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Cadet Training Centres 2026

Army Cadets and Parents



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Summer 2026 Opportunities

01

Cadet Training Centres (CTC)

In-person training from 2-7 weeks at locations across Canada for Cadets in Year 2+

03

National Cadet Advisory Council

Senior Cadets aged 16+ from across Canada meet over 6 weeks to discuss observations from the Cadet perspective, formulate ideas to improve the program, culminating in a presentation to Comd CJCR Gp for consideration and implementation

Selection process is through the regional Senior Cadet Councils

02

Technology & Digital Learning Centre

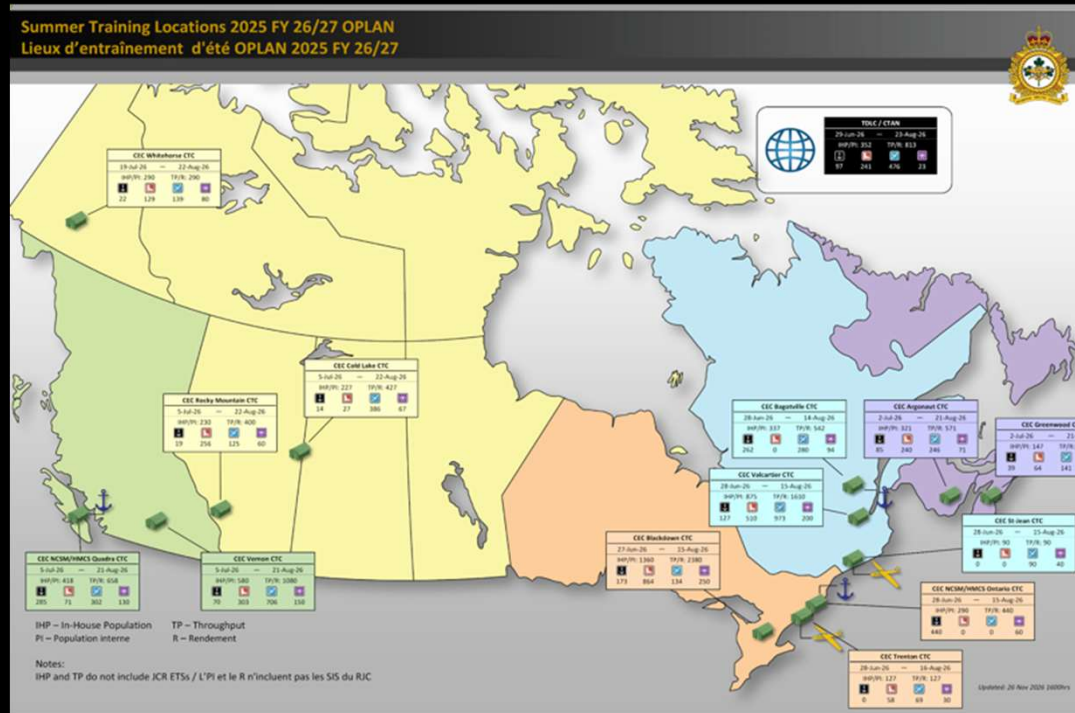
Virtual training through a combination of self-led asynchronous and facilitator-led activities for 2 weeks from Mon-Fri for ~5 hrs each day, for Cadets in Year 2+

04

Staff Cadets

Senior Cadets aged 16+, PO2/Sgt+, completed at least Year 3 by the end of the 25/26 TY, with a SIN and personal bank account number in their name can be employed to support the delivery of summer training opportunities

13 Cadet Training Centres Across Canada



Atlantic Region

- Argonaut CTC (Burton, NB)
- Greenwood CTC (Greenwood, NS)

Eastern Region

- Bagotville CTC (La Baie, QC)
- St-Jean CTC (Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu, QC)
- Valcartier CTC (Courcellette, QC)

Northwest Region

- Cold Lake CTC (Cold Lake, AB)
- Rocky Mountain CTC (Cochrane, AB)
- Whitehorse CTC (Whitehorse, YT)

Central Region

- Blackdown CTC (Borden, ON)
- HMCS Ontario CTC (Kingston, ON)
- Trenton CTC (Quinte West, ON)

