Frequently Asked Questions

How do I apply for summer training? Cadets must first meet the prerequisites for training. Documentation is provided for cadets and their parents by their unit staff. With parent/guardian consent and the recommendation of the Commanding Officer (CO), the completed application will be submitted through FORTRESS (the national administration system) for consideration. Cadets will be selected based on allocated space, previous training performance, and the CO’s recommendation. Additional criteria are considered for National Courses.

What if I’m applying for a National Course? Cadets will be selected by a board comprised of officials from the Army Cadet League and appointed officers. Selections will consider: cadet service, rank, training level, previous training, school marks, dress, deportment, motivation, interest and aptitude. Cadets must also submit a 500-600 word written narrative, a copy of their school transcript, and cadet training record. Some courses also involve a mandatory interview, and qualifying examination.

When will I know if I am selected? Unit staff will be notified first of selection statuses. While there is a general aim to provide notification two months prior to course start dates, it is possible to receive offers of participation weeks or even days before the start date. In the case of National Courses, selections are completed and notification is provided to units by 31 March 2019.

Will I get paid for summer training? Cadets receive a training bonus of $10 per day for each day of training they complete (weekly maximum of $80, and a course maximum of $360).

Can I apply if I am turning 18 soon? A cadet’s 19th birthday must occur after the return travel date.

Where can I find additional information? Joining Instructions and Training Centre-specific information can be found at portal.portail.cadets.gc.ca. Registration is required for access to this website.

2019 Course Dates

dates subject to change - check Joining Instructions.

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STAFF CADET OPPORTUNITIES (ADVANCED TRAINING)
- Staff cadets are the NCOs of the Cadet Training Centres. Staff cadets gain valuable leadership, teamwork and instructional experience. A staff cadet can assist the officer staff with the instruction and supervision of cadets, or might be tasked in an administrative or logistical support role. Rank and pay for staff cadets depend upon the posting, this is usually determined during a pre-course training and evaluation period. A staff cadet applicant must be at least 16 on 1 Jan 19.

QUESTIONS?
Talk to your Corps staff. They are the first point of contact for all summer training activities. For general information only contact 1-877-781-5217 cadet-info.ontario@forces.gc.ca Facebook Messenger: @OntCadets
COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

GENERAL TRAINING COURSE (GTC) - This two week course 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, Adventure training, sports and swimming.

Must be medically and physically fit and completed Green Star by 30 Jun 19. Conducted at Blackdown (Borden, ON) and Valcartier, QC.

BASIC DRILL AND CEREMONIAL COURSE (BDC): This four week course provides cadets an opportunity to build on drill learned at the Corps, in advanced drill and ceremonial activities, and to develop leadership skills and knowledge while performing the role of a team leader. The cadets participate in activities such as: commanding a squad on parade, drill with arms, flag drill, and marksmanship training.

Must be medically and physically fit and completed Red Star by 30 Jun 19. Conducted at Blackdown (Borden, ON) and Valcartier, QC.

BASIC DRILL & CEREMONIAL INSTRUCTOR COURSE (DCIC): This six week course provides cadets an opportunity to build on drill learned at the Corps, in advanced drill and ceremonial activities, and to develop leadership skills and knowledge while performing the role of a team leader. The cadets participate in activities such as: commanding a squad on parade, drill with arms, flag drill, and marksmanship training.

Must be medically and physically fit and completed Silver Star by 30 Jun 19. Conducted at Blackdown (Borden, ON) and Valcartier, QC.

BASIC FITNESS AND SPORTS COURSE (BFSC): The aim of this three week course is to provide cadets with the fundamentals of fitness and recreational sports training, building upon what has been experienced at the Corps. This aim will be accomplished through the development of skills and the provision of ample opportunity for practical application. The course will promote the development of ethical sports conduct, sportsmanship and teamwork.

Must be medically and physically fit and completed Silver Star by 30 Jun 19. Conducted at Blackdown (Borden, ON) and Valcartier, QC.

FITNESS AND SPORTS INSTRUCTOR COURSE (FSIC): This six week course 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. The activities the cadets will be participating in are: personal fitness and healthy living, conducting the Cadet Fitness Assessment, and leading recreational sports.

Must be medically fit, have completed Silver Star by 30 Jun 19, and have achieved the overall fitness incentive level bronze. Conducted at Blackdown (Borden, ON) and Valcartier, QC.

**BASIC EXPEDITION COURSE** - This three week course provides cadets with the fundamentals of expedition training. Cadets participate in activities in a dynamic learning environment. Cadets will be exposed to aspects of a multi-day long expedition. Must be medically and physically fit, and have completed Red Star and the overall fitness level of bronze by 30 Jun 19. Conducted at Blackdown (Borden, ON) and Valcartier, QC.

**EXPEDITION INSTRUCTOR COURSE** - This six week course 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 Expedition training conducted at the Corps. They will learn the theoretical and technical skills needed to deliver an Expedition and face a challenging multi-day Expedition. Must be medically and physically fit, and have completed Silver Star and achieved the overall fitness level of bronze by 30 Jun 19. Conducted at Blackdown (Borden, ON), Valcartier, QC or Whitehorse, YK.

