



513 HORNET SQUADRON

TAG DAYS

CADET AND PARENT GUIDELINES

WHAT ARE TAG DAYS

Tag Days are a Squadron fund-raising event. Cadets in uniform stand in front of New Westminster businesses or shopping malls with a slotted tin can requesting a “donation” from patrons. This is where a significant amount of money for the Squadron is raised to fund activities that directly benefit Cadets such as power flying, fieldtrips, band, drill, range, and effective speaking all of which are not paid for, or subsidized by, the DND.

Tag Days are usually held on 2 or 3 weekends though out the training year. Cadets are expected to sign up for either half or full day shifts. It is part of their commitment to the Squadron and not a voluntary activity. Screened parent drivers are needed to drive groups of Cadets to and from the business locations during the weekend. Screened parents are also needed at the end of each Tag Day to roll and count money that is collected during the weekend.

STANDARDIZED SHIFT TIMES:

	Shift Time	Cadet Arrival	Cadet Pickup
Friday	5:30 pm – 9:00 pm	5:00 pm	8:45-9:00 pm
Saturday – Full Day	9:30 am - 6:00 pm	9:00 am	5:45-6:00 pm
Saturday – Morning	9:30 am - 2:00 pm	9:00 am	1:45-2:00 pm
Saturday – Afternoon	2:00 pm – 6:00 pm	1:30 pm	5:45-6:00 pm
Sunday – Full Day	9:30 am - 6:00 pm	9:00 am	5:45-6:00 pm
Sunday – Morning	9:30 am - 2:00 pm	9:00 am	1:45-2:00 pm
Sunday – Afternoon	2:00 pm – 6:00 pm	1:30 pm	5:45-6:00 pm

MEALS AND BREAKS

Friday Night

- Cadets can take one 15 minute break. This is not enough time to buy and eat dinner, so make sure you eat dinner before you come.

½ Day Shifts: Saturday or Sunday (Morning or Afternoon)

- Cadets can take one 15 minute break. This is not enough time to buy and eat breakfast or lunch, so make sure you eat breakfast or lunch before you come.

Full Day Shift: Saturday or Sunday

- Cadets can take a 15 minute break in the morning, a 30 minute lunch break and a 15 minute afternoon break.
- The lunch break time is assigned to each Cadet/location. Cadets cannot switch or trade the assigned lunch time so that they can go with their friends.
- Cadets are not allowed to add a break time to the lunch break to make a break longer.

CADET DRESS FOR TAG DAYS

Cadet dress should be C2 (winter) dress, with parka if the weather is cold. If there has been no parka issued, then a dark jacket is acceptable.

If there has been no uniform issued, then acceptable dress is dark (preferably black) dress pants, white collared shirt, and dark shoes with dark jacket if the weather is cold.

Jeans, track pants, shorts, pink hoodies etc. are NOT acceptable attire for Tag Days.

If a Cadet is coming from, or going to, an activity before or after their Tag Shift, they must bring their uniform or a change of clothes as appropriate and change at the Squadron. Other commitments for a Cadet is NOT an acceptable reason to wear casual clothing during their Tag shift.

CADET GUIDELINES AND CODE OF CONDUCT

PAIRING

- Cadets are paired together for a reason. It is reasonable to expect a Senior and Junior Cadet to be paired together. Please do not ask or expect to be paired with your friend.
- Cadets must go with their Tag partner for coffee and lunch breaks. Cadets are not permitted to go for a break with another Cadet who is not their pair.

TAGGING BEHAVIOR

- Greet/welcome members of the public.
- Open/hold door for public.
- Ask if they would like to donate to the Air Cadets.
- “Thank you, have a nice day” to members of the public.
- No phones out during a Tag shift. No texting, video watching, tweeting etc., unless Tag related.
- Cans should NEVER be opened .
- Don’t eat/drink while tagging – breaks are when Cadet’s can eat and drink.
- Do not stand or sit in the corner and eat your lunch at your tagging location. Use the restaurant tables inside, or an out of the way place to sit.
- Don’t eat any food given to you by strangers.

LOCATIONS

- The SSC and Squadron do not determine where Cadets are allowed to stand at a particular location. The SSC is instructed by the Managers of the locations as to where Cadets are allowed to be. Therefore, Cadets must remain at the spot you are told to go. If you

are outside, you can not go and stand inside for any reason unless you are instructed to do so by the store manager. (And vice versa).

- Cadets are strongly encouraged to bring their own food to eat. Since there is only one 15 min break on the half days shifts, there is not enough time to buy and eat a meal. Even with the 30 minute break on full day shifts, this time is limited if you have to walk, wait in line, eat, and then walk back to your location.

PARENT EXPECTATIONS AND GUIDELINES

Drop Off

- When you are dropping off your Cadet for a Tag shift, do not leave.
- Park your car and come into the Squadron. You need to wait until your Cadet has been dispatched to a Tag location before you leave the Squadron. Different things can happen on your Cadet's shift:
 - we may need you to drive your Cadet to a tag location.
 - sometimes we are not able to match up Cadets and locations. and they are therefore "released" from their shift and need you to drive them home.
- All parents who are not screened parent drivers need to wait in the Patricia Bay room in the Squadron Building while Cadet dispatching is occurring.

Pick Up

- Parents are not allowed to pick up their child from a Tag location without authorization from the Squadron dispatcher. This is a matter of safety for Cadets.
- When Cadets are picked up by the designated driver, they must come directly back to the Squadron with their cans and check in with the dispatcher. They cannot "stop off" along the way.