

FLORIDA WING CADET PROGRAMS

WINTER ENCAMPMENT PREPARATION GUIDE



The Florida Wing Cadet Programs Directorate publishes this guide to provide unit commanders, Cadet Programs personnel, parents, and cadets with a basic understanding of what an encampment is, who should attend, why attendance should be stressed, and what should be done to prepare a cadet for the Encampment experience.

WHAT IS AN ENCAMPMENT?

An encampment is a basic introduction to the military way of life and an opportunity to experience leadership from both a follower's and a leader's point of view. It is an excellent way of meeting new cadets from throughout the Wing and establishing esprit de corps amongst the "next generation" of cadet leaders.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND AN ENCAMPMENT AS A BASIC CADET?

Any cadet who is a current member of CAP and has not previously attended an encampment. A minimum amount of training at the squadron level is required to ensure that the cadet understands the basics of CAP customs and courtesies, the basics of CAP drill, and how to wear the CAP uniform, which will be discussed below. Cadets must have completed the Curry Achievement before the start of the encampment.

WHY SHOULD A CADET ATTEND AN ENCAMPMENT?

- It is a requirement to achieve the Billy Mitchell Award.
- It is required for most National and Wing-sponsored special activities.
- It provides an outstanding leadership and training forum for new cadets and new cadet command/staff officers.
- It allows one to meet other cadets and begin lasting friendships with them.
- It provides numerous experiences that appeal directly to CAP Cadets and is a fun and exciting opportunity.

WHAT SHOULD A SQUADRON COMMANDER DO TO PREPARE A CADET TO ATTEND AN ENCAMPMENT?

Provide classes on the following topics (see manual references in parentheses):

- CAP customs and courtesies (Learn to Lead Modules 1 and 2)
- Proper wear of the CAP uniform (CAPR 39-1)
- Basic drill maneuvers (drill and ceremonies)
- Personal hygiene and self-care (basic first aid, cleanliness).
- Idea of what homesickness is for cadets who have never been away from home. Discuss with him/her the resources available at the encampment (Chaplain, Training Officers, squadron members)
- Explain to your cadets what it is like to live with little privacy. This can be a shock.
- Explain that they cannot contact family members during the event.
- Physical readiness for long strenuous days (Hydrating, Running, daily exercises, etc.)

ARE THERE ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION CONCERNING ENCAMPMENTS?

Yes. CAPR 60-70 governs CAP Encampments. Cadets and seniors who have attended previous encampments are a great source of information and training. Additionally, Florida Wing maintains a supplement to CAPR 60-70 that details encampment operations. The supplement can be found on the FLWG website [here](#).

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A CADET TO ATTEND AN ENCAMPMENT?

Cadets must have a current membership card, meet grooming standards, have completed the Curry Achievement, and submit the necessary paperwork. All application instructions are detailed at the beginning of this information package.

WHAT ITEMS SHOULD A CADET BRING TO AN ENCAMPMENT?

Since every encampment is slightly different (different locations, weather, etc.), the packing list changes slightly every year. For the most current and accurate packing list for the encampment you are attending, go to the Florida Wing Cadet Programs website and select the Summer Encampment webpage [here](#).

WHAT OPTIONS ARE THERE FOR CADETS WHO CANNOT AFFORD THE ENCAMPMENT?

Thanks to Air Force support, CAP has special funding available to cover encampment fees and uniforms, emphasizing serving economically disadvantaged cadets through the Cadet Encampment Assistance Program or CEAP (say, "seep"). An inability to afford encampment should not hold back cadets who want to participate in the encampment. The detailed application procedure is located [here](#). CEAP Webpage is located [here](#). If your cadet is not awarded a CEAP Scholarship, the Squadron could provide a scholarship and transfer funds from its account to the wing. This procedure is outlined in the Operations Order on the Encampment Webpage on the Wing Website.