

808 Public Affairs Team Presents

WINTER Newsletter

808 Coquitlam Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron



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Level 1

Future Squadron Leaders

Our Level 1 cadets have shown remarkable improvement in their drill, dress, and deportment, demonstrating that they are quickly becoming confident and capable members of the squadron. Their focus and effort are setting a strong foundation for their future in the program, while squadron-wide drills have sharpened their precision and unity across all levels.

A special shout-out goes to the Level 1 cadets who are preparing for the acceleration weekend, which gives late joiners an opportunity to advance into Levels 2 and 3, their commitment, attitude, and rapid development stand out as an example to other peers. We look forward to what you will do next and to see you all grow.



Level 2

Role Models

The Level 2 cadets have made steady improvement in their drill skills and are becoming more comfortable stepping into leadership roles and taking initiative during classes and activities.

Through interactive lessons, they have learned the importance of teamwork, communication, and supporting one another, with many volunteering as mentors & role models to new recruits, They also joined the Level 4s on the Field training exercise (FTX), building skills and bonds outdoors.



Level 3

Building Strong Foundations



Level 3 cadets have had a busy and productive year, focusing on team-building abilities, setting personal goals, and preparing eagerly in order to become mature cadets. The Level 3's demonstrated leadership, cooperation, and hard work towards their lessons and activities, involving funny skits, scenarios, and problem solving skills.



Level 3 is a crucial year for the cadets to develop important skills and abilities in order to become well prepared Non-Commissioned Officers (NCOs).

We hope to see the Level 3's grow slowly in order to learn and take responsibilities in their future roles within the cadet environment.

Level 4

NCOs in the Making

The Level 4 cadets are having a wonderful training year, with many leadership lessons & opportunities, team building activities, preparing hard to be the next generation of NCOs within the 808 Squadron.

Beyond weekly training nights, the Level 4s took part in the Field training exercise (FTX) in Chilliwack with the Level 2s, building teamwork and creating lasting memories.



Level 5

Our Squadron's Leaders

The Level 5 cadets began the year by refining their leadership abilities and stepping into their new responsibilities for the 2025/2026 training year.

The first-year Level 5s have been working particularly hard to develop the qualities expected of NCOs, such as initiative, mentorship, and dependability, while leading efforts that highlight the squadron.

With Merit Review Boards approaching, those who are eligible are preparing to demonstrate that they are ready to be promoted to the rank of Flight Sergeant and beyond, inspiring the entire cadet body.



Change of Command

On Tuesday November 4th, Tuesday, all cadets participated in the first Change of Command parade in several years!



Squadron Performance

Cadets performed exceptionally well on parade despite it being one of their first since summer break. They demonstrated strong discipline and clear improvement, especially the level ones who have only recently learned drill.

New leadership

We thank Captain Tsang for his dedication, leadership and commitment to the squadron and cadet development. We warmly welcome Captain Tam as our new Commanding Officer as the squadron begins an exciting new chapter.



CO's Parade

March Past

The 808 Air Cadet Squadron proudly held its very first Commanding Officer's Parade of the training year. During the parade, cadets showcased their excellent drill, discipline, and high uniform standards, reflecting the hard work and dedication they have put into their training and marking a strong start to the year.



Promotions

We also celebrated a number of well-earned promotions, ranging from Leading Air Cadet to Sergeant. Congratulations to all cadets who were promoted on this well deserved achievement.

We are excited to welcome both our newly promoted members and the Level 1 cadets who have joined the squadron this year. We look forward to a successful and rewarding training year ahead as we continue to grow and achieve many great.

Winter Potluck

The squadron recently hosted a festive feast filled with lots of delicious food and exciting activities that brought cadets together in a fun and welcoming environment. The event featured holiday themed activities such as Christmas trivia, which encouraged friendly competition and teamwork, and an NCO Christmas gift-wrapping activity that added creativity and laughter to the evening.



These activities helped cadets bond within their new flights and gave everyone the opportunity to get to know one another better. Throughout the night, cadets shared conversations, enjoyed the food, and participated in the festivities, strengthening friendships and building a strong sense of community. Overall, the feast was a great success, allowing cadets to have fun, grow closer, and create lasting memories together while celebrating the holiday spirit.

Activities

Bouldering

In December, 808 cadets enjoyed a bouldering session at The Hive, where they conquered challenging routes on textured walls to boost physical fitness, confidence, and teamwork. Many pushed past their comfort zones, supported peers with encouragement, became stronger across levels in a fun, active setting.



Sports Night

The squadron's sports night earlier December brought cadets from all levels together for energetic games like handball, sandman ball, ultimate frisbee, and basketball. Teams worked together, made quick moves, and had a great time. It helped cadets, connect, and build strong friendships across the group.

Band

So far, the 808 Band has demonstrated strong dedication, teamwork, and musicality. The cadets have been working hard on learning drill movements, new musical pieces, and improving their instrumentation!



Each practice has been a chance for our band cadets to learn, grow, and connect.



This year's annual Band Winter Fun Night was jam-packed with exciting activities, games, and prizes!

We look forward to see how the band cadets will grow throughout this year and in preparation for Band Competition.

Coming Soon...

Effective Speaking



Want to learn about public speaking? Effective speaking is aimed for teaching cadets public speaking tricks and improve confidence when speaking in a social environments. Effective Speaking also gives cadets the chance to participate in cadet public speaking competitions.

Do you want to learn about aviation and work toward becoming a pilot? Ground School provides lessons to build your aviation knowledge and prepares cadets for opportunities like the Glider and Power Pilot Courses in the summer. As Senior Ground School wraps up, Junior Ground School will be starting soon, so now is a great time to get involved!

Ground School



Coming Soon...

First Aid

Do you want to learn how to save lives? First Aid gives the opportunity for cadets to be first aid certified, learn how to save lives, and get a cool badge.



Sports



Do you want to participate in sport tournaments and enjoy time playing sports with other cadets? Join our squadron sport teams to participate in cadet sport tournaments.

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