

22 October 2015



Dear Cadets, Parent / Guardians:

Re: FTX (Field Training Exercise) & Ground School

RCAC 659 Brock Squadron will be participating in a **mandatory**, fall, Field Training Exercise (FTX), from **Friday, the 23rd of October, until Sunday, the 25th of October**, at CFB (Canadian Forces Base) Borden. This event is provided at NO COST. Bus transportation, will be provided. Accordingly, we will be meeting, at the Squadron LHQ (Local Headquarters – Pefferlaw Lion’s Hall Community Centre, 38 Pete’s Lane, Pefferlaw), at 17:45 hrs (545pm). The bus is scheduled to depart LHQ, sharply, at 18:30 hrs (630pm). Approximate return time, to the unit, is 17:00 hrs (5pm). The return time is approximate, based on a number of factors, including weather, travel time and completion of activities, at Borden.

PLEASE NOTE: Those Senior Cadets, who will be participating in Ground School, at 99 Lynx Squadron, will be transported back and forth, from Borden, to Orillia, by Captain Rebecca Newhook. On Sunday, following the completion of the day’s Ground School activities, those Cadets will return directly to LHQ, with the Commanding Officer, from Orillia. **GROUND SCHOOL PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE ALL THEIR GROUND SCHOOL SUPPLIES (e.g. “From the Ground Up”) WITH THEM, UPON DEPARTURE, FOR FTX.**

Cadets will be engaged in a number of team-building / sporting events and survival techniques, as well as activities aimed at development of their personal skills and leadership abilities. Accordingly, this requires that they prepare for the predicted weather and the planned activities.

Attached to this covering letter is a:

- Permission Slip
- Kit List

Participating Cadets **MUST BRING THEIR HEALTH CARD**, or they will not be permitted to participate.

Please ***sign, detach and return the Permission Slip, as soon as possible.***

RCAC 659 Brock Squadron thanks your support!

Capt. R. Newhook, Commanding Officer, RCAC 659 Brock Squadron, www.659aircadets.ca , 659squadron@gmail.com

PERMISSION SLIP

I (Parent / Guardian) give permission for (Cadet) _____ to participate in the Fall FTX,

at CFB Borden, from Friday, the 23rd of October, until Sunday, the 25th of October, 2015.

Parent / Guardian Name (PLEASE PRINT)

Parent / Guardian Signature

Parent / Guardian Contact Phone #

Date

KIT LIST

Fall FTX – 2015 – CFB Borden

Weather is always unpredictable. Accordingly, specialized equipment is required:

- **HEALTH CARD** (MANDATORY – NO CARD = NO GO!!!)
- Backpack / Knapsack / Rucksack / Duffle Bag (to carry personal items)
- Pillow
- Sleeping Bag
- Throw Blanket
- Combats*¹ (Combat Clothing, if available), or Civvies (Civilian / Squadron Apparel, appropriate for the predicted weather)
- Rain Gear
- 2x Underwear
- 2x Wool Socks
- 3x Athletic Socks
- Personal Hygiene Kit, e.g.:
 - Soap
 - Toothbrush
 - Toothpaste
 - Dental Floss
 - Deodorant
 - Comb / Brush
 - Hair Ties (if needed)
 - Face Cloth
 - Hand Towel / Towel
 - Kleenex
 - Lip Balm / Sunscreen
 - Other Personal and / or Feminine Hygiene Items
- 1x Sweater / Sweatshirt
- Pants (Track Pants, Wind Pants, Warm Pants)
- Toque / Hat
- Long-sleeved Shirts / Tops
- Water Bottle
- Mess Kit (unbreakable Plate, Bowl, Fork, Knife, Spoon, Cup / Mug)
- Flashlight & Extra Batteries
- Extra Dry Clothes (in case of inclement weather)
- Plastic Bag (to pack wet gear)
- Other, reasonable camping needs

PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- Ø Weapons (including Knives, of any kind)
- Ø Alcohol
- Ø Drugs *²
- Ø Cigarettes / Tobacco

* Note 1: Combats may include Green Khakis, Combat Boots, Beret, Webbing, other Military paraphernalia, including: Military Flashlight, Binoculars, Compass, Water Container, First Aid Kit, etc. (note – purchase of these items is optional and not required)

* Note 2: Prescription Medication is to be reported, to a Squadron Officer, prior to departure / upon arrival