To all VandenBos Air Cadets and Parents:

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Promotions

Congratulations to Sergeants D. Andela and M. Abu-Halagah on their Promotion to Flight Sergeant!

Cadet and Team of the Week

The Cadet of the Week on December 10th was Cpl Cader

The Squadron Team of the Week was TEAM # 3

Congratulations!

SUMMER CAMPS 2010 – APPLICATIONS UPDATE – URGENT

The Summer camp application process continues. To date, we have submitted 44 summer camp applications to the Central Ontario detachment. However there are still a number of applications that require parents to sign and complete before they can be submitted. We are now over the deadline set by the detachment and these applications require immediate attention.

CV Don Biffin will be at the Enterprise Airline Hangar on Wednesday, Dec 16th, from 7 PM to 9 PM and at the VandenBos School Thursday, Dec 17th, from 7 PM to 9:30 PM. He is requesting that the cadets listed below ensure that their parents come in on one of those nights to complete the applications, otherwise these applications will and
can not be submitted. If these nights are not convenient, please contact CV Biffin at the e-mail address below to arrange an alternate time.

CPL Cader
CPL E. Clarke-Eldridge
LAC R. Clarke-Eldridge
FCPL H. Farid
CPL H. Farid
Cadet Harris
SGT Kaufeldt
Cadet Kporwodu
SGT Kumaran
CPL Kuszelewski
LAC Mariara
CPL McAlinden
LAC Medhekar
LAC J. Mitchell
CPL Rameshkumar
CPL Scott
CPL Spellen-Cox

Questions? Contact CV Don Biffin → dbiffin@rogers.com

**Next Recruit Course**

The **next Recruit Course** will start with a Recruit Information Night for prospective cadets and parents at 7:00 PM, on **Thursday, January 7th, 2010** at the Captain Michael VandenBos PS. The best recruiters are the current Air Cadets and their parents. The recent recruits and other junior cadets have been given recruiting business cards to hand out to prospective new recruits. So, pass the word (and cards) to your friends, school mates, neighbours, co-workers, etc. about the next Recruit Information Night. Do not keep ‘air cadets’ the best kept secret! We would like to have another 25 recruits, including more girls, join us in January.

**Reminders**

Cadets, do join your fellow VandenBos cadets at the **Curling Club tonight**, Sunday, December 13th, for the Squadron’s Holiday Season Social Function!
Details below.

***NOTE that for this coming **THURSDAY** (December 17th) we are back at the VandenBos school. This, except for the scholarship exam preppies on the 18th, is the **last squadron activity** until January 7th, 2010.

**Important – The H1N1 Flu** has not gone away yet, so anyone who displays **H1N1 virus symptoms** needs to be kept away from the squadron until cleared by a doctor. Be sure to advise of the reason for the absence by phone, in the usual way.

***20 books of Lottery** tickets (issued to Level 2s and up) and money are still to
be returned (sold). In addition, the Level 1s (recent recruits) have each been issued a book of Lottery tickets to sell. There are ACHIEVEMENT POINTS earned by selling the books of tickets – the faster they are returned sold, the more points are earned. Remember that the squadron sponsoring committee must pay for all issued books of tickets. Profits go mainly to pay for the gliding program with a smaller portion coming back to the squadron.

We appreciate every cadet's cooperation in keeping our facilities clean and in order whether at our two schools, the hangar or other location. Remember that we develop good, community minded citizens – you! Thank you adult monitors!

The staff would also appreciate cadets being picked up on time at the conclusion of activities.

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Upcoming Weeks Events

**Sunday, 13 December 2009** – at the WHITBY CURLING CLUB (815 Brock St North, Whitby – immediately north of the railway underpass) (Phone: 905-668-5021)
**Holiday Season Social Function**
All VandenBos cadets invited. Lots of FUN!
Learn-to-Curl and movie. Dinner provided.
Bring clean running shoes and a toque (or similar hat).
Officer: Capt R. Hutchuk  Sr. Cadet: FSgt Andela
Arrive just in time for 5 PM; Pick up at 9 PM.

**Monday, 14 December 2009** – at the HANGAR
Regular Monday Night **BAND PRACTICE**
Civilian Clothes.
There are still 5 musical instruments available for interested new band members.
Band Officer: Lt L. Cadenhead  Band Instructors: CVs R. Taylor & M. Cadenhead
Drum Major: FSgt C. Wylie
Arrive for 6:45 PM. Pick up at 8:45 PM.

**Tuesday, 15 December 2009** – at the HANGAR
**Familiarization Air Rifle shooting for Level One cadets.**
Civilian Clothes.
Qualification Officer: Capt J. Goodall  Sr. Cadet Leader: WO2 T. Mason.
Arrive for 6 PM. Pick up at 8 PM.

**Also Tuesday, 15 December 2009** – at the 420 Wing AFAC building (South Side of Oshawa Airport – from Rossland, go to the top end of Stevenson Rd and bear right at the end)
**Building Model Aircraft**
Civilian Clothes.
Officer: Capt R Hutchuk with Mr. Abu-Halagah  Sr. Cadet Leader: WO2 N. Spence
Arrive for 6 PM. Pick up at 8 PM.

