



Pacific Region Cadets

ROYAL CANADIAN ARMY CADETS



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BC'S MOST NORTHERN CADET CORPS AUTHORIZED FOR FORT NELSON

FORT NELSON, B.C. – The Director of Cadets at National Defence Headquarters has formally approved the establishment of 2983 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps for Fort Nelson, B.C. The new army cadet corps, sponsored locally by the Rotary Club of Fort Nelson is the most northern cadet unit in the province. The new corps was initiated last summer. Since December about 35 cadets have been parading at 6 p.m. Mondays at the Fort Nelson fire hall. Effective as of March 3 the corps is authorized up to 39 cadets. Affiliated to 1 Combat Engineer Regiment in Edmonton the cadets will wear the accoutrements of that unit.

Lieut. Ryan Morgan is the Commanding Officer. He is assisted by Training Officer, 2nd Lieut. Christy Schnellback and 2nd Lieut. Wes Bonn as an instructor. Civilian instructors Louis Grenier, Nathan Bauder, Lindsey Gidney, Judy Legge, Jillian Scott and Kathy Smith provide further assistance. As a civilian, Lieut. Morgan is the Aquatic Coordinator at the Fort Nelson Aquatic Centre.

Sponsored nationally by the Canadian Forces and the civilian Army Cadet League of Canada, the army cadet program is centered on adventure training, leadership, and outdoor activities and is available to boys and girls aged 12 to 18 years. In British Columbia cadet activities are eligible to earn high school graduation credits. There is no enrolment or registration fee and uniforms are loaned at no charge. The program includes summer training for selected cadets. The local sponsor requires community support in recruiting adult leadership, and funding for accommodation, insurances, utilities, optional training equipment and aids and local transportation.

Earl Brown, President of the Fort Nelson Rotary Club says, “We are pleased to sponsor this new cadet corps. Rotary Clubs are sponsors of cadet corps and squadrons across Canada. Because of the establishment of the cadet corps, with 40 cadets, the federal government is now investing about \$100,000 per year into the youth of Fort Nelson, a condition that didn’t exist last year. With the support of the community that investment will increase with more children in the program.”

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