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SQUADRON 45'S CADET PROGRAM

Many prospective cadets and parents have questions regarding Squadron 45's program. Below you will find some general information. If you have any other questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

TRAINING

There are seven training ares for cadets in Civil Air Patrol. Throughout the month cadets will normally be participating in all training areas. The training areas are aerospace education, leadership laboratory, moral leadership, physical fitness, drill, emergency services training, and other activities.

Aerospace Education includes projects and activities, book knowledge, and orientation flights. The aerospace book is divided into six chapters, and you will learn the material from one chapter for six of the first seven achievements through the program. Aerospace projects and activities may include model rocketry, radio control model aircraft, aerospace tours, aviation museums, aircraft simulator, orientation rides, and working at air shows.

Leadership Laboratory Training is accomplished by progressing through five phases of the program. During these five phases, you will learn leadership skills through the use of drill (marching) and practical experience leading. Eventually, you will become proficient enough in these skills to teach other cadets. In the last phase, very experienced cadets oversee the performance of the leading cadets. Progression to higher phases is accomplished by completing various achievements during each phase. The completion of each achievement level indicates a readiness for increased responsibility and consideration for advancement in grade, i.e. a promotion.

Moral Leadership is a monthly structured discussion relating to issues of morality and ethics of decisions that teenagers face in today's society. General topics include volunteerism, drug influence, honesty, integrity, and many others.

Physical Education occurs regularly in the meeting schedule, and also includes occassional weekend activities. Good physical fitness is required to progress from one phase to another. The physical fitness training is usually quite enjoyable for cadets.

Emergency Services Training prepares cadets for involvement in ground-based search operations. The main purpose of this training is to develop proficiency in tasks that assist in the locating of missing aircraft or persons in need of assistance. Training elements include: first aid and CPR, radio operations, navigation by map and compass, survival techniques, aircraft marshaling, and more. You will be taught in both a classroom setting, and in the course of Field Training Exercises held in the field on weekends.

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Activities vary but are usually aerospace, emergency services, or fitness-related in nature, but are occassionally purely for fun. Activities may include orientation flights in powered aircraft, glider flight training, volleyball and drill competitions, public speaking, radio communication training, and much more. Activities are open to cadets who participate actively in all other aspects of the program.

Membership Eligibility

To be eligible for membership in Civil Air Patrol, you must meet the following criteria:

1. You possess the desire and willingness to promote the objectives and purposes of CAP.
2. You are at least 12 years of age.
3. You are a citizen of the United States of America or are an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence to the United States of America and its territories and possessions.
4. If you are a former member of CAP, you were not terminated for cause.

Before joining Civil Air Patrol, you must agree to the following:

1. To obey the decisions of those in authority and to follow and adhere to the appropriate regulations and the Constitution and By-Laws of the CAP Corporation.
2. To adhere to the **Cadet Honor Code.**
3. To adhere to the **Cadet Oath.**

All of the above may sound like a serious obligation. Well, it is! CAP saves lives, and sets leadership examples for the entire nation.

Meetings

Cadet meetings are held every Monday night from 1815 to 2115 hrs. (6:15PM to 9:15PM) at March Air Reserve Base, Moreno Valley.

Policies

Listed below are several policies which you are expected to abide by. Your full compliance with each of these policies is vital to ensure the smooth and successful operation of this unit. Your signature at the bottom of this document shall be considered your agreement to abide by these policies at all times and all places. Your signature and agreement indicates that you wish to be a part of the Civil Air Patrol, and is ample reason to

enfoce these policies.

1. **The Cadet Honor Code:** This can be found in the back of this packet in Required Memorization. Any Cadet violating this code may be terminated from the program.

2. **The Cadet Oath:** This also will be found in the Required Memorization. When you take the Cadet Oath, you are formally stating your intentions to live up to the requirements of the CAP Cadet program. Be sure that you understand the obligations that you are accepting.

3. **Drugs:** The use of drugs has no place in the CAP Cadet program. **Tobacco and alcohol are drugs.** Use of drugs for other than medicinalpurposes, must be brought to the attention of the Cadet Commander at the earliest possible time.

4. **Uniform and grooming standards:** Adherence o these standards is mandatory.
   * Failure to comply may result in suspension from participation.
   * Cadets are expected to have obtained either the CAP Cadet Class B Blue's uniform or a CAP Cadet BDU uniform by the 8th week (unless specifically approved otherwise by the Deputy Commander for Cadets).
   * It is understood that your valid CAP ID, along with any other cards which you have earned, are components of your uniform and must be with you at all times that you are in uniform.

5. **Attendance:** Cadet attendance at Squadron meetings and activities is required. When you agree that you are going to attend an activity, your fellow cadets are counting on you, and senior members plan around your commitment. If for some reason you cannot attend, it is your resposibility to contact your Flight Sergeant or activity leader in sufficient time for the program (s) to be modified. Failure to attend Squadron meetings without an acceptable excuse may result in termination of your Cadet Membership.

6. **Constitution and By-Laws:** Compliance with the provisions of the CAP Constitution and by-laws, the regulations and manuals, your chain of command, customs and courtesies, policies and orders of higher authority is required.

7. **Uniform:** While in uniform, whether at an activity or meeting or traveling to or from that activity or meeting, your conduct should be in line with CAP Customs and Courtesies and of a standard that it brings credit upon your uniform and all that it stands for. Remember, that we, as CAP members, wear a uniform which is nearly identical to the uniform worn by Air Force personnel. We must up hold the same standards of maturity and respect that are expected of mil;itary personnel.

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Parents Signature Date

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Recruits Signature Date