



715 Mohawk (RCAC) Squadron

Summer Training Information Package 2020

This brief information package includes simplified and detailed information about the summer training program and the courses available to all Air Cadets.

What is Summer Training?

Each year, 715 stands down for the summer from regular parade nights to allow cadets and staff a break from our regular routine and to offer cadets the opportunity to attend summer training courses. This runs every year during July and August. There are many different courses ranging from 1 to 7 weeks.

Cadets are not required to attend the courses, but it is highly recommended. You can take everything from basic cadet courses to advanced technical training, and from leadership courses to aerospace studies and make great friends from all over Canada in the process! Information about these courses is available on the next few pages.

How much does it cost?

Summer courses are free, and each cadet is actually paid a training allowance of \$60 per week. Eventually an experienced cadet can apply for staff positions for summer courses, and get pay equivalent to a full-time summer job.

Who can apply?

Every cadet can apply to Summer Training, but keep in mind, attending Summer Training is not a right, it is a privilege. Each year there are only a limited number of spots available on each course. And although the staff work hard to get every cadet on a Summer Training Course, the staff do not have a say in who receives an offer. Please note - All first year Cadets, who are eligible, attend General Training (GT). It is in their 2nd year that they have the opportunity to apply for specific Summer Training courses.

How do I apply?

The process for applying for Summer Training is a lengthy one.

1. Read through the information sheet about Summer Training Courses below and select up to 3 courses you are both eligible for and interested in.
2. Fill out the Summer Application Form available on our website, and hand it in to the Summer Training Officer or Administration Staff at the Squadron Head Quarters before the deadline. *Note: National Courses have an earlier deadline.
3. The Commanding Officer then considers all their applicants and submits a recommendation based on each cadets' performance within the squadron. *Note: All cadets are recommended for Summer Training unless there is extenuating circumstances.
4. The applications are then forwarded to the Department of National Defense (DND) and/or the Air Cadet League and Ontario Provincial Committee for consideration.
5. The CO may start receiving course offers for cadets as early as mid-March, but it may be as late as the end of May, beginning of June and perhaps even LATER! We have even had cadets received offers the day after Summer Training Courses have already started.
6. Once the Squadron Staff have received an offer for a cadet, we will inform the cadet as soon as practical.
7. The cadets must then accept or decline their offer and have it signed by their parent or guardian.
8. A summer camp information night will be offered at the end of the year for all the parents and cadets of those selected for summer training.

The applications trickle in, so your patience is appreciated. **If you have questions about completing the forms, please ask, as they must be completed properly for submission.**

Summer Training Course Descriptions

The following are courses available to cadets arranged by the minimum level required to apply to that course.

LEVEL 1

General Training Course (GTC) – 1 Week

Provides cadets who have recently joined the Cadet Program an introductory summer training experience where they will participate in a variety of activities from each specialty, to include Drill and Ceremonial, Music, Marksmanship, Aviation, Aerodrome Operations, Aircraft Manufacturing and Maintenance, Aerospace, and Aircrew Survival.



LEVEL 2

Basic Aviation Course (BAC) – 3 Weeks

Provides cadets an opportunity to develop the fundamentals of aviation. Activities include radio communication, a familiarization flight, meteorology, and air navigation.



Basic Aviation Technology and Aerospace Course (BATAC) – 3 Weeks

Provides cadets an opportunity to develop the fundamentals of aerospace, airport operations and aircraft manufacturing and maintenance. Activities include aerospace, aerodrome operations, and aircraft manufacturing and maintenance.



Basic Survival Course (BSC) – 3 Weeks

Provides cadets an opportunity to develop aircrew survival skills. Activities include field training, navigation and ground search and rescue



Basic Fitness and Sports Course (BFSC) – 3 Weeks

Provides cadets an opportunity to participate in fitness and sports activities, and to develop knowledge and skills on how to perform the duties of a Fitness and Sports Assistant. Activities include following a personal fitness routine, leading warm-up and cool-down sessions, assisting with the Cadet Fitness Assessment and assisting with recreational sports.



Basic Drill and Ceremonial Course (BDCC) – 3 Weeks

Provides cadets an opportunity to build on drill learned at the squadron, participate in advanced drill and ceremonial activities, and to develop leadership skills and knowledge; while performing the role of a team leader. Activities include commanding a squad on parade, drill with arms, flag drill, and marksmanship training.



Basic Musician Course (BMC) – 3 Weeks

Provides cadets an opportunity to participate in music training and military band activities, to prepare them to support corps / squadron music programs. Activities include maintaining a primary instrument, music theory, demonstrating rhythm skills, executing drill as a member of a band, and performing ensemble music as a member of a band.



