## Parent's Guide



## 2644 Cadet Corps Le Régiment de Hull

## **Training Evenings:**

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#### 1. The Cadet Programme

The Cadet programme is a national organization that aims to develop, among young people aged 12 to 18 years:

- leadership abilities;
- good citizenship; and
- physical fitness.

The development of these qualities takes place in an environment that stimulates an interest in the Canadian Armed Forces. However, **cadets are not part of the Canadian Armed Forces.** The Cadet Programme offers challenges, camaraderie and adventure. The programme will allow your children to expand their horizons and give him or her the opportunity to get involved in the community.

## **2.** The **2644 Cadet Corps** (CC2644)

The 2644 Cadet Corps, affiliated with the Régiment de Hull, was created November 1, 1959. Today, the 2644 Cadet Corps is one of the largest in the province of Quebec with more than a hundred of young members.

#### 3. The Motto

The 2644 Cadet Corps also has a motto: "the 2644 we are strong!" It is proudly displayed on our t-shirts, documents and banners.

## 4. The Support of the Parents

Your support is essential to the success of the cadet corps. You can support your child and the corps in several ways:

- by attending the weekly messages on Wednesdays;
- by encouraging your child to attend weekly meetings and activities;
- by becoming a volunteer for certain activities;
- by joining the civilian committee; and
- by becoming familiar with and visiting our website (<a href="www.cc2644.ca">www.cc2644.ca</a>) regularly in order to be informed about our activities and invitations for your participation.

## 5. Registration Fees

Registration, participation and the loan of the uniforms and equipment for the cadet programme are **free**. A minimum contribution may be asked for some additional outings. It is strongly recommended that the cadets buy the 2644 t-shirt, on sale for \$10, to identify cadets during our different activities.

#### 6. The Uniform

The Cadet Corps is responsible for all uniforms and other materials provided by the Department of National Defense. Since the uniform is loaned, it is therefore essential that the cadet take great care of it.

## 7. Weekly Training Evenings

Our activities are held once a week, on Wednesday evenings from 18:15 to 21:00, for the duration of the school year.

## Sports Evening

Sports evenings are organized throughout the year. Cadets are responsible for having their own sports attire, as required by the school.

## Commanding Officer's Parade

The Commanding Officer's Parade will take place on the first Wednesday of each month except for January and February which will take place on the last Wednesdays. There is no parade in March. Relatives and friends are invited to this parade, which usually starts at 8:00 p.m. Your children are all very proud to demonstrate their talents and the parade is a perfect time to see the results of all their efforts. Recognitions, promotions and qualifications are usually distributed during the parade.

#### Canteen Services

This service is available to cadets during the weekly training evenings and weekend activities. Shoe polish and brushes, shoeshine cloths and promotional items are also available at the canteen at very low prices. The canteen is run by the Civilian Committee and operated by volunteer parents. <u>Cash only.</u>

#### Motivation

If a cadet is going to be absent or arrive late, it is essential to contact the administration office at (819) 997-4906, on our web site <a href="www.cc2644.ca">www.cc2644.ca</a> under 'Message de la semaine' or send an email to the following address: <a href="admin@cc2644.ca">admin@cc2644.ca</a>. His or her absence will then be noted as "justified" and will be added to the file.

#### 8. Instructors

The supervision of the cadets is undertaken mainly by Cadet Instructor Cadre (CIC) officers. Along with these CIC officers are civilian instructors who are often former cadets who want to continue to engage with young people and volunteers.

## 9. The Training Programme

The cadet corps' programme consists of well-established activities of the army cadets listed below:

- expeditions;
- orienteering;
- mountains trekking;
- outdoor leadership;
- adventure training;
- familiarization with the civilian outdoor environments;
- general knowledge of cadets;
- military and ceremonial drill;
- leadership;
- training techniques;
- community service;
- citizenship;
- physical fitness and healthy lifestyle;
- recreational sports;
- precision, air rifle shooting;
- biathlon:
- music military music; and
- positive social relations for youth.

The program consists of a mix of instruction and days/weekends of instruction sessions.

The program is divided into four levels of instruction (stars) where cadets usually progress to the next level each year.

- Green Star (Beginner)
- Red Star
- Silver Star
- Gold Star

#### 10. Optional Activities

In addition to the Star program, the cadet corps offers various complementary activities that enrich the experience for the cadets. These activities are optional and will be held during an evening of the week other than on Wednesday nights, or during weekends. Please see the website for details (location, date, hours). These activities are:

#### a) Sports

The cadet corps offers sports evenings to promote physical fitness and activities in preparation for the Excalibur competition.

