



NEWSLETTER for WEEK of 14 SEPTEMBER 2009

To all Air Cadets and Parents:

The returning squadron Air Cadets started their new training year with a successful BBQ at the Enterprise Airline hangar last Thursday. 67 cadets were present and a number of others are also returning. It was a fun night with Team Building activities preceding the extended closing briefings by the senior cadets, the staff and the sponsoring committee. It was a very good start to the year.

At this time each year, we ask all Parents to read the
PARENTS INFORMATION HANDBOOK
You'll find it on the squadron web site at: www.2vandenbos.org

Next Thursday we will welcome the prospective new squadron recruits and their parents at a Recruit Information Session at 7PM at the Captain Michael VandenBos Public School during the regular training evening. Pass the word to any prospective youth at least 12 years old.

Here is the early schedule of coming Squadron events and activities:

Tuesday, 15 September 2009 – at the **HANGAR**
It's the first of regular Tuesday Night **BAND PRACTICES**.
Come for 7 PM wearing Civilian Clothes.
Band instruments will be issued.
Band Officer: Lt L. Cadenhead Drum Major: FSgt C. Wylie
Band Instructors: CV R. Taylor & WO1 Cadenhead
Arrange for your Pick-up at 9 PM at the end of the evening.

Thursday, 17 September 2009 – at the **CAPTAIN MICHAEL VANDENBOS PS**
This will be the first of the **REGULAR TRAINING NIGHT**, in Summer Uniform, for Returning Cadets.
Arrive for 6:45 PM. Pick-up at 9:45 PM.
It will also be the RECRUIT INFORMATION NIGHT, at 7:00 PM, for new cadets and their parents.
Get the word out to friends, neighbours and school mates. (Ad in *Whitby This Week & Oshawa This Week* of 10 September)

Friday, 18 September 2009 – **Donald A. WILSON SECONDARY SCHOOL**
This will be the first of the weekly **SPORTS NIGHT** for Returning Cadets.
Arrive for 6:15 PM. Pick-up at 9:45 PM.

Sunday, 20 September 2009 – **420 AIR FORCE ASSOCIATION WING Building (South Side of Oshawa Airport for the BATTLE of BRITAIN annual Commemorative Parade & Ceremonies.**
Mandatory attendance.
Full uniform with shirt & tie.
Arrive for 1 PM. Pick-up at 3:30 PM.

Tuesday, 22 September 2009 – at the **HANGAR**
Regular Tuesday Night **BAND PRACTICE**
Civilian Clothes.
Band Officer: Lt L. Cadenhead Drum Major: FSgt C. Wylie
Arrive for 7 PM. Pick-up at 9 PM.

Wednesday, 23 September 2009 – at the **HANGAR**
This will probably be (TBC) the first of Regular Wednesday Night **DRILL TEAM PRACTICES**
Civilian Clothes.
Drill Team Officer: Capt R. Hutchuk Sr. Cadet Team Leader: TBA
Arrive for 7 PM. Pick-up at 9 PM.

Thursday, 24 September 2009 – at the **HANGAR**.

This will be the second Regular Training night, in Summer Uniform, for Returning Cadets. Arrive for 6:45 PM. Pick-up at 9:45 PM.

(This night will no longer be the Recruit Information Night - Moved up to the 17th – nor are recruits training on this night)

Friday, 25 September 2009 – SPORTS NIGHT at WILSON Secondary School.

Arrive for 6:15 PM. Pick-up at 9:45 PM.

Friday, 25 September 2009 – HANGAR (Durham Flight Centre classroom)

First night of the **Scholarship Qualifying Exam Preparation Classes** – For interested squadron cadets who will be qualified by age, etc. to apply for either the Glider Pilot Scholarship Camp or the Power Pilot Scholarship Camp next summer, but also for younger/other cadets who have an interest in aviation.

Civilian Clothes.

Arrive for 7 PM. Pick-up at 9 PM.

Tuesday, 29 September 2009 – at the HANGAR

Regular Tuesday Night **BAND PRACTICE**

Civilian Clothes.

Band Officer: Lt L. Cadenhead Drum Major: FSgt C. Wylie

Arrive for 7 PM. Pick-up at 9 PM.

Wednesday, 30 September 2009 – at the HANGAR

This will probably be (TBC) the second of Regular Wednesday Night **DRILL TEAM PRACTICES**

Civilian Clothes.

Drill Team Officer: Capt R. Hutchuk Sr. Cadet Team Leader: TBA

Arrive for 7 PM. Pick-up at 9 PM.

Thursday, 1 October 2009 – at **CAPTAIN MICHAEL VANDENBOS PS,**

Regular Training Night for Returning Cadets (in Summer Uniform), **First Training Night for the Recruits** AND First Day of TAGGING (1st to 4th October). More info on Tagging later. Arrive for 6:45 PM. Pick-up at 9:45 PM.

Sunday, 4 October 2009 – **GLIDING DAY at MARKHAM AIRPORT**

30 cadets.

Volunteer parent drivers required.

Only cadets who have sold the required lottery books will be able to go gliding in lieu of tagging.

Other details TBA

FUTURE EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:

**ADOPT-A-Road Clean-up of our two roads - In October. Earn School Credits for Community Service.

Details TBA.

**Marksmanship Badge Qualification Sessions for squadron cadets. Details TBA

**Halloween Dance. Details TBA

**Junior Leadership Course – in November. Details TBA

**Tri-Service Dance. Details TBA

MARK YOUR CALENDARS and SEE YOU AT CADETS!!!

Don't forget to carry your HEALTH INSURANCE CARD with you.

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Message from Mrs S Mazer, Squadron Sponsoring Committee Chair:

Each week during parade the sponsoring committee sets up a canteen where the cadets can purchase drinks and snacks. We have tried to keep the costs down so for approximately \$1.00 cadets can buy a drink and a bag of chips etc. We do not want to increase the cost and we are looking for some assistance. If you would like to donate any of the following items this would be greatly appreciated. We are also open to suggestions to encourage the cadets to eat healthy. If you would like to donate please feel free to drop these off during any parade night or if you have any questions please speak to Bill Rankin our canteen volunteer.

Items currently being available for purchase:

1. Chocolate Bars (Peanut free)
2. Pop (Coke, Root Beer, Orange and Ice Tea)
3. Water (Both regular and flavoured)
4. Chips (28g size bag)
5. Liquorice (red)
6. Sour Keys

Other Important Information

- Each year we have mandatory fundraising activities that require 100% participation from the squadron. Our lottery tickets and our spring and fall tagging campaigns provide our main source of revenue required to carry our program. We would ask that cadets prepare to return the lottery books in a timely manner and be available for their assigned shifts for tagging
- If there are any parents who are able to provide goods and services at a discount we would greatly appreciate it. Please speak to Stephanie Mazer our Sponsoring Committee Chair
- Please refer to our website for a copy of our parent handbook and updated event information at <http://www.2vandenbos.org>

Thank you for your assistance.