



September 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We are anticipating another successful cadet training year and are looking forward to welcoming returning cadets, and new ones!

Our Commanding Officer & staff have already started to plan a new and exciting 2022-2023 training year. Activities will include regular weekly training nights, commemorative services, up to two field training exercises (FTX), marksmanship, orienteering workshops, ground school and band. Hopefully Santa Claus parades, gliding and another much-anticipated annual recreational trip. Additional events include fund-raising initiatives, such as tag days, Remembrance Day poppy sales and the sale of Ontario Provincial Committee Raffle tickets.

As members of the sponsoring committee, we are approved civilian volunteers through the Air Cadet League of Canada and the Ontario Provincial Committee (OPC). We strive to support the squadron in various ways, particularly through fund raising. **OUR MOST IMPORTANT** fund raisers are **CADET TAG DAYS** and the sale of **OPC 50/50 TICKETS – NEW THIS YEAR!** When the cadets participate on tag days, all monies raised are kept in the squadron, we receive funds back from the OPC from our sales of tickets.

A spring date will be decided later in the year!

Remember: There is no cost to join air cadets, however our squadron does pay the OPC an assessment fee for each Cadet and all funds raised is essential to pay these fees.

NEW THIS YEAR – 50/50 TICKETS THROUGH THE OPC (ONTARIO PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE) AIR CADET LEAGUE

A portion of these funds are given back to 608 when anyone purchase these 50/50 tickets – There has been a series of 11 50/50 Raffles to support our local squadron throughout the year.

Each Cadet will be sent home a postcard that you can then share on your own social media, with friends and family members to purchase these 50/50 tickets

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND – OUR CHRISTMAS PLANTERS AND WREATHS – ORDER FORMS CAN BE PICKED UP AT THE ARMORIES AND ON THE WEBSITE.

Ways you can help as parents:

- Donating a small amount of Fruit (such as apples, bananas or Clementine's) for Canteen on our parade nights – Please check out *Facebook* to sign up and a calendar will be posted at the Armories. This was a huge help last year!!
- Any donations of \$5.00 gift cards, McDonalds, Tim Horton's, Chapters etc are used as prizes for the cadets, therefore not coming out of the squadron funds.
- All donations are always welcomed and a Charity Receipt can be issued for tax purposes.
- Purchasing and Promoting the NEW 50/50 Raffle

Additional ongoing fundraising initiatives include:

- Canteen items sold each parade night **(fruit is free – therefore donations are welcomed!)**
- 608 Dukes sports bags with our logo - **\$10.00 (handy for monthly sports night, FTX and camp)**
- 608 Dukes metal water bottles with our logo - **\$5.00 (also handy on monthly sports night)**
- Christmas planters and wreaths – so successful in the past- we are set again this year* Details will be posted on the website *

Monies raised from all of these fund-raising initiatives is what makes it possible for our cadets to enjoy a full year of fun, interactive and learning events, many of them off-site. When all cadets participate, all cadets benefit.

The air cadet program is a fantastic opportunity for youth in our community. We are happy and proud to be a part of 608 Dukes, and we support and encourage your cadet in any initiatives they wish to pursue through air cadets.

If you would like to speak to us at any time, at least one of us can be found every Wednesday evening at the Belleville Armories. We can also be reached via the squadron email at 608.chairperson@aircadetleague.on.ca 608dukes@live.com

Your 608 Duke of Edinburgh Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron Sponsoring Committee (SSC):

Cathy Henry (Chair) – Helen Bateman (Treasurer) – Michelle Emond (Secretary)

Mike Henry (member) – Bruce Bateman (member) –Jennifer Patton (member)

608 Duke of Edinburgh Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron at <http://www.608dukes.com/>

608 Dukes Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/608RCACS>

The Air Cadet League of Canada – Ontario Provincial Committee at <http://aircadetleague.on.ca>