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Royal Canadian Army Cadet Fullbore Marksman Phase 2 Course 2020 – Application Details

1. As part of the Royal Canadian Army Cadet (RCAC) and UK Army Cadets Forces bilateral exchange programme, a party from the UK Army Cadet Force are invited to attend as students and staff on the six week RCAC Army Cadet Marksmanship Full-Bore Phase 2 Rifle Course in 2020 at Connaught ranges, Canada. The UK Cadets will be fully integrated within the RCAC Sections. This course is supported and sponsored by Cadets Branch, HQ Regional Command.
2. This letter details the personal requirements, required qualifications and experience, and the application process to be followed.
3. **Qualifications.** The qualifications required to apply are as follows:
 - a. **Age.** Date of birth to be between 1 Jan 04 and 1 Jul 06, dates inclusive.
 - b. **Training Level.** 2* ACF minimum.
4. **Commitments.** The following commitments are required, all dates are inclusive.
 - a. **Orientation Briefing.** A two hour briefing for those selected, to which parents will also be invited, to be held early in the New Year.
 - b. **Pre-Bisley Coaching Course.** 5 to 8 Jul 20.
 - c. **ISCRM.** 9 to 12 Jul 20.
 - d. **RCAC Phase 2 Course.** 13 Jul to 31 Aug 20.
5. **Personal, medical and physical requirements.** The selected cadets will be taking part in an intensive six-week course with a significant programme of marksmanship training and competition. There will also be a number of social occasions and a period of adventurous training. As a result, cadets must be aware that physical and mental stamina will be required, with specific attributes as follows:
 - a. The course will entail being away from home for over seven weeks, including the UK phase (pre-Bisley and ISCRM). Home contact will be possible but variable depending on the intensity of the programme. It will not be possible to arrange for family visits.

- b. Medical conditions do not, in themselves, preclude an application. However, it is essential that all medical conditions and requirements (eg prescriptions) are notified in order that support can be given and any special needs catered for.
- c. The marksmanship training will be mentally and physically challenging and will be delivered by Canadian CFAV in an environment which may initially prove disorientating.
- d. A high degree of personal integrity is required. Drinking, smoking and fraternisation with the opposite sex will result in an immediate return to the UK at your parent's expense.

6. **Application Dates.** Completed applications must be with CCRS by Monday 20 Jan 20. Selection will be done by Regional Command under the ACF National Shooting Advisor and completed by early Feb, with notification sent out by CCRS shortly afterwards.

7. **Application Process - Cadets.** All applications must be made with the knowledge of your detachment commander and county shooting officer. The process to be followed is as follows:

- a. **Contact Details.** Contact your detachment commander and county shooting officer and let them know you are applying. Make sure you have their names and email addresses.
- b. **Initial Application.** You must complete your part of the Application online, and produce a statement describing why you want to attend the course and how the course will benefit your personal and shooting development. On completion, the form will be sent to your county shooting officer and detachment commander.
- c. **County Shooting Officer and Detachment Commander.** On receipt of your application, the county shooting officer and detachment commander will complete a report on your shooting abilities and personal abilities as a cadet respectively. These reports will be collated and used as the basis for selection.

8. **Application Process – Reporting CFAV.** As stated above, county shooting officers and detachment commanders will be sent a copy of the cadet's initial application for their comments together with a form to record their views on the cadet's suitability.

9. **Application Process – CCRS and ACF National Shooting Advisor.** On receipt of all parts of the application CCRS will collate and add scores from all CCRS organised competitions in order for the ACF National Shooting Advisor to make the section, which will comprise twelve cadets, listed in alphabetical order, and suitable reserves, in selection order.

10. **Financial Commitment.** There is not financial contribution from cadets. However, parents/guardians will be required to commit to the following:

- a. **Withdrawal or removal from the course after flights have been paid.** The administrative cost of changing names on flights etc will fall to parents.
- b. **Return to UK from Canada.** The cost of the flight back to the UK will be charged to parents if a cadet misbehaves and has to be removed from the course.
- c. **Personal spending money.** It is recommended that each cadet takes a currency card loaded with the Canadian dollar equivalent of £350.
- d. **Insurance.** It is unlikely that standard insurance will cover for trips of over 30 days. Appropriate insurance will be arranged for each cadet by CCRS. This will cost approximately £70 and the charge will fall to cadets/parents.

11. **Documentation.** The following documents will be required and will need to be produced shortly after selection:

- a. **Passport.** Passports must be valid until 01 Mar 2021.
- b. **Canadian eTA.** An electronic Travel Authority will be required; this costs CAD 7, is completed online, and can be done after selection. A link to the correct site will be sent.

12. **Conclusion.** The RCAC course is a challenging but extremely rewarding experience for cadets with the right motivation and experience. The input from detachment commanders and county shooting officers is especially important. Good luck to all applicants.

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