



ANNEX A  
BLACKDOWN CADET TRAINING CENTRE  
INFORMATION

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# Welcome to Blackdown Cadet Training Centre

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## 1. Introduction to Blackdown CTC

- a. Blackdown CTC is the largest cadet training centre in Canada, which sees over 2500 course and staff cadets per year.
- b. Blackdown offers courses for all three elements, Army, Sea, and Air all year round.

## 2. Location

- a. Blackdown is located in CFB Borden, near Barrie ON.
- b. Follow signage for “Blackdown”, found at each entrance of CFB Borden.



## 3. Specialized Cadet Kit Lists

- a. If you're taking Basic Expedition Course, or the Expedition Instructor Course, you have an additional kit list. Please refer to the attached list for more details.

## Amenities

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### 4. Canteen

- a. Blackdown has a cadet canteen, which is accessible during off-training hours for use. This facility has some arcade games, a tuck shop (for snacks, supplies, etc), movies, and on-going activities to help you unwind.

## 5. Laundry Services

a. Blackdown has a laundry service, which is available to all cadets. It is expected that cadets will look after their personal hygiene at all times, which includes washing their clothes.

## 6. Cadet Bank

a. Blackdown has a Cadet Bank service available. Please consult your course staff on its location and hours of operation.



## 7. Barber Services

a. A barber is available to cadets during off-training hours.

## 8. Public Telephones

a. Payphones are located at each Company / Squadron building, on Company Lines.

## 9. Spiritual Services

a. Church Services are available in CFB Borden on Sundays. Transportation can be arranged through course staff.

## 10. Food

a. Meals are served three times a day in a cafeteria-style mess hall. Timings for meals are very strict, so it's important to follow your course staff.

## 11. Accommodations

a. Blackdown uses soft-walled shelters to house cadets and some training areas. These structures vary in size, depending on their purpose.

# Visiting Blackdown CTC

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## 12. Visitor Access

a. Access to Blackdown is restricted to authorized personnel only. Visitors will be required to produce Government-issued photo identification.

b. Anyone wishing to visit a cadet or take them on leave must complete the Cadet Leave Authorization Form and return it to the training centre.

c. Guests attending special ceremonies or course graduations may be required to produce photo identification upon arrival at the training centre.

### 13. Ceremonies and Graduation Parades

- a. Blackdown hosts a series of ceremonies and graduation parades throughout the summer.
- b. Guests are encouraged to attend these parades to observe their cadets in action.
- c. Please consult the table below for dates and times for these events:

COURSE	TIME	DATE
Basic Drill and Ceremonial Course (Serial 1)	1000hrs	26 Jul
Basic Drill and Ceremonial Course (Serial 2)	1000hrs	16 Aug
Basic Expedition Course (Serial 1)	1000hrs	26 Jul
Basic Expedition Course (Serial 2)	1000hrs	16 Aug
Basic Fitness and Sports Course (Serial 1)	1000hrs	26 Jul
Basic Fitness and Sports Course (Serial 2)	1000hrs	16 Aug
Basic Survival Course (Serial 1)	1000hrs	26 Jul
Basic Survival Course (Serial 2)	1000hrs	16 Aug
Drill and Ceremonial Instructor Course	1000hrs	16 Aug
Expedition Instructor Course	1000hrs	16 Aug
Fitness and Sports Instructor Course	1000hrs	16 Aug
General Training Course (Serial 1)	1000hrs	19 Jul
General Training Course (Serial 2)	1000hrs	2 Aug
General Training Course (Serial 3)	1000hrs	16 Aug
Military Band: Advanced Musician Course	1000hrs	16 Aug
Military Band: Basic Musician Course (Serial 1)	1000hrs	26 Jul
Military Band: Basic Musician Course (Serial 2)	1000hrs	16 Aug
Military Band: Intermediate Musician Course	1000hrs	16 Aug
Pipes and Drums: Advanced Musician Course	1000hrs	16 Aug
Pipes and Drums: Basic Musician Course (Serial 1)	1000hrs	26 Jul
Pipes and Drums: Basic Musician Course (Serial 2)	1000hrs	16 Aug
Pipes and Drums: Intermediate Musician Course	1000hrs	16 Aug
Survival Instructor Course	1000hrs	16 Aug
<b>CEREMONY</b>		
Sunset Ceremony	1700hrs	9 Aug

### 14. Parking and Accessibility

- a. Parking is limited, so please arrive early.
- b. The parking area is located away from the parade location, so guests should be prepared to walk about 5-10 minutes.
- c. Anyone with accessibility or mobility needs may make arrangements for transport or additional parking (subject to availability).



