

The Star Level Program

The Star Level Program is the main training program carried out by all Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps in Canada. This program is mandated by the Department of National Defence, through the Directorate of Cadets & Junior Rangers.

The Star Level Program is composed of five levels:

Green Star (Level 1)

Red Star (Level 2)

Silver Star (Level 3)

Gold Star (Level 4)

Master Cadet (Level 5)(New)

Starting in the 2012-13 training year, the National Star of Excellence or NSE replaced the National Star Certification Examination or NSCE as a ranking tool for Senior Cadets. Year 5 of LHQ training was also introduced as “Master Cadet” consisting of a great deal of OJT and self-led professional development opportunities.

Cadets are taught a variety of subjects, known as Performance Objectives (PO) that include: citizenship, physical fitness, healthy living, drill, marksmanship, map and compass, outdoor survival, eco-friendly camping and military history and traditions. To better assist in understanding the Star Level training, the Star programs are identified as follows:

Training Levels



GREEN STAR

The Green Star is awarded to a cadet after their first year of participating in as many corps activities as possible. Upon successful completion, cadets may be promoted to Corporal.



RED STAR

The Red Star is awarded to a cadet after their second year of participating in as many corps activities as possible. This training level provides the cadet greater opportunity to apply their skills and knowledge obtained during the first two years. Upon successful completion, cadets may be promoted to Master Corporal.



SILVER STAR

The Silver Star is earned after their third year of participating in as many corps activities as possible. Cadets must also be successful during assessments of selected skills and knowledge. Upon successful completion, cadets may be promoted to Sergeant.



GOLD STAR

The Gold Star is earned after their fourth year of participating in as many corps activities as possible. Cadets must also be successful during assessments of selected skills and knowledge. Upon successful completion with enhanced proficiency in some subjects, cadets may be promoted to Warrant Officer.



MASTER CADET

Master Cadet is earned after their fifth year in a leadership role in the cadet corps. This program is mainly self-study and requires a great amount of self-discipline to complete.



NATIONAL STAR OF EXCELLENCE

The National Star of Excellence can be earned by any Army Cadet who has successfully completed their Gold Star Level. You start accumulating for your first level during your Gold Star year based on achievements such as Physical Fitness, Marksmanship, High Attendance, Participation & Placing at Competitions, Community Service, etc... You accumulate points for your second and subsequent level upon successful completion of the Master Cadet Level.

Regular Training

Our regularly scheduled “Parade Night” is every Wednesday night (except holidays) from September to June. Cadets meet at the Bay D’Espoir Academy Gymnasium between 1830 and 2100 hrs (6:30 to 9:00 pm). Attendance is mandatory as weekly training allows cadets to reach their training milestones (per star level), and prepares the cadets for weekend and summer training opportunities.

Weekend Training

Our Cadets may be experiencing one of our FTX’s! Field Training Exercises, known as “FTX’s” are weekend activities conducted at an outdoors facility. The aim of these exercises is to support the regular Monday night training to teach outdoor survival skills, land navigation, leadership and radio communications among other things.

Providing this instruction allows practical, experiential learning in an outdoors environment rather than in a classroom. As important, these exercises are fun, challenging, safe and give some cadets opportunities that they may not otherwise be able to partake in.

Except for extreme conditions, the training will not be impacted by weather. Typically great memories come from weekends where the Corps has overcome adversity which the weather has been known to provide.