

FTX QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q: What is FTX?

A: FTX stands for Field Training Exercise

Q: When is the FTX?

A: Friday March 10th (Drop off at 5pm at LHQ) to Sunday, March 12th (Pick up at 5:00pm)

NOTE: Feed your cadets before dropping them off on Friday evening!!!

Q: I have plans on Friday night. Can I drop my cadet and leave

A: We ask that all parents stay at LHQ in their vehicles until the busses have left

Q: Where are cadets going?

A: Sylvan Lake – Camp Kesota

Q: How will they get there?

A: Bussing will be provided – pick up at 5:00 pm at LHQ. If kids are late, they will not be able to attend

Q: Can I drive my cadet to and from FTX?

A: No. All cadets must be transported on the bus provided

Q: Who supervises the cadets?

A: Officers are ultimately in charge. We have several screened parents who will be helping.

Q: What is a Kit List?

A: Kit list is the list of items cadets need to bring with them on FTX

Q: Where can we find the Kit List?

A: On the Website. Go to the FTX section of the website to find it. We recommend you look at the list sooner rather than later if you need to purchase something.

Q: What happens if my cadet arrives and they don't have the required kit?

A: Kit checks happen for all cadets. We will be checking their bags. If they are missing ANY items from the kit list they will be not able to attend

Q: What happens if I don't have the supplies on the kit list and for financial reasons am not able to supply everything?

A: Please contact our SSC Chair, Carmen Volk, at chair@airdrieaircadets.ca as soon as possible. We will do our best to make sure your cadet has what they need to supplement what they already have

Q: Is there plumbing at Camp Kasota?

A: yes, but cadets will NOT be allowed to use the shower facilities

Q: What are the sleeping arrangements?

A: Cadets will be in cabins with beds. They need to bring a sleeping bag for bedding. There will be no adults in the cabins with them, but a senior cadet will oversee the cabin and reporting to the Officers. Depending on the weather and the useability of the shelter they build, some or all cadets may sleep outside overnight. Cadets will be allowed to go back to their cabin if they get too cold.

Q: As there is heat in the cabins, are sleeping bags still required?

A: YES, they still are required – this is their bedding

Q: Do we accept donations of items that could be used for cadets?

A: Unfortunately, we have no place to store these items, so we cannot accept them

Q: What is temperature restriction for sleeping outside?

A: -20 with the wind chill --- Depending on weather and quality of shelters they can sleep outside on Saturday nights

Q: What do kids eat?

A: Kids will eat MREs (Meals Ready to Eat) – they love them! There are vegetarian options, not Gluten Free– However, parents are able to supply food and bring with them for the weekend as there are fridges available. The SSC will be providing hot dogs for an evening snack. Please speak to or email an officer if your cadet has food restrictions prior to the FTX.

Q: What if my Cadet needs to take medication?

A: Usually ask kids to hand in the medications but rely on cadets to know to come and ask for their medications. Cadets who require an EpiPen will have that on them at all times

Q: What happens if my cadet misbehaves?

A: Depending on the concern you may be called to come and pick up your cadet early.

Q: What if my cadet is injured?

A: We have trained first aid staff on site.in case of a medical emergency cadets will be taken to the Red Deer hospital and you will be notified.

Q: What will my cadet be doing at FTX?

A: Having lots of fun! Mainly they will be working on survival skills – most of the weekend will be spent outdoors!!