Pacific Region

- HMCS Quadra CTC (Comox, BC)
- Vernon CTC (Vernon, BC)

Army Cadet Courses

Course	Weeks	Minimum Star Level Requirement	Location	Serial Dates
Expedition Team Member	2	Red	Vernon CTC	13 - 23 Jul 27 Jul - 6 Aug 10 Aug - 20 Aug
Expedition Team Leader	4	Silver +ETM/CES	Whitehorse CTC	27 Jul - 21 Aug
Mountain Bike Instructor	2	Gold, ETM/ETL/CES Training	Blackdown CTC	5 - 17 Jul
CF Basic Parachutist Course	5	Gold	Trenton CTC	29 Jun - 24 Jul

Prequalification necessary



COURSE OVERVIEW

Expedition Team Member Course

Build foundational competencies for expedition service through specialized training.



Navigation Training

Master essential wayfinding and orienteering skills



Five-Day Expedition

Hands-on field experience in challenging terrain



Adventure Training

Specialized outdoor skills development



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ADVANCED TRAINING

Leadership & Specialized Skills



Expedition Team Leader

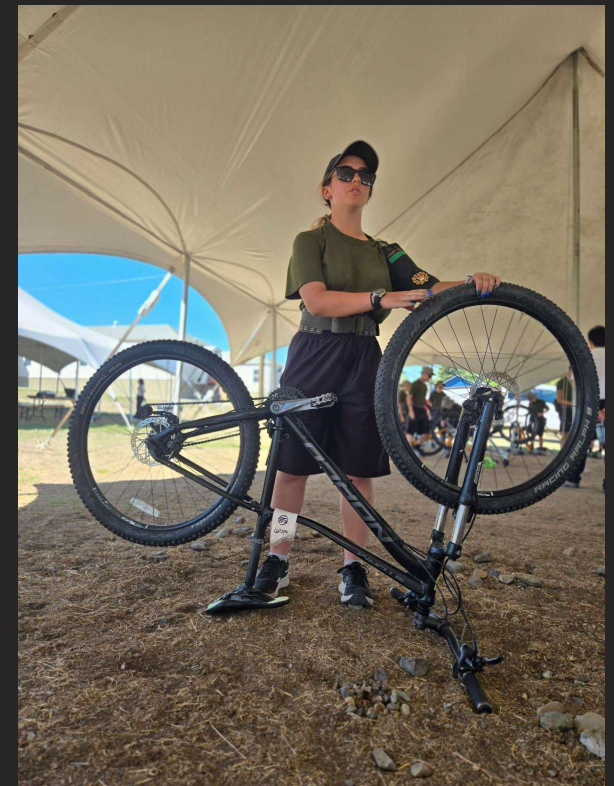
Outdoor leadership, multi-day expeditions, instructional techniques



Mountain Bike Instructor

Advanced trail riding, activity planning, bike maintenance and repairs

Develop specialist skills to lead and instruct within the Army Cadet Program



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Common Training Courses



Canada

Common Training Courses



Course	Weeks	Minimum Phase Completed	Location	Serial Dates
Introduction to Marksmanship	2	2+	Vernon CTC	13 - 23 Jul 27 Jul - 6 Aug 10 Aug - 20 Aug
Air Rifle Marksmanship Instructor	4	3+	Vernon CTC	27 Jul - 20 Aug
Introduction to Drill and Ceremonial	2	2+	Vernon CTC	13 - 23 Jul
Drill and Ceremonial Instructor Course	4	3+	Vernon CTC	27 Jul - 20 Aug
Introduction to Fitness	2	2+	Vernon CTC	13 - 23 Jul
Fitness and Sports Instructor Course	4	3+	Vernon CTC	27 Jul - 20 Aug
Introduction to Military Band	2	2+	HMCS Quadra	13 - 23 Jul
Military Band Musician	4	3 + *Musician Level 2	HMCS Quadra	27 Jul - 20 Aug
Introduction to Pipe Band	2	2+	Rocky Mountain CTC	13 - 24 Jul
Pipe Band Musician	4	3 + *Pipes & Drums Level 2	Rocky Mountain CTC	27 Jul - 21 Aug

Marksmanship

1

Introduction to Marksmanship (ITM)

Foundation in shooting skills, competition preparation, and junior cadet mentorship.

