



## Sunshine Coast Army Cadet Support Association

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Dear Parents and Guardians;

Welcome to a new training year for the 2963 Seaforth Highlanders of Canada Army Cadets. The Staff Officers have exciting plans for your sons and daughters this year. Of course, these things cost money, and while most costs are covered by the cadet program, there are some things that the Sunshine Coast Army Cadet Support Association (SCACSA) is responsible for.

### Who we are and what we do

Cadets are funded by a 2 tier system, of government and civilian funding. The Department of Defense provides Cadet Instructor Cadre (CIC) officers to deliver the basic cadet training program, cadet uniforms and equipment needed for the program.

Civilian funding comes under the direction of the Army Cadet League of Canada (ACLC), and further divided into the BC branch and the local support association (SCACSA). The ACLC, through the BC Branch provides local support associations with liability, property and contents insurance coverage for cadets, volunteers, and the property and equipment which they hold. They run and maintain the Volunteer Registration and Screening Program. They also provide both administrative and legal assistance to local associations as well as medals, awards, scholarships and bursaries to cadets. It is for this reason that the Army Cadet League charges the local support associations a \$40.00 annual fee per cadet. **The SCACSA asks for a tax-deductible donation of \$60.00 per cadet due at the beginning of the training year. This will cover the fee charged by the ACLC and help our local corps provide equipment and opportunities for your cadet. Please fill out the donation form and submit to the treasurer.** If you have questions or concerns about this please speak to Janice Lavric.

The SCACSA needs to raise approximately \$15,000 each year to fund and support the Army Cadets on the Coast over and above the support given by the Department of Defence and the ACLC, for things such as transportation, equipment, Highland kit and special activities. The SCACSA leases and maintains a piece of property near the Sechelt Airport for the purpose of outdoor adventure training. It houses a Headquarters building that serves as classroom



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space, office space and equipment storage. The SCACSA is made up of community members interested in supporting youth on the Coast through the cadet program by giving of their time and talents. **You, as a parent of a registered cadet, are automatically given membership in the association and the right to vote at all meetings.** We appreciate your support in whatever manner you are able to give.

### How you can help

You can help by supporting and volunteering for any of the many fundraising projects or other events put on by the SCACSA. We try to get as much funding as we can from grants and other sources that don't require a lot of volunteer hours from our members, thus freeing up the amount of time any one member needs to volunteer. We also have some easy ongoing fundraising projects so that everyone can participate without a huge time commitment. Of course, there are a few projects and activities that do require more time and effort and we would love to have your help with those. Many hands make for light work.

### Our Current Fundraising Projects

**Grants** – We are always looking for grants that we are able to apply for. If you know of some grants that may be available, or if you have a talent or expertise in writing grant applications, please talk to Janice Lavric she would love your help.

**Reloadable IGA Cards** – This is possibly the easiest of all our fundraisers. IGA cards are given out to each family in September of each year. It costs nothing to get a card and then you load as much or as little onto it as you wish. IGA donates 4% of the amount you load onto the card to the SCACSA. For more information or for more cards contact Janice Lavric.

**Local Business Donations** – Details to be announced

**Raffle**- Details to be announced



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**Loose Change Challenge** – Each family will be issued a donation tin in which to collect loose change (You can also combine this with your bottle returns). Keep it at home, take it to work, whatever works for you. When it is full bring it in and get an empty one. Easy! Let's see how much loose change we can collect this year!

**Bottle returns** – This is another simple program designed so all can participate. Simply return your household bottles and cans to your local Caps off Depot and send the money on Tuesdays with your cadet.

**Canadian Tire Money** – Please keep your Canadian Tire Money and send it in on Tuesday nights with your Cadet. We use the Canadian Tire Money for discounts on supplies for various events and property maintenance.

**SCRD Free Dump Coupon** – If you have not used your 2020 Dump Coupon please donate it to the SCACSA as we have no garbage pick up the Cadet Property.

**Swim-a-thon** – cancelled due to COVID-19

**Tag Days** – cancelled due to COVID-19

### **Other Fundraising Efforts**

If you have other fundraising ideas please bring them up during the "Fundraising" portion of any monthly meeting. Please be prepared to lead to SCACSA through a successful event.

### **Meetings and Other Events**

#### **Meetings**

It is important for at least one parent or guardian of each cadet to attend meetings in order to stay informed about training and fundraising events.

**\*Please note that due to COVID-19 restrictions, meeting times and locations or method of delivery will look different from previous years.**



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**Other Events requiring parent participation or support**

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November 11, 2019 – **Remembrance Day** - Hosted by the Sechelt Legion, each family is asked to bring 2 loaves of sandwiches to be served in the hall to overflow guests and families at the Legion. Help is also needed with set up and clean up.

December, 2020 – **Ortona Dinner** - A formal Mess dinner **prepared and served by parents** for the cadets. It commemorates the historic WWII battle for Ortona Italy over Christmas 1943 in which many Canadians lost their lives.

June, 2020 - **Annual Ceremonial Review** – A time for cadets to show off to family, friends and the community, the hard work they have put in during the training year. The SCACSA provides refreshments for cadets and guests after the ceremony. Help is always needed for set up and clean up.

June, 2020 – **SCACSA AGM** – All parents are asked to attend the AGM to elect the executive, and to make plans for the next training year. By having the AGM at the end of the current training year it makes for a smoother start up the next year.

June, 2020 – **Property Clean up Day** - Work party to clean and repair property to make returning in September easier.

**What will this year's fundraising will be going to?**

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Unfortunately, a large portion of fundraising always goes to unexciting things like utilities and maintenance at the Cadet Training Facility on Hilltop Road. However, we also try our best to treat the cadets to a few special outings. This year they may include (as funds allow):

- Cadet ID cards to receive discounts at participating businesses
- Picture Day - Cadets receive 1 individual and 1 Corps photo



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- Ortona dinner
- Swim Parade x 2
- Rock Climbing at Strait Up Climbing Centre
- Running team entrance fees for cadet runners – looking at approximately 4 races this year.
- Annual Ceremonial Review (ACR)
- Transportation costs
- Miscellaneous equipment and support during FTXs
- Pillars Conference

**2020/2021 SCACSA Executive**

Please contact the Support Association's email address at [2963seaforth@gmail.com](mailto:2963seaforth@gmail.com) or any of the executive for information on any of the activities of the SCACSA

Janice Lavric – President – 604-885-1247 [lavjanice@gmail.com](mailto:lavjanice@gmail.com)

Vice President - Vacant

Debbie Paul – Treasurer

Tom Lund - Secretary

- Property Maintenance Coordinator - Vacant
- Fundraising Coordinator - Vacant
- Public Relations Coordinator - Vacant