CIVIL AIR PATROL CADET PROGRAM

Today's cadets, tomorrow's aerospace leaders

OVERVIEW FOR STRATEGIC AUDIENCES

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What does US aerospace need?

America has an acute need for:

- Pilots
- Cyber defenders
- STEM professionals
- Young adults who meet military health & character requirements

America Always Needs

RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP GROUNDED BY:

- Commitment to a personal code of honor
- Leadership skills for a diverse, democratic society
- Habit of lifelong exercise

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Vision:

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To help America meet its needs, we provide a youth-scaled, Air Force-themed extracurricular activity that teens find fun and meaningful.

We offer a safe, positive place to develop leadership skills while exploring aviation and STEM careers.

Key Traits of Cadet Life

The Uniform

Aerospace Theme

Opportunity to Lead

Challenge

Fun

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Cadet life's four content areas

Leadership

- Academic study
- Service learning
- Air Force traditions

*Aerospace**

- Academics
- Flying
- Career exploration

* *includes cyber & STEM*

Fitness

- Academics
- Games & sports
- Presidential Youth Fitness Program

Character

- Core Values formation
- Moral reasoning
- Mentoring

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Cadet life is highly-structured. Cadets rank-up from Cadet Airman Basic to Cadet Colonel by completing one task in each of the four content areas: leadership, aerospace, fitness, and character.*

The uniform and cadet rank structure cause young people to see themselves as ***CADETS*** – extraordinary young leaders and "airmen" who are serious about their future.

** This is a simplified explanation of how cadets advance.*

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Inputs

27,000 cadets aged 12-20

1,000 hometown squadrons

6,500 trained adult volunteer mentors

$5M direct USAF investment

Financial aid: CEAP, YAI

$200 to $500 est. annual family costs

Learning Environment

2½ hrs "Tuesday night" or as an "after school" club on campus

One "Saturday" per month

Week-long encampment

Youth-scaled, Air Force "look and feel"

Youth safety standards per Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

School, family obligations still come first

No military commitment; not a recruiting program

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Great First Year

Uniform

Core Values

STEM Kits

Orientation Flight

Encampment

Healthy Fitness Zone

Wright Bros. Award

Second Cadet Year +

Career exploration camps

Cyber Defense

Aviation Mechanic

Pararescue

Space Systems

Engineering

Flight Training

Youth Aviation Initiative

Outcomes

82% B's or better

72% interested in military

65% interested in aviation

80% increase interest in STEM careers

60+ pilots licensed annually

27,000 flights annually

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Cadet Flight Plan

FIRST CADET YEAR

1. Join CAP
2. Squadron Meetings
3. O-Flight
4. Rank-Up
5. Encampment

SECOND CADET YEAR

6. National Flight Academy
7. National Cadet Special Activities

THIRD CADET YEAR & BEYOND

8. Private Pilot License via Cadet Wings
9. College or career school
10. Professional Pilot

YOUTH **AVIATION** INITIATIVE

Cadet Wings

Goal: Transform 60+ cadets into licensed private pilots annually

$10,000 to $15,000 investment per cadet via US Air Force funding

Cadet flies (*A*) locally, after school or (*B*) in summer at an aviation college

Still no military obligation

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Our Challenges

Staffing local squadrons with enough high-quality adult role models

Providing cadets with opportunities to interact with USAF

Increasing the cadet corps' racial and gender diversity

Making cadet life accessible to disadvantaged youth

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