LEVEL 3

Advanced Aviation Course (AAC) – 6 Weeks

Provides cadets an opportunity to develop as a specialist with the skills and subject matter knowledge required to be an instructor and team leader for aviation activities within the Air Cadet Program. Activities include instructional technique, radio communication, meteorology, and air navigation.



Air Rifle Marksmanship Instructor Course (ARMIC) – 6 Weeks

Provides cadets an opportunity to develop marksmanship skills and knowledge, and to instruct and lead air rifle marksmanship activities. Activities include first aid, advanced marksmanship, instructional techniques and coaching.



Fitness and Sports Instructor Course (FSIC) – 6 Weeks

Provides cadets an opportunity to develop as a fitness and sports specialist with the skills and subject matter knowledge required to perform the role of a Fitness and Sports Instructor and a team leader for fitness and sports activities conducted at the corps / squadron during regionally directed activities and/or as a staff cadet at a CSTC. Activities include personal fitness and healthy living, conducting the Cadet Fitness Assessment, and leading recreational sports.



Survival Instructor Course (SIC) – 6 Weeks

Provides cadets an opportunity to develop as a specialist with the skills and subject matter knowledge required to be an instructor and team leader for aircrew survival activities within the Air Cadet Program. Activities include instructional technique, first aid, survival and field training, and ground navigation.



Drill and Ceremonial Instructor Course (DCIC) – 6 Weeks

Provides cadets an opportunity to develop the skills and knowledge to become an instructor and team leader during drill and ceremonial activities. Activities include advanced drill, instructional techniques and leadership.



Intermediate Musician Course (IMC) – 6 Weeks

Provides cadets an opportunity to participate in music training and military band activities, to prepare them to support corps / squadron music programs. Activities include first aid, maintaining a primary instrument, music theory, executing drill as a member of a band, and performing ensemble music as a member of a band.



LEVEL 4

Advanced Musician Course (AMC) – 6 Weeks

Provides cadets an opportunity to participate in advanced music training and pipe band activities, to prepare them to lead and instruct corps' music programs. Activities include highland dance, music theory, executing drill as a member of a band, performing ensemble music as a member of a band, leadership, and instructional technique.



Staff Cadet – 7+ Weeks

Staff Cadets undergo advanced training which includes being mentored by adult leaders and senior staff cadets. Staff Cadets provide leadership, instruction and support to course Cadets at a Cadet Summer Training Centre (CSTC). Staff Cadets are not employees. Participation by the staff cadet during authorized CSTC summer training constitutes advanced training.



NATIONAL COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

The following are National Courses, which require a review of a cadets' merit, which may include the submission of additional documentation, interviews and/or exams. These courses have an earlier deadline than the courses above; typically, in the fall. Please see the website for more details on the application process for National Courses.

LEVEL 3

Advanced Aviation Technology Course – Aircraft Maintenance (AATC-AM) – 6 weeks

Provides cadets an opportunity to develop as a specialist with the skills and subject matter knowledge required to be an instructor and team leader for aerospace activities within the Air Cadet Program. Activities include instructional technique, first aid, astronomy, orbital mechanics, and model rocketry.



Advanced Aviation Technology Course – Airport Operations (AATC-AO) – 6 weeks

Provides Cadets the opportunity to learn aircraft maintenance skills through a set of practical, hands-on training activities, such as installing and removing rivets used in aircraft metal structures, performing a landing gear retraction test on a fixed wing aircraft, assembling an input driveshaft from a turbine powered helicopter.



Advanced Aerospace Course (AASC) – 6 Weeks

Provides cadets an opportunity to develop as a specialist with the skills and subject matter knowledge required to be an instructor and team leader for aerospace activities within the Air Cadet Program. Activities include instructional technique, first aid, astronomy, orbital mechanics, and model rocketry.



Glider Pilot Scholarship (GPS) – 6-7 weeks

Program that results in successful candidates graduating with their Transport Canada Glider Pilot Licence. Cadets must be 16 years old by September 1st of the year the course is taken



LEVEL 4

Power Pilot Scholarship – 7 Weeks

Program that results in successful candidates graduating with their Transport Canada Power Pilot Licence. Cadets must be 17 years old by September 1st of the year the course is taken



International Exchange – 3 Weeks

Select senior cadets are chosen from air cadet squadrons across Canada to participate in International Exchanges and / or Cultural Visits.