# Contacting Blackdown

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## 15. Contact Information

- a. Here is a list of contacts and phone numbers to remember:

**Telephone:**

Duty Officer: 705-423-3602  
Secondary: 705-424-1200 x1322

**Fax:** 705-423-3741

**Email:** melissa.wordragen@forces.gc.ca

**By Company / Squadron:**

Drill and Ceremonial Instructor Course	705-424-1200 x2978
Survival Instructor Course	705-424-1200 x2981
Expedition Instructor Course	705-424-1200 x1863
Basic Drill and Ceremonial Course (Air)	705-424-1200 x2980
Basic Drill and Ceremonial Course (Army)	705-424-1200 x2980
Basic Fitness and Sports Course	705-424-1200 x2974
Fitness and Sports Instructor Course	705-424-1200 x2985
General Training Course	705-424-1200 x2983
General Training Course	705-424-1200 x2975
Military Band Courses	705-424-1200 x2984
Pipe and Drums Courses	705-424-1200 x2976
Basic Survival Course	705-424-1200 x2982
Basic Expedition Course	705-424-1200 x1398

## 16. Mail

- a. If receiving mail by post, please use the following information:

**Headquarters:**

*Addressee*  
Blackdown Cadet Training Centre  
PO Box 1000 Station Main  
Borden, ON L0M 1C0

**Personal:**

*Cadet: Cadet Name*  
*Cadet's Course, Platoon/Flight*  
Blackdown Cadet Training Centre  
PO Box 1000 Station Main  
Borden, ON L0M 1C0

## 17. Social Media

- a. If you wish to find out what's happening over the summer, please follow these:

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/BlackdownCadets/](http://www.facebook.com/BlackdownCadets/)

**Twitter:** [@BlackdownCadets](https://twitter.com/BlackdownCadets)



## Appendix 1 – Expedition Kit List

Army Cadets who are taking Expedition Courses require extra / additional clothing and equipment. Please refer to your list below, checking off the additional items as you pack them. Remember, this list is in addition to the one provided with your Joining Instructions, so ensure that your quantities match the list below.

### Basic Expedition Course Kit List

Only for Army Cadets attending the Basic Expedition Course.

ESSENTIAL ITEMS		
	Nalgene-style Water Bottle (x1)	Wool/Synthetic Socks (x10)
	Underwear (x10)	Inner socks (x10)
	Quick-Dry Shirts, long/short-sleeve (x6)	Cotton Socks (x5)
	Quick-Dry Shorts (x4)	Sweater (x1)
	T-Shirts (x4)	Long Pants, athletic/cycling (x2)
	Water Shoes*, canoeing (x1)	Footwear, running/hiking (x1)
	Hat, wide-brimmed (x1)	Swimsuit (x2)
	Sunglasses, with floating strap (x1)	Wrist Watch (x1)
OPTIONAL ITEMS		
	Camera	Hydration Pack (Camelbak, Platypus)
	Gel Bike Seat	

\* Water Shoes must have a strap around the ankle. No Crocs or flip-flops.

### Expedition Instructor Course Kit List

Only for Army Cadets attending the Expedition Instructor Course.

ESSENTIAL ITEMS		
	Nalgene-style Water Bottle (x1)	Wool/Synthetic Socks (x10)
	Underwear (x15)	Inner socks (x10)
	Quick-Dry Shirts, long/short-sleeve (x9)	Cotton Socks (x5)
	Quick-Dry Shorts (x3)	Sweater (x1)
	T-Shirts (x4)	Long Pants, athletic/cycling (x3)
	Water Shoes*, canoeing (x1)	Footwear, running shoes (x1)
	Hat, wide-brimmed (x1)	Footwear, hiking (x1)
	Sunglasses, with floating strap (x1)	Swimsuit (x2)
	Fleece Sweater or Jacket (x1)	Wrist Watch (x1)
OPTIONAL ITEMS		
	Camera	Hydration Pack (Camelbak, Platypus)
	Gel Bike Seat	

\* Water Shoes must have a strap around the ankle. No Crocs or flip-flops.