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Cadet and Junior Canadian Rangers Renewal News

Program Growth & Sustainability



Since it began in the fall of 2016, the Growth and Sustainability Working Group has been examining ways to make Corps and Squadrons stronger and more sustainable, and enable long-term growth for the Cadet Program. Drawing on work done by previous WGs, the group has focused on three main areas: Internal Growth, External Growth, and Sustainability. They have looked at topics like demographics, retention, and ways to make sure Corps and Squadrons have enough uniforms and other resources to support new members as they arrive. Now, after two years of research, analysis, discussion, and planning, we are just about ready to launch some of the tools that have been developed to help the organization grow. Check out our upcoming fall issue to find out more!



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More Flexibility for LSA Funding

Many Corps and Squadrons rely on their Local Support Allocation (LSA) to help pay for expenses like rent, band equipment, fitness activities and transportation, in support of optional training. In the past, LSA expenditures were divided into three categories: Optional Training Activities, Optional Physical Training Activities or Administrative Support, with funding allocated differently for each. New for this training year, the categories have all been combined, allowing for more freedom to spend your LSA where your Corps or Squadron needs it most! RCSUs can also re-allocate unspent LSA funding to other Corps and Squadrons. So go ahead and spend it all on great training!

[A new Group Order is under development. Click here to read the current CATO.](#)

New Youth Protection Resources for Parents

Since the summer of 2016, the Natl CJCR Sp Gp has been working in collaboration with the Canadian Centre for Child Protection (C3P) to develop resources and enhance training for staff and volunteers, focused on ensuring the protection of youth in our programs. Many adult staff and volunteers have already completed the mandatory new module of the Positive Youth Development and Program Outreach package (PYDPO), which is based on C3P's Commit to Kids program.

Now another new free resource, made especially for parents and guardians, is coming soon to Corps, Squadrons and Patrols. This resource clearly explains the expectations for adults interacting with youth in the CCO, and what to do if you become aware of inappropriate interactions. The pamphlet includes examples of what constitutes appropriate and inappropriate behaviour, standards for maintaining boundaries, and the duty of adults to report any observations or disclosures of inappropriate behaviour.

It also contains information about other free C3P resources for interested parents and guardians, will be delivered to every Corps, Squadron and Patrol over the coming months. Meanwhile, the CCO continues to collaborate and build our relationship with C3P, as part of our ongoing commitment to protecting the youth in our care.



Celebrating Connections: Duke of Ed



Cadets and Junior Canadian Rangers have been participating in the Duke of Ed program for generations.

Last fall, though, the collaboration between the Duke of Edinburgh's International Award - Canada and the National Cadet and Junior Canadian Rangers Support Group (Natl CJCR Sp Gp) was formalized by the signing of a national memorandum of understanding (MOU). A key highlight to this agreement is formal recognition of the equivalencies between Cadet and JCR training objectives and the requirements of the award, making it easier for Cadets and JCRs who participate in Duke of Ed to track which CCO activities contribute towards their bronze, silver or gold award.

Some of what's coming for cadets and JCRs in Duke of Ed includes pamphlets showing award equivalencies for Sea, Army and Air Cadets as well as JCRs, and plans to assign a Duke of Ed coordinator to assist Corps, Squadrons and Patrols in running their local

programs. In addition, Corps and Squadrons can now use their LSA funds to pay for cadet Duke of Ed registrations. The signing of this new agreement took place at a Gold Award ceremony in Quebec City, where many of the recipients included current and former CCO members. In creating a formal, national connection, the hope is that even more youth will be able to leverage the exciting training they receive as Cadets and JCRs in order to earn this prestigious award.



Duke of Ed National President Lou Gizzarelli and Commander Natl CJCR Sp Gp BGen Kelly Woیدن at the signing of the MOU in Quebec City last fall.