



ANNEX A

**BLACKDOWN CADET TRAINING  
CENTRE  
INFORMATION**

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**1. INTRODUCTION TO BLACKDOWN CTC**

- a. Blackdown CTC is the largest cadet training centre in Canada, which sees over 2500 course and staff cadets per year.
- b. Blackdown offers courses and training facilities for all three elements (Army, Sea, and Air) all year round.

**2. LOCATION**

- a. Blackdown is located in CFB Borden, near Barrie ON.
- b. Follow signage for “Blackdown”, found at each entrance of CFB Borden.



**3. SPECIALIZED CADET KIT LISTS**

- a. If you’re taking Expedition Team Member Course, or the Expedition Team Leader Course, you have an additional kit list. Please refer to the attached [list for more details](#).

AMENITIES

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**4. CANTEEN**

- a. Blackdown has a cadet canteen, which is accessible during off-training hours for use. The Canteen has some movies, games, snacks, supplies, etc. for purchase, and activities.

## **5. LAUNDRY SERVICES**

- a. It is expected that cadets will look after their personal hygiene, which includes washing their clothes. Blackdown has laundry facilities available to all cadets at no charge.

## **6. CADET BANK**

- a. Blackdown has a Cadet Bank service available for Course Cadets. Please consult your course staff on its location and hours of operation.

## **7. TELEPHONES**

- a. Payphones are located at each course building, on Company Lines.
- b. Cadets that choose to bring personal cellphones to the CTC will have limited access to their devices.

## **8. SPIRITUAL SERVICES**

- a. Religious Services are available on Sundays at the CFB Borden community faith centres.
- b. Cadets wishing to attend or requiring other accommodations should notify their course staff as soon as possible on arrival.

## **9. FOOD**

- a. Meals are served three times a day in a cafeteria-style mess hall where options are available for those with meal requirements (i.e. vegetarian).
- b. During training, meals may also include rations such as “Meals Ready to Eat” or kitchen prepared “Hay Boxes”.

## **10. ACCOMMODATIONS**

- a. While at the training centre, Course cadets can expect to be housed in a soft walled “Weatherhaven” with several of their peers.
- b. Some courses (i.e. Expedition, Survival) include a component where your accommodations may be a tent or outdoor shelter.
- c. Accommodations are gender-specific with accommodations made as needed.

### 11. VISITOR ACCESS

- a. Access to Blackdown is restricted to authorized personnel only. Visitors will be required to produce Government-issued photo identification.
- b. Anyone wishing to visit a cadet or take them off base must complete the Cadet Leave Authorization Form and return it to the Cadet Training Centre.
- c. Guests attending special ceremonies or course graduations may be required to produce photo identification upon arrival at the training centre.

### 12. CEREMONIES AND GRADUATION PARADES

- a. Blackdown CTC hosts a series of ceremonies and graduation parades throughout the summer.
- b. Guests are encouraged to attend these parades to observe their cadets in action.

### 13. PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

- a. Parking is limited, so please arrive early.
- b. The parking area is located away from the parade location, so guests should be prepared to walk about 5-10 minutes.
- c. Anyone with accessibility or mobility needs may make arrangements for transport or additional parking (subject to availability).



### LOCATION INFORMATION

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### 14. CONTACT INFORMATION

- a. Telephone:  
10 July – 20 August: 705-424-1200 x3602 (Blackdown CTC Operations)  
20 August – 14 June: 705-424-1200 x1322 (CTC Coord)
- b. Email: [blackdown@cadets.gc.ca](mailto:blackdown@cadets.gc.ca)

To contact a specific course, please contact Operations at 705-424-1200 x3602 and ask to be connected to that course.

## 15. LOCATION ADDRESS

Blackdown Rd, Borden, ON

## MAIL

If receiving mail by post, please use the following information:

### Headquarters:

*Addressee*  
Blackdown Cadet Training Centre  
PO Box 1000 Station Main  
Borden, ON L0M 1C0

### Personal:

*Cadet: Cadet Name*  
*Cadet's Course, Platoon/Flight*  
Blackdown Cadet Training Centre  
PO Box 1000 Station Main  
Borden, ON L0M 1C0

## 16. SOCIAL MEDIA

- a. If you wish to find out what's happening over the summer, please follow us on social media:

- I. **Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/BlackdownCadets](http://www.facebook.com/BlackdownCadets)



APPENDIX 1 – EXPEDITION KIT LIST

Army Cadets who are taking Expedition Courses require additional clothing and equipment. Please refer to the list below, checking off the additional items as you pack them. Remember, this list is in addition to the one provided with your Joining Instructions.

Expedition Team Leader Course Kit List

<b>ESSENTIAL ITEMS</b>		
	Nalgene-style Water Bottle (x1)	Wool/Synthetic Socks (x10)
	Underwear/Undergarments (x10 each, as required)	Inner socks (x10)
	Quick-Dry Shirts, long/short-sleeve (x6-10)	Athletic/Quick-Dry Socks (x6-10)
	Quick-Dry Shorts (x4-6)	Sweater (x1)
	T-Shirts (x4)	Long Pants, athletic/cycling (x3)
	Water Shoes*, canoeing (x1)	Footwear, running shoes (x1)
	Hat, wide-brimmed (x1)	Footwear, hiking (x1)
	Sunglasses, with floating strap (x1)	Swimsuit (x2)
	Fleece Sweater or Jacket (x1)	Inexpensive, water resistant Wrist Watch (x1)
	Breathable Rain Jacket (x1)	
<b>OPTIONAL ITEMS</b>		
	Camera	Hydration Pack (Camelbak, Platypus)
	Gel Bike Seat	

\* Water Shoes must have a strap around the ankle. No Crocs or flip-flops.  
Cadets with glasses must have a safety strap.