

INWG Encampment Frequently Asked Questions

What is Encampment?

The Summer Encampment is one of the most important Cadet Program experiences! Whether a cadet is a first-year student, or a more experienced cadet, this week-long activity develops leadership skills; provides in depth orientation to STEM activities; contributes to building a habit of regular exercise; and teaches Civil Air Patrol's Core Values. **If you are a cadet, you need to go to encampment!**

What is Advanced Training School?

At Indiana Wing Encampment, our mission is to develop the future leaders of the Civil Air Patrol through hands-on experiences and practical knowledge. Our Advanced Training Squadron (ATS) is a prestigious academy designed for cadet NCOs and young officers who are looking to enhance their leadership skills and knowledge of cadet life.

Through challenging academics, practical leadership exercises, teamwork simulations, and physical fitness training, ATS provides experiences that go beyond what a typical student program can offer. Cadets will be challenged to communicate effectively, think logically, and make quick decisions to solve leadership challenges in various CAP and life situations.

Our motto, "Semper Excelsius" (Always Higher), reflects our commitment to helping cadets grow toward a higher level of professionalism and education. By participating in the ATS program, cadets will develop the skills necessary to become effective leaders in future cadet-led activities and beyond.

ATS is characterized by its focus on hands-on experiences and practical knowledge. Cadets will be placed in increasingly difficult leadership situations that will challenge their abilities and prepare them for leadership roles within the organization. By the end of the week, cadets will have developed their teamwork, communication, and decision-making skills, and will be better equipped to handle the challenges of leadership in any setting.

What do cadets do at Encampment?

Cadets develop skills and abilities to help them develop fully as leaders. Cadets wear their uniform every day, participate in aerospace and career development activities, have challenging leadership opportunities, learn to do problem solving in teams, and have fun! Potential special activities include orientation flights, low-ropes course, team competitions and a graduation parade!

We will update this FAQ as well as [Facebook](#) as soon as photos are posted. Photos for 2023 encampment are available on Facebook and at the Civil Air Patrol photography

page (<https://photos.cap.gov/Great-Lakes-Region/Indiana-Wing/Encampment/2023-Wing-Encampment>).

Which cadets should attend?

All cadets should attend Encampment. First time Encampment cadets attend as students, and cadets who have already completed Encampment can participate in the advanced student program or serve as cadre.

How can I serve as cadet cadre?

If you've attended at least one Encampment, and would like to serve on cadet cadre, an email was sent out 29 January with open positions and application procedures. The deadline is now passed for 2024 and the cadet cadre org chart is now available online.

Can senior members participate at Encampment?

The encampment depends on senior members working closely with the cadet cadre. We need about 30 senior members to serve as Training Officers and fill key leadership roles within the Encampment. A separate email asking for senior member support went out 30 Jan.

When and where will Encampment be held?

July 21-27 for students; senior members and cadet cadre arrive on July 20.

How much does Encampment cost?

The cost for Encampment for cadets is \$300 and senior members is \$100, and includes lodging, food, and special activities. Payment is not required at this time. Payment is expected to be done through the Registration Zone once it is activated. Financial Aid is available for cadets through the [CEAP program](#).

There are no refunds after the June 1 registration deadline.

How does supervision work?

Each cadet is part of a flight of approximately 10 other cadets. Each flight has two cadet staff members who are in charge of the flight. These cadet staff members have attended encampments in the past and have been chosen from an application process to serve in these positions. Each flight has at least one senior (adult) staff member assigned directly to it. These senior members are called Flight Training Officers. In addition to the Flight Training Officers, there are approximately 40 senior members and cadet staff members who serve on staff for this encampment. Included in this staff are a chaplain and a health services/safety officer.

Every adult member and cadet member over the age of 18 have completed training known as the Cadet Protection Program. Staff members are also trained for homesickness and accommodations are made for disabilities.

How does safety work?

The ultimate responsibility for the cadets and the week's events rests on the Encampment Commander. We understand that you have entrusted the encampment staff with the safety and care of your child during the week. We do not take that responsibility lightly.

How does communication work?

We do not allow cadets to have phones or electronics during the week to ensure that they remain focused on their training and bonding with their flight. However, the staff will be working to allow cadets to receive mail throughout the week. If there is a situation where a cadet must contact home, arrangements will be made. We will never ban a cadet from contacting home in an emergency situation. In the event of any serious problem, we will contact you promptly.