



Pacific Region Cadets

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THE CANADIAN CADET ORGANIZATION IS A NATIONAL YOUTH PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE CANADIAN FORCES IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CIVILIAN ARMY CADET, AIR CADET, AND NAVY LEAGUES OF CANADA

BACKGROUND

DOCUMENTATION

SEA, ARMY AND AIR CADET ACTIVITY EARNS HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS IN BC

ESQUIMALT, B.C. - Teenagers in Royal Canadian Sea, Army and Air Cadets in British Columbia are eligible to earn up to 12 credits towards high school graduation for cadet activity. The B.C. Ministry of Education, Skills and Training, recognizes the Canadian cadet program as a "Ministry-accepted External Course" for which students may receive graduation credit. Cadets attending high school in B.C. can earn four credits each year for grades 10, 11 and 12 by meeting specified levels of cadet training or qualification.

To qualify cadets must successfully complete the equivalent sea, air, or army cadet local training at "level three" for grade 10 credit, "level four" for grade 11 credit and training "level five" for grade 12 credit and/or complete a six-week advanced special training course during the summer or be employed as a staff cadet at a Cadet Summer Training Centre. Because being selected for summer training or staff appointment is dependant upon completion of local training, qualifying cadets will usually have met both requirements. Each level of local training is equal to one year of cadet service, but with perseverance it is possible to complete more than one years training in a single year. It is therefore feasible for teens who join cadets as late as age 16 to be eligible for additional high school credit. Additionally, the Ministry of Education also recognizes the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and cadets who qualify can also earn additional credits.

The aim of the cadet organization is to instil in youth the attributes of good citizenship, leadership, physical fitness and an interest in the activities of the Canadian Forces. Scholastic achievement combined with participation in sea, army or cadets is a criterion for several post-secondary bursaries offered by the Government of Canada, veteran's organizations and cadet unit sponsors.

There are approximately 7,000 youth aged 12 to 18 years involved in 133 cadet corps and squadrons in over 70 communities throughout the province. Major centres have one or more cadet unit. Earning additional high school credits for cadet service further enhances the value of the cadet program for B.C. youth