full name of the individual and training course to speed delivery. Packages containing food or other items that are not permitted in the training centre or barracks will be held in the company offices and returned to the cadet upon out-clearance.

**Personal Support:** Being away from home can be difficult for some of our cadets. A team of youth counsellors and chaplains are available to provide support to cadets who would like someone to speak with. Additionally, these staff members teach life skills to cadets in all of our training courses. These skills include conflict resolution, teamwork, and resilience. Cadets who wish to attend religious services of any faith should speak to our team of chaplains and youth counsellors who will make arrangements in the local area. Transportation and supervision will be provided to all who wish to participate.

**Medical Services:** A cadet medical clinic is on-site and provides basic medical services and support. In the event a cadet requires medical care beyond what can be provided on-site, cadets will be taken to a local medical facility (walk-in clinic or local hospital). Ensure that prior to your arrival, you advise us of any changes in your medical condition. Medical conditions that are not disclosed in advance may result in a return to unit (the cadet being sent home) as the training centre may not be able to ensure the safety and well-being of the cadet.

**Banking:** Cadets who bring money with them to the training centre have the option to keep it in the bank. This bank is open after training hours for cadets to use at the canteen or on excursions to the local shopping mall. All money a cadet puts in the bank that is not spent will be returned to them through the out-clearance process.

**Laundry:** A laundry bag is provided to all cadets as they check-in. Laundry services are provided at the training centre. Each platoon/flight/division is assigned two days per week where they can have their clothes washed. Clearly label all of your clothing items with your name prior to your arrival at the training centre.

**Phones:** Cadets sign out and sign in their cellphones for a certain period in the after hours of a training day. They are not permitted in the living quarters. Cellphones are collected and safeguarded by staff during training hours. Cadets can make use of their phones or one of our pay phones to call home. There are two pay phones per company lines and additional ones located outside of the mess hall. Calling cards are the best option and cadets are encouraged to learn to use their calling card prior to their arrival at the training centre.



## DUTY OPERATIONS

Visitors of Blackdown CTC will be checked in at the gate. The gate is staffed 24/7 during summer operations. All visitors must present government-issued photo identification.

Each company has its own duty staff. The duty staff safeguard all medications that cadets bring with them into the training centre, including any over-the-counter medications (exception of medication that is required to be carried at all times such as EpiPens, inhalers, insulin pumps, etc). Ensure that you bring enough medication to last the entire duration of your course and you have checked the expiry date on applicable medications.