



808 COQUITLAM

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR CADET SQUADRON

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the 808 Coquitlam Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron 2023/2024 Training Year. 808 Coquitlam Squadron Sponsoring Committee is proud to support a great program for your children.

All activities of the Air Cadet Program (training, survival trips, gliding) are funded both through the Department of National Defense (DND) and through the active fundraising efforts of the members of the 808 Squadron Sponsoring Committee (SSC) assisted by the Cadets. The following is the training activities that are typically delivered in our Air Cadet Program.

- Aeronautics and physical training
- Bush survival training trips
- Gliding & power flying
- Community citizenship activities and field trips
- Band training
- First-Aid training
- Effective speaking training
- Significant leadership opportunities

Your child receives many advantages as a member of the Air Cadet program. All uniforms are supplied by the DND; Officers and their wages are paid by DND to implement the training syllabus and provide supervision for the safety and care of cadets.

Cadets have the opportunity to participate in the band, drill team, effective speaking (sponsored by the Air Cadet League of Canada), range, gliding, familiarization flying and weekend exercises in addition to their weekly training. Cadets also have the opportunity to attend various summer camps and scholarship camps at no or minimal cost to the parents.

The Air Cadet League of Canada (ACLIC) and British Columbia Provincial Committee (BCPC) cover the costs of maintenance and insurance for 12 gliders and six tow planes, volunteer liability insurance through ACLIC, BCPC office and administration costs, legal services retained for the benefit of BCPC and Squadron Sponsoring Committees.

The SSC is to pay administrative costs for our squadron, such as facility rent, contents insurance, trophies and awards, additional costs to fund a band, drill team, award dinner and other extracurricular activities that are not covered by DND. As well, SSC is required to pay \$115 annually per cadet to the BCPC and ACLIC to provide services as noted above.

Our committee receives several funding sources from various organisations, such as gaming grants, donations and also fundraising, but our biggest source of funding (50% of them) is through the assessment fees. Therefore, we ask for a yearly fee that enables us to have sufficient funds to continue supporting 808's tradition of offering high quality training programs and superb optional extracurricular activities to all of our cadets. We hope that parents understand how important this assessment fee is for our squadron's continuous operation. The 2023-2024 assessment fee is \$200/cadet. Siblings' fees are reduced to \$150/cadet. The assessment fee will not be a barrier to your child's registration. We understand that some families may experience financial hardship with



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recent economic events. If you have any concern about the assessment fee, please reach out to our SSC chair Maggie directly at chair808air@gmail.com to discuss.

For this assessment fee, we accept the following payment, but an e-transfer is the preferred method of payment for registration. You also have option to send a cheque to our squadron:

E-transfer

Please send e-transfer to chair808air@gmail.com, and mark Cadet(s)' full name and rank in e-transfer message.

Cheque

Please make payment to: 808 Coquitlam Squadron Sponsoring Committee, mark cadet(s)' full name and rank and provide the cheque in person or mail to:

808 Coquitlam SSC
PO Box 57375
102-1109 Austin Avenue
Coquitlam, BC, V3K 0A0

Refund

No refund after November 30, 2023. Should the Cadet drop out of the program before this date, the cost of \$15.00 for the T-shirt will be deducted from the assessment fee refund if the Cadet receives a T-shirt before November 30, 2023.

Volunteering

SSC is a parent-volunteered committee. We are responsible for:

- Financial support of the squadron not covered by DND;
- Renting and providing facilities;
- Managing the administrative duties as a BC Society; and
- Sharing key information about planned activities to the CO, cadets and parents.

SSC is completely operated by registered and screened volunteers - from the SSC Chairperson to each parent driver. There are many opportunities to help. Every family is asked to find a task where they can assist. It is a great way to meet other parents and to learn more about the Cadet Movement as well as watch your child grow with confidence, develop leadership skills, etc. With that, we encourage parents to volunteer as our SSC members. We meet once a month to discuss fundraising, recruiting, public relations, and other needs for the squadron. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the vice chair at vice808air@gmail.com.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to any of our SSC executives. Thank you and once again welcome to our 808 Squadron.

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