## b) Recreational Shooting

Cadets learn the basics of precision shooting with the air rifle.

#### c) Music

Our music programme aims to develop instrumental skills for harmony instruments.

## d) Precision Drill Team

Our precision drill team is a group that has decided to make the military drill their specialty.

## e) Biathlon

Biathlon is a sport that combines two distinct disciplines; traditionally, these are cross-country skiing and rifle shooting.

#### 11. Summer Camps

Summer training consists of courses and international exchanges that take place at various locations during the months of July and August. They are locally delivered 1- or 2-week Cadet Activity Programs (CAP), as well as 2-, 3- and 4-week Cadet Training Center (CTC) training. There will also be employment opportunities for senior cadets for up to 8 weeks.

Summer training is intended to support and enrich the instruction received in the cadet corps. Each series of camps offers a range of specialized courses such as sports and physical education, leadership, shooting, outdoor activities, military drill and ceremonial, and more.

The most deserving cadets are selected to represent the 2644 Cadet Corps on these camps. Candidates are selected based on pre-established criteria, such as attendance at activities, good behaviour, etc.

## 12. Community Involvement

The purpose of community service is to encourage cadets to become active in their communities by participating in community service activities (e.g., food drives, clean-up chores, poppy campaign, etc.)

#### 13. Dress Code

Cadets learn to take care of their uniform and wear it with pride. The uniform and the various insignia reflect an individual's progress in the Cadet programme.

Specific rules exist as to the wearing and the care of the uniform. These rules must be always respected since it is this uniform that distinguishes the wearer from other organizations and allows the wearer to be identified as belonging to the Cadet Program.

The wearing of the uniform is mandatory every Wednesday night except during sports nights. A cadet at the cadet corps who is out of uniform, without a valid reason for being so, will receive a note in his file.

# <u>It is forbidden to wear elements of the uniform with civilian clothing.</u>

The uniform must be worn and cared for according to the standards referred to in the Cadet Guide, as failure to comply with these standards will result in sanctions.

All cadets participating in the activities of the cadet corps must, when they do not wear the uniform, be dressed in a respectable and clean manner. The CC2644 t-shirt will be worn with trousers without holes or tears. The pants must be worn in such a way that underwear is not visible. Tank tops are not allowed during cadet corps activities. Disregard for these guidelines will result in a verbal warning.

#### 14. Rewards

Several awards will be offered to the cadets who stand out the most during the training year. One of these awards is the "Cadet of the month". This award is presented at each Commanding Officer's parade.

The selection criteria are:

- care of the uniform;
- presence at parades;
- behavior during activities;
- continued participation in the activities of the cadet corps; and
- active participation in fundraising activities.

## 15. Carpooling

It will be possible for your child to 'carpool' with other cadets from your neighborhood. Networking between parents may be done after the weekly messages that you are all welcome to attend.

## 16. Departure

If your child no longer wishes to be part of the 2644 Cadet Corps, please advise the administration officer and the Civilian Committee as soon as possible. The uniform must be returned to the cadet corps when the cadet decides to leave permanently.

#### 17. The Civilian Committee

The functioning of the Cadets Organizations is based on a partnership between the Canadian Forces and a civil partner called the Canada Army Cadet League. Each partner has specific responsibilities to fulfill.

The League is represented at the corps level by a committee of parents referred to as the Civilian Committee. One of its main responsibilities is to support the staff at the cadet corps by participating in some activities, organizing fundraising campaigns and by ensuring the promotion of activities in the community.

This committee manages cadet corps non-public funds, because only the training activities are funded by the federal government. It must therefore plan fundraising, community activities and various outings. Its members assist the Commanding Officer and his/her officers during the conduct of the activities and get involved in the community life of the unit. The role of the Civilian Committee is also to represent all parents in the case of questioning or conflict.

## Becoming a Volunteer

The participation of volunteers is vital to the good functioning of the cadet corps. It is thanks to their involvement that the cadet corps can financially support the optional activities such as music, biathlon, and sports as well as some operational costs.

Your involvement in the activities of the cadet corps will lighten the load of the instructors. Be sure to give your name when volunteers are requested to accompany the cadets. It is a very rewarding experience!

## Becoming a Member of the Civilian Committee

The Civilian Committee is always looking for dynamic people who want to get involved and give some of their time. As a volunteer, we will respect the limits of your commitment. Talk to committee members to find out how you can get involved. You can also send an e-mail to <a href="mailto:comite.civil.cc2644@gmail.com">comite.civil.cc2644@gmail.com</a>. Thank you in advance to all the volunteers who will help us continue the 2644 Cadet Corps tradition of excellence!

