



2013 WISCONSIN WING ENCAMPMENT

Civil Air Patrol

VOLK FIELD, Camp Douglas, Wis.

Wednesday, July 3, 2013

Day 5: Confidence—You Can Do It

Tuesday's Honor Awards

Honor Squadron: Squadron 2 (Charlie and Delta Flights)

Honor Flight: Flight Delta

Honor Cadets

Alpha Flight:

Cadet Airman First Class Benjamin Keene

Bravo Flight: Cadet Airman Geet Pandya

Charlie Flight: Cadet Airman Miles French

Delta Flight: Cadet Airman Ethan Klar

WCA: Cadet Airman First Class Rafael Valest

Color Guard:

Cadet Airman First Class Rebecca Harkness



Chaplains and CDI's vs. Cadets

The Chaplains and Character Development Instructors took on the cadets as they played a friendly game of volleyball. Considering how much younger the cadets are, it would seem likely that they would win. However that was not the case and the Chaplains and CDI's won with a score of 21 to 14. It just goes to show that with age comes experience, and with that experience they obtained a win. Way to go Chaplains and CDI's!



Photo by Major Amanda Grandke

Thursday's Breakfast

Scrambled eggs

French toast

Bacon

Oatmeal/Assorted cereal

Yogurt

Milk/Juice

Thursday's Lunch

Pepperoni pizza

Bread sticks

Veggie sticks / Salad

Fresh fruit

Assorted cookie

Milk/Beverages

Thursday's Dinner

Bacon cheeseburger

French fries

Corn on cob

Salad

Yellow cake

Milk/beverage

Menus are listed as published and are subject to change

Wisconsin Basic School

By C/2nd Lt. Boaz Fink

Today the Wisconsin Basic School cadets saw a presentation about the 126th Weather Flight by Major Hammond, commander, and Master Sergeant Williamson, non-commissioned officer. They briefed the cadets on what the 126th Weather Flight does and provided a demonstration as well. The cadets were able to try their hand at putting a portable weather station together as well as how it works.

"The weather station is awesome," Cadet Technical Sergeant Samuel Luebbe said with enthusiasm.

Cadets were able to try on some of the equipment that MSgt Williamson would wear while on active duty, such as his plate carrier, helmet and more.



Cadet Staff Sergeant Kaspa Inawajin Veaux got to try on some of MSgt Williamson's equipment and hold his M-16 A1 rifle.

Photo by C/SSgt Sierra Tauschek

Cadets had the opportunity to help put together the weather station. Here they were able to see what their hard work looks like when completed.

Photo by C/ 2nd Lt. Boaz Fink



Cadets from the Wisconsin Basic and Wisconsin Staff School participated in an Land Navigation Course today. Given compasses, a list of compass headings and pace distances to find an objective, the cadets headed out to find their target. However, first they had to figure out their own personal pace count, which will differ from cadet to cadet. Once they found the objective, they were given new information to find the next location. The cadets had a lot of fun doing this course and enjoyed the hike and scenery at Volk Field.



Wisconsin Basic and Wisconsin Staff School cadets hiked their way through Volk Field to find their target during the Land Navigation Course.

With all that fresh air and hiking, one bets the cadets, as well as senior members, all slept well tonight.

Photo by C/2nd Lt Boaz Fink

Great Lakes Region Cadet Honor Academy

Wisconsin Cadet Academy

The Wisconsin Cadet Academy and Color Guard were able to participate in the Leadership Reaction Course at Volk Field. The course has 11 different stations with obstacles that cadets had to first plan how to get through the obstacle and then implement that strategy as a team.

Staff Sergeant Eric Frank, 128th Air National Guard, and Specialist David Heckman, 32nd Brigade of the Army National Guard, were in charge of the course. Frank spoke to the cadets that safety is number one, thus the reason they were required to wear helmets. Gloves and knee pads were optional.

The obstacles are either above dry land or a pool of three feet of water. Frank would give the command as to when the cadets could enter the course. They also had a limited amount of time to complete each station.

