

Cadet Training Centre Changes for 2020



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GT Consolidation

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Music Course consolidation

2020 will see the consolidation of some of our specialized music training courses at selected CTCs in order to make the most effective use of our specialist instructors, infrastructure and resources.

Trial of local one-week GT course

A one week General Training course lends itself well to alternative forms of delivery, so this summer the Regional Cadet Support Unit Eastern will trial the delivery of a localized day camp model with the same objectives and experiences as our on-base models, while being able to spend the summer evenings at home with their families and friends.

Expanded CTC Organization & Establishment Trials

The new organization and establishment structure will bring changes to the roles of staff members and provide more opportunities for cadets to lead cadets.

Questions and Answers

Q1. What changes are happening this summer?

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Q2. Why are these changes taking place?

A2. You have asked, and we have answered. Following feedback from parents, staff and most importantly cadets, we're looking at innovative new ways to deliver the Cadet Summer Training experience. Consolidating staff and resources will allow for a standardized experience for cadets across the country and will assist in resolving staff and infrastructure challenges.

Q3. Why a one-week GT?

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Q4. Are other courses being shortened?

A4. At this time, no other course duration is being changed.

Q5. Where will the GT courses be?

A6. To maximize the effectiveness of our staff, General Training courses will be consolidated at our Cadet Training Centres in Greenwood, Valcartier, Albert Head, Trenton and Vernon, with a single serial in Whitehorse to accommodate our northern Cadets.

Q6. What about the elemental components of the GT course?

A6. Each course will have an elemental training day where sea cadets will have an on-water experience, army cadets will participate in an introduction to expedition and air cadets will have an introduction to aviation.

Q7. What is the day camp trial?

A7. A one week General Training course lends itself well to alternative forms of delivery, so this summer the Regional Cadet Support Unit Eastern will trial the delivery of a localized day camp model with the same objectives and experiences as our on-base models, while being able to spend the summer evenings at home with their families and friends.

Q8. What changes are happening to the music courses?

A8. 2020 will see the consolidation of some of our specialized music training courses to selected CTC locations, in order to make the most effective use of our specialist instructors, infrastructure and resources. Music training formerly held at our Cadet Training Centre in Rocky Mountain will be moved to Argonaut, while music training in Valcartier will be moved to Mont-Saint-Sacrament. With the exception of the Intermediate band courses at HMCS Ontario and Vernon, which will remain in place, musicians at the Cadet Training Centres in HMCS Ontario and Trenton will move to Blackdown, and music programs in Vernon and Albert Head will migrate to HMCS Quadra. All other music courses will remain the same.

