



## Letter from your Squadron Sponsoring Committee (SSC) September 2024

We extend a welcome back to all our previous air cadet families,  
and a warm welcome to our new ones!

### **RETURNING CADETS:** Wednesday September 4, 2024 7:00-9:00 PM (1900-2100 hr)

The first night back for RETURNING cadets is Wednesday September 4th. This night, parents are asked to come with their cadets to complete mandatory paperwork as per Capt. Robinsons' instructions posted on the <http://www.287aircadets.ca/>

### **NEW AND TRANSFERRING IN CADETS:** Wednesday September 11, 2024 7:00-9:00 PM (1900 -2100 hr)

The first night back for cadets new to 287 Squadron is Wednesday September 11th. This night, parents are asked to come with their cadets to complete mandatory paperwork as per Capt. Robinsons' instructions posted on the <http://www.287aircadets.ca/>

The Air Cadet program provides young Canadians ages 12 to 18 the opportunity to participate in a variety of fun, challenging, and rewarding activities and learn valuable life and work skills such as teamwork, leadership, and citizenship. Air Cadets learn about aviation technologies, air crew survival and how to fly and members of the Air Cadet Program will be given opportunities to fly in an airplane or glider during their time with the cadets.

### **PROGRAM COSTS:**

The Department of National Defence, in partnership with the Air Cadet League of Canada, sponsors the costs associated with the fundamental programming and uniforms, however there are other costs which are not funded or fully funded. (2024/25 unfunded costs = approximately \$29,125)

#### Some of these include:

- Facility Rental and storage costs (approximately \$18,000 annually)
- Mess dinner (a time honored military tradition),
- Familiarization flying (powered aircraft flights), and
- Gliding.

So how do we fund this shortfall? Through volunteer opportunities and fundraising.

### **VOLUNTEER AND FUNDRAISING:**

In order to provide our cadets with a more robust program and keep the program cost-free and accessible to all families, the SSC (also known as the parent committee) has a variety of ways that we can ensure that we raise the money to help pay for those additional costs that are *not* covered for by the military and the league.

**Volunteer bonds** are pre-payments that families provide that are returned in exchange for participation in volunteer activities. The purpose of the volunteer bond is to encourage families to support the squadron with the fundraising initiatives throughout the year to help raise funds that directly benefit the cadets. The volunteer bond **is not** a fundraising initiative for the squadron. Volunteering to help the squadron serves a greater value than the cash value of the bond and we would like as many families to help out as much as possible throughout the year.

**We are asking each family to provide three \$100 volunteer bond payments.** Cash is preferred but three post-dated cheques in the amount of \$100 each, made **payable to” 287 Beaumont Air Cadet Squadron Sponsoring Committee”, dated May 31, 2025** are also acceptable. Please ensure you include your cadet(s)’ name in the memo section of the cheque. Please note that if a family has more than one cadet in the squadron, only one set of volunteer bonds is required per family.

**For each volunteer activity you participate in, one volunteer bond payment will be returned to you** (or shredded depending upon your indicated preference) up to a total of three.

To sign up for a volunteer opportunity, please complete this [form](#).

**FUNDRAISING SCHEDULE:**

We need to fundraise **\$29,125.00**. This will cover facility rental, mess dinner, website management, insurance, familiarization flying and gliding costs etc. This is a huge number but with a squadron our size, if everyone participates we can make this goal. Here is the breakdown of our fundraising goals:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Estimate Fundraising</b>
Sep 25th	Flight night Cadet BBQ	\$500.00
Sep 21st	Potato Harvesting Fundraiser	\$1000.00
Sep	Chocolate Sales (150 Cases)	\$7140.00
Sep 28th	Bottle Drive #1	\$2500.00
Oct 2nd to Nov 13th	Gift Card Fundraiser	\$500.00
Nov to Jan	Cash Calendars	\$1500.00
Jan 11th	Bottle Drive #2	\$2500.00
Feb 12 - Mar 12th	Raffle Box 50/50	\$3000.00
Mar 1st	Bottle Drive #3	\$2500.00
Apr	Creekside Nurseries Hanging Baskets	\$450.00

Apr 26th	Bottle Drive #4	\$2500.00
May 14th	Krispy Kreme Donut Sales	\$500.00
Year-round	Canteen Donations	\$1500.00
<u>2024 dates:</u> Sep 21, Oct 05, Oct 25, Nov 02, Nov 13, Dec 13  <u>2025 dates:</u> TBD	Bingos	\$5000

Additional ways families can help meet our fundraising goals:

**CANTEEN:**

As many parents know, we do offer a canteen during our regularly scheduled cadet nights. The profits earned selling snacks/drinks go directly toward the squadron. We are presenting an opportunity for parents to donate canteen items that are requested by our cadets and 100% of those profits will go toward our squadron. If you would like to contribute, please complete the [Canteen Donation Form](#). This is not required but every little bit helps fund our squadron activities! Please note that we may reach out to request additional donations periodically throughout the year.

**FLIPGIVE:**

Earn cashback rewards for 287 Beaumont Air Cadets while doing your everyday shopping for over 800 brands. Sign up for [Flipgive](#) and join our team 287 Beaumont Air Cadets. When you shop through Flipgive, we receive cash back up to 10% of your purchases directly to our squadron!

The SSC are here to answer your questions. If you would like to join our committee, we can always use another hand. You can email us anytime at [287cadetparents@gmail.com](mailto:287cadetparents@gmail.com). Will will also be at the Administration and New Recruit night on both Sept 4th and Sept 11th, 2024.

Thank you,  
Your SSC Committee

## 287 BEAUMONT RCACS - VOLUNTEER BOND FORM

PARENT NAME: .....

CHEQUES NO.: .....

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**CADET FULL NAME(S):**

1.	3.
2.	4.

**BUY OUT** (I prefer to donate my volunteer bond(s) rather than completing volunteer shifts.)

**CASH**

**POST DATED CHEQUE** (Made payable to "287 Beaumont Air Cadet Squadron Sponsoring Committee", postdated: May 31st, 2025)

I authorize the deposit of my volunteer bond payment in lieu of my volunteer time commitment.

Signature: .....

Date: .....

**CHEQUE ACTION** (After volunteering is completed):

**CHEQUE BACK**

**SHREDDED**

Information collected on this form is collected under the authority of the *Personal Information Protection Act*, for the purpose of supporting 287 Beaumont RCACS' fundraising activities. If you have questions about this collection, contact [287cadetparents@gmail.com](mailto:287cadetparents@gmail.com) .