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Physical well-being
A healthy mind and body

More than half of Canada's children and youth are not active enough for healthy growth, according to the Public Health Agency of Canada. Youth development organizations like the Cadet Program are doing their best to encourage youths to be active. Here, Cdr Pamela Audley, commanding officer of HMCS QUADRA Cadet Summer Training Centre, gives a helping hand to cadets on the confidence course during the summer. *(Photo by Lt(N) Ronald Desjardins, CSTC HMCS QUADRA public affairs)*

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Strategies for recruiting in schools

An educator from outside the Cadet Program gives us some insights into recruiting in schools. Michael Harrison, a former teacher and principal in Ottawa, discusses strategies to gain school access, including the 'homework' you need to do before meeting school principals.

UPCOMING

In recent years, the CF has attempted to reduce the training time of new CF recruits—or of members transferring from one branch/component to another—by recognizing prior learning.

This can also help reduce the training time for those wishing to become members of the Cadet Instructors Cadre. Academic achievements, learning experiences, knowledge or skills of anyone wanting to become a CIC officer, including former Regular Force and Reserve Force officers, may be recognized to reduce training time. The same is true for serving CIC officers who acquire new skills outside the Cadet Program.

The winter issue looks at the CF system of prior learning assessment—situations requiring it, factors considered, the process and its potential outcomes.

Recognizing an individual's prior knowledge is expected to greatly reduce duplication of training, ease the transfer of former Regular or Reserve Force personnel into the branch and help achieve formal recognition for specific youth-related skills of new members.

The next issue will also include a follow-up article from educator Michael Harrison, who will offer an 'outsider's' perspective on increasing the visibility of cadets in local communities.

Additional articles will include more on the Cadet Program Update and first-year corps and squadron programs; age-appropriate learning; a local officer's approach to 'operational risk management' that leaves no cadet's safety to chance; and upcoming regional trials for basic officer and CIC military occupation training courses.

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