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Civil Air Patrol Cadet Summer Encampment Draws Near

BATON ROUGE, La. – Civil Air Patrol's (CAP) Louisiana Wing will hold its annual Cadet Summer Encampment at Barksdale Air Force Base from July 15-25.

The cadet encampment is a ten day long activity where CAP cadets participate in exciting, intense and interactive activities. They will focus on stress and time management, leadership and self discipline while broadening their understanding of aerospace. Cadets attending for the first time are placed in a group (called a flight) with approximately 14 other cadets ranging from ages 12-18. Each day the cadets will eat, sleep, exercise and attend activities all day long with their flight. The cadets learn to work together as a team in a challenging environment.

Cadets actually run the encampment under the supervision of adult leaders. This year's Cadet Encampment Commander, Cadet 1st Lt. Ashli McDonald commented, "I am prepared for the challenge to direct such a meaningful and rewarding event."

Louisiana Wing Director of Cadet Programs, Maj. Victor Santana said, "We have many activities planned this year some of these include anti drug presentations, base tours of the flight line, firing range and fire department. Personnel from the U.S. Air Force Academy and Army National Guard will provide briefings about career options. Demonstrations will include canine training teams, honor guard and water survival training."

Louisiana Wing has over 500 members, representing 14 squadrons that are located in Alexandria, Baton Rouge, Bossier City, Gonzales, Hammond, Jennings, Lafayette, Lake Charles, Monroe, New Orleans, Patterson and Shreveport.

Civil Air Patrol, the official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, is a nonprofit organization with 58,000 members nationwide. CAP, in its Air Force auxiliary role, performs 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and was credited by the AFRCC with saving 72 lives in fiscal year 2009. Its volunteers also perform homeland security, disaster relief and counter-drug missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. The members play a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to more than 23,000 young people currently participating in CAP cadet programs. CAP has been performing missions for America for 68 years.

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