

Air Cadets go wild!

Cadets from No 2500 (St Neots) and No 22 (Sandy) Squadrons Air Cadets went wild last weekend at Thetford Army Training Area.

The cadets who had never set foot outside of their Headquarters experienced some of the coldest nights of the month out in the open countryside. Up at 6 o'clock for PT and breakfast, then on to the main reason for being at Thetford the basic training commenced.

They received practical lessons in field training subjects like how to build and use a shelter, use a cooking stove to provide themselves with a hot drink and a meal, instruction on using modern Army Field Ration Packs which had more than enough goodies in them to keep the cold at bay!

During the Saturday in small groups the instructors took the cadets out into the wild country for basic map reading skills, communications and field signals. Team building and leadership exercises were provided in the afternoon and during the late evening they used their map reading skills which they had learnt earlier to successfully complete a night navigation exercise.

Again they braved the sub zero temperatures and odd flakes of snow during the night and were up at 7 o'clock for PT and breakfast. More field training followed during Sunday as well as a mental agility exercise. The weekend conclude with a question and answer session to find out what the cadets had learned, one cadet's response to "have you enjoyed the weekend" his reply was "yes, when can we come again, Sir!"

If you are aged between 13 and 18 years and would like to know more about the Air Cadets then visit your local unit in St Neots or Sandy, details can be found at www.bedscambswgatc.org

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