2

Air Rifle Marksmanship Instructor (ARMI)

Advanced shooting techniques, instructional methods, and coaching expertise.



Drill & Ceremonial

Introduction to Drill and Ceremonial (ITDC)

- Enhanced leadership development
- Advanced drill knowledge
- Ceremonial expertise

Drill and Ceremonial Instructor (DCI)

- Specialist training
- Advanced instructional methods
- Parade and ceremony leadership



Fitness and Sports



Introduction to Fitness and Sports (ITFS)

Building fitness skills and promoting healthy, active living.



Fitness and Sports Instructor (FSI)

Personal fitness training, assessments, and leading physical activities.



Music Courses



1

Introduction to Military Band (ITMB)

Music, drill, ceremonial skills, and leadership development.

2

Military Band Musician (MB)

Advanced music theory, technique, band drill, and ensemble performance.

3

Introduction to Pipe Band (ITPB)

Pipe band music, drill, and leadership foundation.

4

Pipe Band Musician (PB)

Advanced proficiency in pipe band performance and leadership.

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Online Courses



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Technology & Digital Learning Centre

The Technology and Digital Learning Centre delivers innovative virtual training opportunities, allowing cadets to develop 21st-century skills from anywhere in Canada.



Cyber Safety and Security Team Leader

2 weeks | Level 2+

27 Jul - 7 Aug



Small Craft Coxswain

2 weeks | Level 2+ (Year 3+ recommended)

27 Jul - 7 Aug



Nova Quest

2 weeks | Level 2+

10 - 21 Aug



Support Services Team Leader

2 weeks | Level 2+ (Year 3+ recommended)

13 - 24 Jul



Basic Microdrone Operator

2 weeks | Level 2+

10 - 21 Aug



Basic Coder

2 weeks | Level 2+

13 - 24 Jul

Online Learning Opportunities

Specialized Leadership & Technical Training

Six advanced programs developing future leaders through hands-on cybersecurity, operations, maritime skills, drone technology, space exploration, and coding.



Cyber Safety & Security

Hands-on Windows/Linux security
with CAF experts

Cert: Cyber Leader



Support Services

Corps operations, supply &
administration leadership

Cert: WHMIS



Small Craft Coxswain

Vessel operations, navigation & radio
communications

Certs: SCOP 1 & 2

Emerging Technology Programs

1

Basic Microdrone Operator

CAF drone operations training

Transport Canada Basic Pilot Certificate prep

Career exploration in drone technology

Preparing cadets for careers in cutting-edge military and civilian technology sectors through practical, certification-based training.

2

Basic Coder

Block coding & robotics fundamentals

Esports competitions

Digital creativity with CAF engagement



Nova Quest: Space & Aerospace



Space Survival

Hands-on training in extreme environment protocols and life support systems.



Communication

Advanced space communication technologies and signal transmission methods.



Exploration

Canada's aerospace industry and future space mission technologies.



Astronomy

Celestial navigation, observation techniques, and space science fundamentals.

Exploring Canada's aerospace industry through immersive, hands-on activities in space technologies.

Frequently Asked Questions



Cost

There is no cost for summer training, regardless of course length.



Time Off Requests

May be authorized for parent/guardian to escort the Cadet away from the CTC for a brief period (generally not overnight), subject to course requirements. Sundays offer best opportunity. Completed authorization form and valid ID required.



Training Allowance

All Course Cadets at CTC receive a training allowance in the amount of \$10/day to a max of \$60/week via direct deposit. Cadets must have a bank account in their own name and submit Direct Deposit form upon arrival

Selection for summer training courses is competitive, as spaces are limited.

Next Steps

Submit your application: **Corps/Squadron to add in how this should be done**

Timeline

Item	Course Cadets
Applications (Soft) Deadline	27 Feb
Selections Begin to be Published	27 Mar

Available Resources

- Summer Training for [Cadets - Canada.ca](#)
- Corps/Sqn CTC Application Form Templates:
[Staff Cadet](#) / [Sea](#) / [Army](#) / [Air](#)
- Summer Contact Officer:

**Thanks for
joining us!**

