

ENCAMPMENTS: MINIMUM COURSE CONTENT & CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

The encampment curriculum may be delivered via any format – tours, briefings, guest speakers, informal lectures, job shadowing, duty performance, simulations, games, etc. – making use of the particular strengths and resources of the host installation and local aerospace industry. Interactive, experiential methods of education and training are preferred to static, lecture-based instruction. The encampment curriculum is integrated with the Air Force's force development program. Under each training block listed below, the corresponding universal aerospace leader competency is identified for informational purposes.

1. AIR FORCE FUNDAMENTALS – 10 Hours

1a. Structure & Mission of the United States Air Force: Cadets will be introduced to the six core competencies of the United State Air Force: air and space superiority, global attack, rapid global mobility, precision engagement, information superiority, and agile combat support. They should become acquainted with the missions of nearby Air Force units and how the total force is organized, to include CAP's relationship to the Air Force as its Auxiliary.

Universal Aerospace Leader Competencies:

Aerospace Operations: Air Force Core Competencies

1b. Aerospace Power: Cadets explore the unique characteristics of aerospace power - speed, precision, range, lethality, and freedom of maneuver - through the lens of local aerospace organizations, particularly Air Force flying units. Additionally, cadets will learn how aerospace power contributes to national security.

Universal Aerospace Leader Competencies:

Aerospace Perspective: Aerospace Fundamentals; Aerospace Strategy: National Military Strategy; Efficacy and Use of Aerospace Power

1c. Aerospace Heritage: Cadets will become acquainted with the historical artifacts, events, or individuals who shaped the aerospace environment and affected America's achievements in air and space.

Universal Aerospace Leader Competencies:

Aerospace Perspective: Air Force Heritage and Culture

2. CIVIL AIR PATROL FUNDAMENTALS – 10 Hours

2a. Emergency Services: Cadets will receive an introduction to CAP's emergency services mission, which may include actual emergency services training. Opportunities for cadet participation in emergency services should be emphasized.

Universal Aerospace Leader Competencies:

Not applicable

2b. Aerospace Education: Learning activities will be conducted to help cadets better understand the lessons found in the cadet aerospace textbooks. Full use should be made of the experts and facilities available at the host installation and in the local community.

Universal Aerospace Leader Competencies:

Aerospace Technology: Basic / Specialized Knowledge; Aerospace Environment

2c. Cadet Program: Experienced CAP leaders will provide an overview of opportunities available through continued participation in the Cadet Program. The overview will include information about scholarships, national and local cadet special activities, drill teams, color guards, and the Cadet Program's usefulness as a gateway to an aerospace career. The life skills and intangible benefits afforded by the Cadet Program will be emphasized. Practical advice on how to advance and make the most of the cadet experience should also be included. Cadets will also be made aware of the dangers of drug abuse, consistent with Drug Demand Reduction (DDR) program guidelines. To this end, a **minimum of one (1) hour** will be dedicated to a drug demand reduction lesson using resources from the DDR website (capmembers.com/ddr), which include lesson plans, the Famous Fliers biographies, the *Fit For Flying* and *Let's Go Flying* textbooks, and the *DDRx Activity Guide*.

Universal Aerospace Leader Competencies:

Not applicable

3. LEADERSHIP & THE CADET ETHIC - 16 HOURS

3a. Character: The encampment will immerse youth in the cadet experience, accenting the traits that distinguish cadets from their non-cadet peers. Cadets will learn to develop discipline, teamwork, and accept personal responsibility. Throughout the encampment, the Air Force Core Values will be related to the various activities and used to develop the moral character of the cadets. Character forums with the chaplain or Character Development Instructor will be conducted.

Leader Competencies:

Aerospace Character: Integrity / Honesty; Selflessness; Respectfulness; Decisiveness; Responsible and Self Disciplined; Loyalty; Compassion; Cooperativeness; Resilience

3b. Physical Fitness: Cadets will participate in fitness activities such as team sports, calisthenics, and exercise games that will motivate them to develop a lifelong habit of regular exercise. Sportsmanship will be encouraged, as well as cadets' efforts to achieve their personal best. Cadets will be instructed how to safely participate in fitness activities. Additionally, the importance of physical fitness will be related to Air Force missions, civilian aerospace careers, and a cadet's total wellbeing.

Universal Aerospace Leader Competencies:

Aerospace Leadership: Health and Wellness

3c. Drill & Ceremonies: Drill and ceremonies will be used to build self-discipline, confidence, and teamwork. Cadets will practice military customs and courtesies, and they will learn to value politeness and respect as positive character traits that are cornerstones of civil society. Cadets proficient in basic drill should receive instruction on how to lead an element or flight in drill.

Universal Aerospace Leader Competencies:

Aerospace Perspective: Air Force Heritage and Culture; Aerospace Leadership: Teambuilding

3d. Creative Thinking: Cadets will learn how to think creatively and resolve problems in various educational settings. Cadets will be given opportunities to complete team leadership problems, participate in a leadership reaction course or obstacle course if available, or role play being faced with an aerospace, emergency services, leadership, or ethical problem. Further, cadets serving on the encampment staff should participate in special workshops or receive mentoring from seasoned leaders who can help them improve their problem-solving capabilities.

Universal Aerospace Leader Competencies:

Aerospace Leadership: Promote Continuous Development of Airmen and Organization; Communications; Teambuilding; Visionary Outlook

4. AEROSPACE CAREER EXPLORATION - 4 HOURS

4a. Career Opportunities: By personally interacting with Air Force members and civilian aerospace leaders, cadets will receive an overview of various aerospace career opportunities. Careers outside the cockpit must be included, such as engineering, aircraft maintenance, air traffic control, meteorology, avionics, computer science, etc.

Universal Aerospace Leader Competencies:

Aerospace Technology: Aerospace Environment; Air Force Organization: Air Force as Total Force

4b. Career Requirements & Counseling: Cadets will be introduced to the aptitudes and educational requirements necessary to enter the careers showcased at the encampment. Representatives of the various career fields should explain typical career paths and opportunities cadets will have to enter that profession. The immediate educational commitments and life choices cadets must make in order to fulfill their career goals will be emphasized.

Universal Aerospace Leader Competencies:

Aerospace Technology: Aerospace Environment; Air Force Organization: Air Force as Total Force

Minimum Total Hours in Encampment Curriculum: 40