**AIR RIFLE MARKSMANSHIP INSTRUCTOR COURSE (ARMIC)** - The aim of this six week course is to develop individual air rifle marksmanship and summer biathlon specialty skills while reinforcing and further developing the leadership and instructional techniques skills. Sportsmanship and discipline while safely handling rifles are important skills taught on this course.

Must be medically and physically fit, and have completed Silver Star by 30 Jun 19. Conducted at Connaught (Kanata, ON) and Valcartier, QC.

**MILITARY BAND / PIPE BAND - BASIC MUSICIAN COURSE (MB - BMC / PB - BMO)** - These three week courses provides cadets the opportunity to participate in music training and military band activities. Cadets will maintain an primary instrument, learn music theory, and execute drill as a member of a band while performing ensemble music. Cadets can participate in the MBC as a member of a military band or a pipe and drum band.

Must be medically and physically fit and have completed Red Star by 30 Jun 19. Conducted at Blackdown (Borden, ON).

**MILITARY BAND / PIPE BAND - INTERMEDIATE MUSICIAN COURSE (MB - IMC / PB - IMO)** - This six week course raises cadets' musical skills to the next proficiency level and builds on the skills learned in the Basic Musician Course. Cadets can participate in the IBC as a member of a military band or a pipe and drum band.

Must be medically and physically fit, and have achieved the basic music proficiency level and completed Silver Star by 30 Jun 19. Conducted at Blackdown (Borden, ON).

**MILITARY BAND / PIPE BAND - ADVANCED MUSICIAN COURSE (MB - AMC / PB - AMO)** - This six week course raises cadets' musical skills to the next proficiency level and builds on the skills learned in the Intermediate Musician Course. Cadets also learn some instructional techniques relating to music. Must be medically and physically fit, and have achieved music proficiency level 2 by 30 Jun 19. Conducted at Blackdown (Borden, ON).

**BASIC MARKSMAN COURSE** - This three week course provides cadets an opportunity to develop their skills in a safe and practical manner. This course promotes the development of marksmanship competition, sportsmanship and teamwork. Cadets will be exposed to a variety of air rifle marksmanship opportunities to inspire them to pursue further marksmanship courses.

Must be medically and physically fit, and have completed Red Star by 30 Jun 19. Conducted at Connaught (Kanata, ON) and Valcartier, QC.

**FULLBORE MARKSMAN PHASE I COURSE** - This six week course develops in cadets the skills necessary to participate in competitive full bore marksmanship as an individual competitor. Cadets will learn to compete as a large bore 5.56mm rifle competitor, and will have the opportunity to participate in the Canadian National Cadet Fullbore Championship.

Cadets must be medically and physically fit, and have completed Silver Star by 30 Jun 19, be motivated to pursue marksmanship training and be selected based on participation on the Basic Marksmanship Course, their standing on the Zone Level of the Canadian Cadet Marksmanship Championship and a posterior return of their top 6 air rifle grouping targets. Conducted at Connaught (Kanata, ON).

**FULLBORE MARKSMAN PHASE II COURSE** - This six week course builds on the Phase I course by preparing cadets to participate in competitive full bore marksmanship as a member of a competitive team. Cadets will learn to participate as a large bore 5.56mm rifle competitor. Cadets will participate in the Canadian National Cadet Fullbore Championship, the Ontario Rifle Associations Provincial Fullbore Championship, and the Dominion of Canada Rifle Associations National Fullbore Championship.

Must be medically and physically fit, and have completed Gold Star by 30 Jun 19, and be invited to attend based on their standing on the Fullbore Marksmanship Phase I Course. Conducted at Connaught (Kanata, ON).

**RCAC NATIONAL RIFLE TEAM** - The aim of this six week course is to develop a specialist with the attitude, skills and subject matter knowledge required to participate in competitive full bore marksmanship as a member of a competitive team at the international level. The cadet will participate as a large bore 7.62mm rifle competitor. The cadet will participate in the Canadian National Cadet Fullbore Championship, the United Kingdom's International Fullbore Championship in Bisley, England.

Must be medically fit, have completed Gold Star training by 30 Jun 19, and have achieved the Bronze Level of the Cadet Fitness Assessment Incentive Level, and be invited to attend based on their standing on the Fullbore Marksmanship Phase II Course. Conducted at Connaught (Kanata, ON) and Bisley, England.

**LEADERSHIP AND CHALLENGE COURSE** - The aim of this six week course is to develop cadets to be an instructor and team leader for Expedition activities within the Army cadet program. The cadets will learn advanced theoretical and technical skills required to assist in the delivery of Expedition Training at the Corps. This course will ensure the cadets are adequately prepared for face challenges at the Corps and as staff cadets.

Must be medically and physically fit, have no participation limitations which may preclude them from participating in intense level adventure training activities in remote locations and in high altitudes, have achieved minimum the Bronze Level of the Cadet Fitness Assessment Incentive Level, and have completed Gold Star training by 30 Jun 19. Priority will be given to those cadets with a higher ranking in the National Star of Excellence (NSE). Conducted at Rocky Mountain (Canmore, AB).