



ROYAL CANADIAN AIR CADETS



OPTIONAL TRAINING

1. **Objectives:**

The purpose of this guideline is to provide your squadron with suggestions of optional training activities that your squadron could do.

2. **Instructions for Directing Staff:**

Optional subjects must be chosen to suit local conditions and the availability of instructors and equipment. Optional training will be carried out in addition to the mandatory training and will not be substituted for any part of this mandatory training program.

3. Optional training is unlimited and the choice is the responsibility of the Squadron Commanding Officer. Selection of an optional training activity for inclusion within the training program should be measured against the following.

- a. Does it assist in meeting the aims of the Royal Canadian Air Cadets?
- b. Is the subject or activity selected complimentary to the mandatory training?
- c. Is there a qualified individual(s) available to teach the subject?
- d. Is equipment available?
- e. Does the subject or activity permit the maximum participation of the cadets?
- f. Does the activity or subject stimulate creative interests and encourage group activities among the cadets, their squadron, community or locally?
- g. Are leadership, physical fitness and good citizenship developed?

4. **Suggested Optional Training:**

- a. Radio-controlled models/plastic models;
- b. Photography;
- c. Band;
- d. Drill Team;
- e. Travel Club;

- f. The Duke of Edinburgh Awards Program;
- g. First Aid;
- h. Small Arms and Hunter Safety;
- j. Public Speaking;
- k. Search and Rescue; and
- m. Orienteering;