

# INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

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As the parent of a basic cadet you probably have many questions about what we refer to as the “Encampment experience”. First, rest assured your cadet will be in the best of care at Encampment. Our senior and cadet staff members are some of the most professional Civil Air Patrol members in the organization. Each one of them has been hand-picked by the executive staff for their position. A great deal of responsibility has been placed on their shoulders and they have accepted it without reservation.

Encampment planning began many months ago with the selection of the Encampment commander and executive staff members. Since that time, every detail of the Encampment has been planned, evaluated and optimized to ensure the best experience possible for your cadet. Please know that for many of the cadets at Encampment, this will be both the most challenging and rewarding experience of their CAP career. Every cadet staff member and many of the senior staff members have previously experienced what your cadet is about to embark upon, and they will use that experience to ensure your cadet succeeds.

At Encampment your cadet will be exposed to leadership training and opportunities designed to prepare them to become successful CAP cadet officers. They will also be exposed to the military lifestyle and culture which will surround them if they choose to pursue a military career. Please understand that Encampment is not designed as a recruiting tool for the military. It is designed to provide the CAP cadet with a small glimpse of the lifestyle, careers and opportunities that are available through the military.

## **In Case of Emergency**

While emergencies at Encampment are rare, we always plan for them just in case. While basic cadets will not have access to a phone during the week, exceptions will be made if there is an emergency at home. If you need to reach your cadet because of an emergency at Encampment, please call the Encampment Commander, Lieutenant Colonel David Dlugiewicz at (614) 434-6234. This number will be monitored 24 hours a day during Encampment.

## **Graduation and Pass-In-Review**

You will have the opportunity to watch your cadet graduate and march in the pass-in-review ceremony on the final day of Encampment. While it is not required, you are highly encouraged to attend. The 2018 Ohio Wing Encampment Graduation Ceremony and Pass-In-Review will begin at 1000. The Graduation Ceremony will last approximately 90 minutes with a Pass-In-Review ceremony immediately following. More details regarding location will become available to you at a later time. After this, cadets will be out-processed and released at Lot 10 of WSU.

## **Encampment Website and Facebook**

If you have not already done so, please visit and bookmark the Encampment website at [encampment.ohwg.cap.gov](http://encampment.ohwg.cap.gov). We have created a page specifically for parents that will contain information such as driving directions and graduation details. We also have updates with daily photos of activities, on our [Facebook page](#). Be sure to visit both sites periodically for exciting photos and updates on the encampment throughout the week.