**Wednesday, 16 December 2009** – at the HANGAR
Regular Wednesday Night **DRILL TEAM PRACTICE**
Civilian Clothes.
Drill Team Officer: Capt R. Hutchuk
Sr. Cadet Team Leader: WO2 T. Mason with FSgt M. Abu-Halagah
Arrive for 7 PM. Pick up at 9 PM.

**Thursday, 17 December 2009** – at the CAPTAIN MICHAEL VANDENBOS PS
Regular Training Night.
NOTE: Drill Manuals are available for purchase at the canteen. Price: $2.50
Arrive for 6:45 PM. Pick-up at 9:45 PM.

**Friday, 18 December 2009**

NO SPORTS on this NIGHT.
We don’t have the Permit.

Also **Friday, 18 December 2009** – at the HANGAR (Durham Flight Centre classroom)
Scholarship Qualifying Exam Preparation Classes.
Civilian Clothes.
CI N. Erdelyi
Arrive for 7 PM. Pick-up at 9 PM.
This is the LAST ACTIVITY for 2009.

MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY FESTIVE SEASON
and BEST WISHES for 2010 from the Staff & Sponsoring Committee!

**Upcoming Events**

**Thursday, 7 January 2010** – at the CAPTAIN MICHAEL VANDENBOS PS
Regular Training Night.
Arrive for 6:45 PM. Pick-up at 9:45 PM.

Also, **Thursday, 7 January 2010** – at the CAPTAIN MICHAEL VANDENBOS PS
**RECRUIT INFORMATION NIGHT** – (7:00 PM)
For Prospective Recruits (Boys & Girls) and their Parents.
Lt L. Cadenhead and Sr. Cadet FSgt B. Cadenhead

**Friday, 8 January 2010** – Donald A.WILSON SECONDARY SCHOOL
Regular weekly SPORTS NIGHT.
Capt R. Hutchuk or CI N. Erdelyi
Arrive for 6:15 PM. Pick-up at 9:45 PM.

Also **(TBC) Friday, 8 January 2010** – at the HANGAR (Durham Flight Centre classroom)
Last chance for Preparation for the Scholarship Qualifying Exam
Civilian Clothes.
Lt L. Cadenhead or CI N. Erdelyi
Arrive for 7 PM. Pick-up at 9 PM.

**Saturday, 9 January 2010**
POWER & GLIDER SCHOLARSHIPS QUALIFYING EXAMS for the 6 applicants.
In Toronto
Details TBA. Lt L. Cadenhead

**Monday, 11 January 2010** – at the HANGAR
Regular Monday Night BAND PRACTICE
Civilian Clothes.
Band Officer: Lt L. Cadenhead   Band Instructors: CVs R. Taylor & M. Cadenhead
Drum Major: FSgt C. Wylie
Arrive for 6:45 PM. Pick-up at 8:45 PM.

**Tuesday, 12 January 2010** – at the HANGAR
Rifle Team Practice.
Civilian Clothes.
Qualification Officer: Capt J. Goodall   Sr. Cadet Leader: FSgt T. Mason.
Arrive for 6 PM. Pick-up at 8 PM.

**Wednesday, 13 January 2010** – at the HANGAR
Regular Wednesday Night **DRILL TEAM PRACTICE**
Civilian Clothes.
Drill Team Officer: Capt R. Hutchuk   Sr. Cadet Team Leader: WO2 T. Mason with FSgt M. Abu-Halagah
Arrive for 7 PM. Pick-up at 9 PM.

**FUTURE EVENTS & ACTIVITIES:**

1. **TRIP TO 8 Wing TRENTON** – On Saturday, 16 January 2010. For the TOP 15 CADET ACHIEVEMENT POINT GETTERS (and Lottery Tickets commitment met). Experience the Hercules Aircraft Simulator and other Avionics Training Aids and visit the RCAF/ National Air Force Museum. More details later.
2. **SHADOW LAKE Weekend FIELD TRAINING EXERCISE** – 29-31 January 2010. One bus load of cadets (40), or 2 bus loads if enough interest indicated. More Details TBA. *A sign up sheet is available at the attendance Desk.*
3. **NATIONAL SUMMER COURSES INTERVIEWS** – Saturday, 6 February 2010 at the Ontario Provincial Committee of the Air Cadet League of Canada Offices, 4900 Yonge St, North York. Details TBA. LT L. Cadenhead
5. **SQUADRON SKI DAY** – Saturday, February 27th 2010. Details TBA. *A sign up sheet is available at the attendance Desk.*
6. **SQUADRON ‘PARENTS-CADETS’ DARTS NIGHT** – Friday, March 5th 2010. Details TBA.
7. **6th ANNUAL SQUADRON BANQUET** – Saturday, April 10th 2010. 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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