



**577 GRANDE PRAIRIE**  
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Dear cadets and parents/guardians,

On the weekend of (Sept 22-24), 577 RCACS will be conducting a Fall Field Training Exercise. This event will take place at the Old Bezanson Town Site located south of Bezanson, AB. Cadets will be taking part in a variety of outdoor activities, including survival training and navigation.

Cadets are invited to sign up for this exercise. Only cadets that signed up are permitted to attend, as buses are booked for the number of cadets signed up.

Junior Cadets will be required to be at the D Coy Armories at 0800hrs on Saturday 23rd Sept, and will be returning at approximately 1600hrs on Sunday 24th Sept. There is a kit list attached to this letter detailing what cadets are to pack. Cadet's kit will be inspected prior to leaving Grande Prairie in order to ensure cadets have the essentials packed and to ensure nothing unsafe is being brought on the exercise.

Senior Cadets (sergeants and above) are to be dropped off at the location of the Old Bezanson Town site on Friday 22nd of Sept at 1800hrs. The seniors will be the advance party and will be setting up camp. Senior cadets will be transported back to the armories on 24 Sept with the other cadets. More detailed direction will be provided directly to these cadets.

For our first-year cadets and their families who are new to all of this, these survival exercises are often a highlight of the training year for our cadets. They will be participating in a variety of survival training classes and scenarios, eating military rations (as well as some normal food) and sleeping in tents. We highly encourage all of our first-year cadets to sign up as this is a great opportunity for them to get to know the other cadets in the unit and make some friends. As this event is coming up quickly, your cadets may not receive the uniform specified on the kit list prior to the FTX. This is not a problem, and they may wear appropriate civilian clothing for being in the outdoors. It is important that they come prepared for the weather, dress in layers, and have appropriate footwear (hiking boots or good running shoes).

These exercises aim to be a fun and challenging experience for our cadets, with the priority always being the safety of all those involved. Should you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at the information below.

Sincerely,

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