

## 892 Snowy Owl Squadron Sponsoring Committee & Air Cadet League of Canada, Ontario Provincial Committee

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## 2023-2024 Welcome Letter

Dear Parents/Guardians and Cadets.

On behalf of the membership of the 892 Squadron Sponsoring Committee, I want to welcome our returning cadets, new cadets and their families for another exciting year ahead. The Squadron Sponsoring Committee is the local civilian partner to the Department of National Defence (DND) and Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members who manage the training and administration of the squadron. All activities of the Air Cadet Program are funded either through DND or through the active fundraising efforts of the members of the Squadron Sponsoring Committee (SSC) assisted by the cadets.

There are many advantages that your children receive as members of the cadet program. All uniforms are provided at no cost to the cadet; cadets also have the opportunity to participate in optional activities such as the marksmanship team, drill team, band, and parliamentary debating. In addition to the local training program, cadets who attend summer training do so at no or minimal cost to parents.

Each year, to help offset the operating and optional activity costs, parents are encouraged to make a **\$275 Squadron Support Contribution** to the 892 Snowy Owl Squadron Sponsoring Committee. You receive a free squadron t-shirt when you join and here are some examples of what your contribution pays for:

- Facility rentals for weekly and optional training activities;
- Transportation for optional activities not supported by DND;
- Trophies and awards presented at the Annual Ceremonial Review in June;
- Food and beverages at optional activities;
- Equipment and support for the band, marksmanship team, debate team, and drill team;
- Registration and admission fees for optional activities;
- And much more!

The Squadron Support Contribution can be paid at the time of registration, **made payable by cash or cheque to the 892 Snowy Owl Squadron Sponsoring Committee**. Please check the squadron website, 892snowyowl.org for information on dates and times for registration.

Parent involvement is also vital to the success of the many activities that 892 Snowy Owl Squadron provides. Throughout the training year, we encourage parents to help, to attend parent meetings/socials, and to get involved! If you wish to volunteer, please contact the SSC Chair by email at <a href="mailto:892.ssc.chair@gmail.com">892.ssc.chair@gmail.com</a>.

Thank you for your support.

Regards,

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