



# WISCONSIN WING ENCAMPMENT

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Dear Cadet and Parents,

Welcome to Summer Encampment! The Wisconsin Wing Summer Encampment is designed to be the most significant week of training in a cadet's CAP career. This year's encampment runs 12 AUG – 19 AUG. Tuition is \$200 for all students and staff cadets. The most current information is available at <http://wiwgenccampment.org>.

## Encampment Programs

Wisconsin Wing offers three different training schools:

- **Wisconsin Basic School** – Designed for first-time attendees, this school meets CAP's encampment curriculum requirements. Cadets should attend an encampment during their first year in CAP. To earn the Mitchell Award a cadet must attend encampment. The Basic School provides cadets a taste of military life and orientation to both civilian and military aviation career opportunities.

Cadets are placed into teams of 10-15 cadets, called flights, and supervised by experienced CAP cadets of higher grade and experience. In turn these cadets are supervised by trained CAP adult members. Cadets learn to work as a team to set goals, work towards them, and exceed them. They participate in hands-on aerospace experiments, orientation flights, and military career orientation. This year cadets will tour an unmanned aerial vehicle facility, learn how law enforcement trains to enter high risk structures, and more. Summer Encampment provides an experience only a CAP cadet can have!

***A cadet must have earned the Curry Achievement (first achievement) prior to the start of encampment. Encampment can be a stressful experience at times, therefore cadets younger than 13 are not recommended to attend.***

- **Cadet Development Course** – The Cadet Development Course is a new second-year encampment school for cadets who already attended basic encampment. Cadets of any age or rank may attend, however the school is targeted at Phase I and II cadets looking to learn more about CAP and have some unique and fun experiences.

The course will expose you to many of the opportunities that CAP offers, and will help prepare you to be a leader. Activities that we plan to offer to Cadet Development Course cadets include:

- *The full model rocketry program which includes earning the Model Rocketry Badge*
- *The NRA rifle qualification course*
- *And many other experiences that highlight all CAP has to offer.*

***Cadets must have completed a previous CAP encampment in order to attend the Cadet Development Course.***

- **Wisconsin Cadet Academy** – The Wisconsin Cadet Academy has trained cadets in advanced leadership skills for more than three decades. The school, modeled off the Air Force's Officer Candidate School, challenges cadets to exceed their perceived limits. WCA cadets participate in team building exercises and the Leadership Reaction Course, a Project X style practical leadership training facility. WCA helps cadets become dynamic future leaders. The Academy's standards are high and cadets must perform in order to qualify for graduation. **Cadets must have completed a previous CAP encampment, have earned the grade of Cadet Staff Sergeant and turn 14 years old by 31 JULY in order to attend WCA.**

**How to Apply:** Visit <http://wiwgencampment.org> and click on the “Apply Now!” tab. Follow the online registration and payment instructions.

## Transportation

It is the responsibility of each attendee to arrive at Volk Field on time and to be picked up at the end of encampment. Attendees are encouraged to coordinate with their squadrons regarding possible van transport. If other transportation options become available information will be posted to the encampment website (<http://wiwgencampment.org>). Required arrival/departure times:

- All Basic School, Cadet Honor Academy, and WCA cadets arrive on SATURDAY, 12 AUG between 1000 hours and 1100 hours at the Volk Field main gate.
- All cadets must be picked up SATURDAY, 19 AUGUST between 1200 hours and 1300 hours at the Volk Field main gate.
- Cadets may transport themselves to encampment, but will not be allowed to operate their vehicle while at encampment and must surrender their keys to the encampment. Civil Air Patrol assumes no liability for members who are transporting themselves to or from the encampment.

## A Day in the Life of Encampment

The encampment experience is like no other and is not a traditional “summer camp”. While no two days at encampment are the same, a sample day might look like this:

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| 0600-0615 | Wake up, dress for physical training, formation                       | 1530-1730 | Inspection / Team barracks prep                    |
| 0615-0700 | Physical Training and Morning Formation                               | 1730-1830 | March to dinner and eat                            |
| 0700-0800 | Change into uniform, march to breakfast, eat breakfast                | 1800-1830 | Evening Formation and daily awards                 |
| 0800-0930 | March to barracks and work on bunks, uniforms, and barracks as a team | 1830-2000 | Change to PT uniforms and play group sports        |
| 0930-1130 | Team building exercises / Drill / Academic classes                    | 2000-2100 | Flight Time / Work on barracks / Prep for next day |
| 1130-1230 | March to lunch and eat  | 2100-2130 | Personal Time                                      |
| 1230-1530 | Air Force orientation activity  | 2130      | Lights out   |

As you can see this isn’t your typical summer camp, but we believe CAP cadets aren’t your typical teenager. We set high expectations because we know cadets can reach them. The week is structured as an orientation to military life with a strong focus on customs and courtesies, uniform excellence, and positive attitudes.

## Graduation Day

Because the Summer Encampment requires hard work by your cadet, we celebrate their achievement at the end of the week with a graduation ceremony and parade. The ceremony will occur on Saturday morning beginning at 10:00 a.m. followed by the Graduation Parade. We invite family and friends to attend the ceremony and the parade on the Volk Field grounds. The parade is a full military-style Pass in Review. To attend the graduation ceremony and parade visitors must pre-register for security purposes. Visitors may register online at the encampment website <http://wiwgencampment.org>. Visitor registration will be available starting 01 JUNE and will close 12 AUGUST.

Note that, this year, the schedule has changed from past years. There will be a banquet, however the banquet will only be open to encampment personnel. No public graduation activities will occur on Friday; they will entirely occur on Saturday. These changes have been made to increase the amount of training time the cadets receive. By making these changes the encampment staff have been able to increase training hours by more than 25%.

## Early Release

Early releases from encampment will only be approved in unique circumstances, and will not be approved for cadet staff members except in the case of overlap with other CAP activities such as National Cadet Special Activities. To request an early release cadets must contact the Encampment Commander at the email contact point below.

## Still have questions?

If you have questions please check our encampment website for forms, information, and more. You may also send questions to [encampment@wiwg.cap.gov](mailto:encampment@wiwg.cap.gov) or you may contact:

- Lt Col John Lange, Encampment Commander: [john.lange@wiwg.cap.gov](mailto:john.lange@wiwg.cap.gov) or 414-257-1327
- Maj Todd Mandel, Director of Cadet Programs: [toddmandel.cap@gmail.com](mailto:toddmandel.cap@gmail.com) or 608-633-1496

**Remember the deadline to apply and pay is 31 JULY. All applications submitted after that date are subject to a \$20 late fee!**