

Working with Families

Overview

- Why include families?
- Explaining the missions of CAP to members' families
- Opportunities to encourage family involvement

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The member's morale and motivation levels have a direct correlation to the support and understanding they receive from their families.

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Why include families?

- Their approval of membership influences the amount and quality of member participation
- They can provide non-member assistance to the unit in a variety of ways

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Explaining missions of CAP to family members

- Begin the effort when recruits and their families walk in the door
- Include family members in the recruit's orientation as much as possible
- Assign a member to the family to answer questions
- Provide the family with promotional materials

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Explaining missions of CAP to family members (continued)

- As the commander, send a letter of welcome to the family
- Encourage members to share their experiences with their families
- Address the squadron newsletter to the entire family.
- Always welcome family members when they visit
- Provide the CAP & local unit web links

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**Make family members welcome
at the first meeting!**

- Don't ignore family members
- Again, include them in the orientation
- Talk to them yourself

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Support and booster groups

- Comparable to Officers' Spouses Clubs
- Groups provide feedback about the effects squadrons have on families
- Booster groups can provide excellent resources

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CAP squadron activities

- Include family members whenever possible. Open houses are excellent ways to say “thanks”
- Families can have a valuable voice in planning and assisting with activities

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Developing a good relationship with the families of your members will pay big dividends for your unit – in help, possibly in money, and definitely in morale.

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Summary

- Why include families?
- Explain the missions of CAP to members' families
- Take advantage of opportunities to encourage family involvement

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Families are the members' number 1 priority!

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Questions & Answers