WCA split up into four groups of seven and the Cadet Honor Academy split up into two groups of six. The cadet staff had to each pick a group to go with.

Each group picked a team leader who in turn chose someone to do a two minute recon of the particular course that they were attempting. After the two minutes of recon the cadets were allowed to enter the course. Each course saw a new leader chosen, giving each cadet the opportunity to lead their group.

The cadets had 20 minutes to complete the wet course compared to the dry course in which they had 15 minutes. Each course had specific rules that had to be followed and when a rule was broken, the team would be penalized by having to do ten physical fitness activities, such as push-ups or jumping jacks, after they were done with that course.

The cadets had a great time and enjoyed working together as a team. Many of cadets fell in the water; some by accident and others by choice.

The lessons learned in the Leadership Reaction Course are to help build trust among team members as well as to help build self-confidence in not just the team, but in themselves. Here are what some of the cadets had to say:

- Cadet Chief Master Sergeant Andrea Miara said that she has “Overcame my fear of heights” because of this exercise.
- Cadet Basic Jeffrey Kelly said that he would “Love to do this every day.”
- WCA Leadership Officer, Cadet Captain Mitchell Lemons said that it is about “Situational awareness – leadership can change with different situations.”



Cadets had to hook a rope to the top of this slippery slope. They then had to go up and over to the other side where they had to bring the rope back down with them. Teamwork was needed for this challenge.

Photo by 1st Lt. Patricia Miara



Cadets had to get across the moving ropes with the short wooden planks. This particular obstacle saw many a cadet getting wet.

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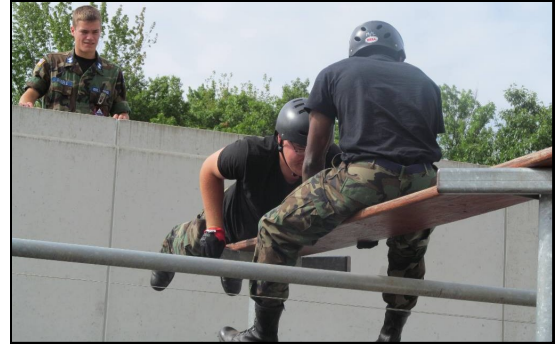
CADET STAFF

Today the cadet staff was able to participate in many of the activities. They attempted the Leadership Reaction Course, where a few of them got wet. They also had fun climbing a hill at the Land Navigation Course. They still had their regular duties to perform, but they found time to have fun. Way to go cadet staff!



Cadet Captain Mitchell Lemons making a goofy face at Cadet Second Lieutenant Boaz Fink as he takes his picture.

Photo by C/2nd Lt. Boaz Fink



Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Scott Steele looks on as cadets work together to get through the course.

Photo by 1st Lt. Patricia Miara



Left to right are the pilots that were flying orientation flights during encampment. 1st Lt. Terry "Wildman" Litts, Lt. Col. Dean "Davinci" Dolence, Majors Wesley "Pappy" Roberts and Edward "Maverick" Wagner, 2nd Lt. Thomas "Mr. G1000" Paine, 1st Lt. Chris "Goose" Chetreau and 1st Lt. Keith "Sidewinder" Mathews. Call sign names were assigned by 2nd Lt. Lad J. Vransy and 1st Lt. Duke Stepp.

Photo by 2nd Lt Lad J. Vransy

Aerospace Education

One of the missions of Civil Air Patrol is Aerospace Education. As a part of the cadet program an hour and a half of time is devoted to AE teaching. Many AE officers are also pilots. In order to promote, a cadet must pass an AE test.

Another aspect of AE are the orientation rides; more commonly known as o flights. Cadets are able to have five such flights from the time they join until they use them up, or turn 18, whichever comes first.

Many pilots join CAP because of their desire to teach cadets how to fly and to share their love of flying with them. Many cadets join because of the flying they can do in CAP.

Without the dedicated pilots in CAP, none of this would be possible. Next time you see one of the pilots, remember to thank them for all they do.

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