



## 3016 Calgary Highlanders (Airdrie) Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps Parent's Committee

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The 3016 Calgary Highlanders (Airdrie) Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps has been very busy this past year setting up new programs and activities for the 90 youth aged 12-18 that are currently registered. Both young men and women have benefitted greatly from some of these new programs including the pipe and drum band, the biathlon team, the drill team and marksmanship team. These programs are provided for all interested youth at very little to absolutely no cost to them to make the cadet program available to youths from all backgrounds. These kids are able to receive free instruction in everything from physical fitness training, leadership, citizenship, orienteering and parading. Our music program unfortunately does not have a small participation fee to pay for instructional costs.

These programs help teach our local youth to become active, responsible members of our communities while participating in fun, challenging and rewarding activities. The Army Cadet program includes learning about the Canadian Forces and focuses especially on the history of the Canadian Forces. Youths are encouraged to play a large role in the community through volunteerism. Our cadets can be seen volunteering at many events including a variety of events at the Legion, Airdrie Fest, collecting donations for the Veteran's Food Bank, selling poppies for Remembrance Day, the Airdrie Air show and the Airdrie Show and Shine. These events help to teach the youths involved the importance of leadership, citizenship, community, environmentalism and teamwork.

The popularity of our corps has been steadily increasing with a huge jump in enrolment as well as national recognition by being awarded the Army Cadet League Shield as Best Trained Army Cadet Corps in Urban Alberta. Our cadet group has recently been featured in many newspapers including the Neighbours section of the Calgary Herald, Here's the Scoop, The Airdrie Echo, The Airdrie City View and the Rocky View Weekly. With this huge increase in our numbers and activities comes an increased need for donations from our community to support our local youth members.

We will be holding a silent auction fundraiser that will happen on February 11, 2012. This fundraising event held at Dick's will be open to members of the general public who wish to purchase tickets. Tickets cost \$20 with half of the cost going straight to the cadet corps. Dinner at Dick's is included in the purchase price as well as admittance to our silent auction event held that evening. We are also gathering items for our silent auction being held at this event from local businesses and community members. Donors will be recognized in 3 ways. All donors will be listed on the 2011-2012 donations page of our website (complete with company logo and web address). All donors will receive special mention and thanks on our cadet Facebook page with links to donor Facebook page (if applicable) and website. Lastly, donors will also be part of a power point demonstration which will be shown at our fundraiser night. Corporate logos and websites can be emailed to [airdriecadets@gmail.com](mailto:airdriecadets@gmail.com) for inclusion. Donors for our February silent auction will also be advertised via projector during our event at Dick's Pub. All levels of donations are much appreciated by the staff, parents, Parents Committee and most of all, by all of the youths who will be benefiting from your donations. Please consider our group when choosing your company's charities or looking to purchase tickets for a fun night out. Remember that an investment in our youth is an investment in our future.

Respectfully,

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