

808 PUBLIC AFFAIRS TEAM PRESENTS

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# Spring

## NEWSLETTER

808 COQUITLAM ROYAL AIR CADET SQUADRON



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# Level 1

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## GROWING TOGETHER



**The Level 1s are just about to wrap up the first year in their long and exciting cadet careers. They recently joined the Level 4s in their food drive and helped represent our squadron in the community. Next up is the Level 1 & 2 Field Training Exercise (FTX), where cadets will learn how to build shelters, tie knots and lashings, and construct signal fires in an aircrew survival simulation.**





# Level 2

## DRILL, LESSONS, & FUN

**This year, the Level 2s focused on drill and team-based lessons whilst improving their overall aviation knowledge expected of them as air cadets. Their drill has improved immensely, now moving onto more complicated movements such as turns on the march.**



**The Level 1 & 2 FTX will be an opportunity for Level 2s to build on their survival knowledge while also practicing their leadership skills with Level 1 cadets.**





# Level 3



## FUTURE LEADERS

**The Level 3s have been highly productive in their lessons on team-building, goal setting, and aviation. They have worked alongside the Level 4s in the 309 performance check (PC) in preparation to be the next generation of non-commissioned officers (NCOs) to lead the squadron. They have worked exceptionally hard on their drill and**



**instructional technique in preparation to be the future leaders and instructors of the squadron.**



# Level 4

## ADAPTING TO NEW ROLES

**The Level 4s have taken charge of the squadron, building strong leadership skills.**

**They've connected with Level 1s for a community food donation activity.**

**Soon, they will begin teaching lessons as they continue to grow as leaders. We're so excited to see how they develop in the years ahead!**





# Level 5

## FINAL MEMORIES

**As the Level 5s head into the end of the year, they focus on perfecting their lessons and helping improve the squadron's drill and standards. This involved a few Level 5 training nights focusing on NCO drill and teambuilding. Several grade 12 NCOs are also completing their last year in the program as they begin the next chapter of their lives. Good luck!**





# Band

## ALMOST THERE...

**The band has dedicated countless hours to perfecting drill and music in preparation for the upcoming Band Competition. Many cadets have formed strong friendships and demonstrated impressive teamwork. With just one month remaining, the excitement is building as we look forward to seeing all the hard work come to fruition. Great job so far, keep up the excellent work, Band!**





# Effective Speaking

## A FRUITFUL YEAR

**The 808 Effective Speaking Team has had a fruitful year, with plenty of important skills learned and many awards won. With the diligent support of renowned Toastmasters member Mr. Darren Frew, 808 has improved drastically at public speaking, making the squadron proud.**





# CO's Parade

## SQUADRON REVIEW

Months of hard work have all led up to this Commanding Officer's (CO's) parade! This evening celebrates the cadets' improvement and discipline.



## PROMOTIONS

Cadets were also recognized with promotions. Congratulations to our newly promoted Flight Sergeants (FSgt), FSgt He and FSgt Song as well as many new Leading Air Cadets (LAC)!



# Sports Teams

This year, 808 has made a powerful return to sports tournaments since the COVID-19 pandemic. We participated in volleyball, basketball, and badminton tournaments and are looking forward to the dodgeball and ultimate frisbee tournaments in May.

## VOLLEYBALL

Our volleyball team placed 4th out of 15 teams at the 111 Pegasus tournament. They showed great team spirit with every serve, set, and spike.



## BASKETBALL

Our basketball team placed 6th at the 13th annual 609 Steveston basketball tournament. They pushed the pace on offence while locking down the opponents on defence.

## BADMINTON

Our badminton team placed in the top 8 at the Birdie Royale badminton tournament. Not only did each player show skill and teamwork, they also displayed great sportsmanship.





# Activities



## SPORTS NIGHT

**Our squadron held its final Sports Night of the year, filled with fun activities and games focused on promoting physical fitness in the squadron, such as basketball and capture the flag.**



## FIRST AID

**Cadets of 808 were offered the opportunity to get certified in First Aid through St. John Ambulance. This consisted of two consecutive 8-hour training days, followed by three exams. Congratulations to those who passed and are now officially First Aid Certified!**





# Upcoming

## LEVEL 1 & 2 FTX

From May 30 to June 1, 2025, our Level 1 and Level 2 cadets will head into the wilderness for an exciting FTX (Field Training Exercise). Over the weekend, they'll immerse themselves in nature, develop essential survival skills, and take part in a variety of team-building activities. This hands-on experience is designed to strengthen friendships, foster resilience, and provide valuable opportunities for personal growth.



## ANNUAL CEREMONIAL REVIEW

Mark your calendars! Our squadron's Annual Ceremonial Review will take place on June 7, 2025. This important event showcases the achievements, progress, and dedication of our cadets throughout the training year. Families, friends, and special guests are invited to attend as we celebrate the hard work and accomplishments of our cadets in a formal parade and awards ceremony. We look forward to seeing you there to support and recognize their outstanding efforts!



## AWARDS DINNER

On June 10, 2025, we will celebrate individual and collective achievement at our annual awards dinner, where we will enjoy a formal dinner rooted in Mess Dinner traditions. This special evening allows cadets to dress in their best, share a meal, receive awards, and participate in an event filled with customs and courtesies. In addition to the dinner, select awards will be presented to recognize outstanding achievements and contributions from cadets throughout the year.







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