



22 October 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians

Re: Seamanship Weekend

284 RCSCC Marconi will be attending a Seamanship Weekend 2-4 November 2018. This is part of the mandatory training for all the cadets. The bus will be departing from Mary Queen of the World School at 1800hrs (6:00pm) on Friday, November 2nd for CBS Boy Scout Camp, Salmonier Line and returning at 1600hrs (4:00pm) on Sunday, November 4th. We ask that cadets be dropped off at the MQW School no later than 1745hrs (5:45pm) on Friday. Cadets can bring canteen money if they wish; otherwise all meals will be provided. Some cadets also chose to bring extra snacks along.

Seamanship is a mandatory part of the sea cadet program. The cadets will participate in competitions in knots, rigging tackles, boatswain call, a boat building competition and sheer legs. The weekend will promote teamwork, physical activity and esprit de corps.

We have attached a list of suggested items that cadets should bring with them for the Seamanship weekend; the cadets have been given further instructions on other items they may require. Given that we will be travelling on buses and space is at a premium each cadet is only permitted to bring a small gym bag/knapsack for their personal kit in addition to their sleeping bags and pillows. **Individual bunks are now on site and there will be no need for large air mattresses.** Padding for each bunk has been requested however if cadets wish to bring a single size air mattress they are welcome to do so.

As always, should you have any questions or require further information please do not hesitate to call your child's Divisional Petty Officer. In case of emergencies please call Lt (N) Kevin Martin, Commanding Officer at (709)727-2709. This phone number will be at the camp site all weekend in case of emergency.

Sincerely,

Kevin Martin
Lieutenant (Navy)
Commanding Officer



SUGGESTED ITEMS OF KIT

PERSONAL KIT LIST

- 2 T-shirts/2 long sleeve shirts
- 2 pants (no jeans; only if necessary as they do not provide warmth and take a long time to dry)
- Undergarments/socks for 2 days (extra socks!!)
- hat (ball cap and knitted cap)
- gloves/mitts
- sweater
- winter jacket and pants- cadets will be outside the majority of the day
- rain gear (or large garbage bag)
- boots with good ankle support (water proof preferable)
- sneakers/slippers – to be worn inside the cabin only
- water bottle

Cadets are reminded to dress for the weather. Please ensure your cadet is dressed warmly, as they will be outdoors the majority of the weekend. Extra clothes and socks should be packed in case they get wet.

HYGIENE

- toothpaste and toothbrush
- soap
- deodorant
- face cloth
- small towel

SLEEPING KIT:

- sleeping bag
- pillow
- sleepwear

DO NOT BRING:

Makeup/perfume, knives or other sharp objects, matches or lighters, or other valuables.

Items such as phones, iPods and other valuable equipment are brought at Cadet's own risk and are not encouraged.