Members of the Civilian Committee meet once a month, or as needed, during the sports evening, to discuss and take decisions on matters relating to the logistical and financial support of the cadet corps.

## 18. Fundraising Campaigns

We encourage parents and cadets to participate actively in fundraising activities throughout the year. Here is the list of fundraising activities:

- Chocolates and other sales
- Bottle drive
- Canteen and sale of promotional items
- Other activities

#### 19. Donations and Sponsorships

Despite the support the Department of National Defence, without your financial support, Cadet Corps 2644 could not affor to offer such a wide range of activities.

Here are the options for donating. Please note that donations, options 1 to 4, go 100% to CC2644.

Option 1 – By Interac transfer (no tax receipt).

Send to <u>comite.civil.cc2644@gmail.com</u> The security question must be: Name of Cadet Corps And the answer must be CC2644.

Option 2 – Cheque (no tax receipt).

Make cheque payable to Comité civil Corps de Cadets 2644.

Option 3 – Cheque (with tax receipt – minimum donation of \$25) Make cheque payable to 'la Ligue des cadets de l'Armée du Canada (Québec)' with a note: CC2644 Régiment de Hull. Send to C.P. 1000, Succursale Forces, Courcelette, Québec G0A 4Z0. Provide your contact information to issue the charitable receipt. (Last name, first name, e-mail and mailing address).

Option 4 – By Interac transfer to <u>info@lcac.qc.ca</u> (with tax receipt – minimum donation of \$25).

The security question must be admin assistant's first name and the answer must be: Diane.

Please write in the note: Donation for "CC2644 - Le Régiment de Hull" as well as your contact information for issuing the charitable receipt (last name, first name, e-mail, and mailing address).

Option 5 – United Way or Government of Canada Workplace Charitable Campaign (GCWCC) (with tax receipt – minimum donation of \$25). Simply put the name of 'la Ligue des cadets de l'Armée du Canada (Québec) – 107592867 RR 0001, with the comment CC2644 – Régiment de Hull.

Option 6 – Canadon (with tax receipt – minimum donation of \$25) Make a donation via the Canadon site, remembering to specify 'CC2644 - Le Régiment de Hull' in the section requesting it.

#### 20. Insurance

The Canada Army Cadet League administers an accident and liability insurance for the benefit of cadets. This insurance is in force during the participation to the weekly training evenings and authorized activities. Insurance premiums are paid for with fundraising activities.

#### 21. Communication

#### Website

The cadet corps' website is the central point to get all the details related to the main cadet activities. It is available at the following address: <a href="www.cc2644.ca">www.cc2644.ca</a>. You will find various information such as weekly training evening schedule; a list of equipment to bring during weekend exercises; a link leading to the annual calendar of the cadet corps; and pictures of our different activities.

At the beginning of the year, most of our activities are already on the calendar. Other activities will be inserted during the year as soon as dates become known. It will be important to check the calendar periodically to see any changes. Details of the weekly messages are part of the weekly update. It is important to note that you can now motivate your child's absence or lateness on this platform http://www.cc2644.ca/nouveaute.html#message.

#### **Facebook**

We invite cadets and their parents to join our Facebook group: "Corps de cadets 2644 Régiment de Hull". You will find links to newspaper clippings and achievements of the 2644 Cadet Corps. Administrators will also post reminders about activities, pictures.

Please note that parents and cadets can comment on the posts, but it is not possible for them to create a post.

#### Weekly Messages

We strongly recommend that you consult the weekly messages on the 2644 Cadet Corps' website at: http://www.cc2644.ca/message.html.

## Communiqués

The Civilian Committee will send you weekly communiqués to keep you up to date with activities within the 2644 Cadet Corps. In addition, you will receive an invitation to attend the Commander Officer's parades. It is therefore essential to provide a valid e-mail address to the Civilian Committee: <a href="mailto:comite.civil.cc2644@gmail.com">comite.civil.cc2644@gmail.com</a>.

## 22. Questions

For administrative questions (admission of a cadet, missing documents, etc.), I invite you to contact the administration officer at <a href="mailto:admin@cc2644.ca">admin@cc2644.ca</a>. You can also call 819-997-4906 on Wednesdays between 18:00 and 21:30. To contact the Commanding Officer: <a href="mailto:commandant@cc2644.ca">commandant@cc2644.ca</a>. To contact the Civilian Committee: <a href="mailto:comite.civil.cc2644@gmail.com">comite.civil.cc2644@gmail.com</a>

#### 23. Conclusion

In closing, we welcome you to the 2644 Cadet Corps and wish you a good year of training among us!

