

RAMSEY (511) SQUADRON NEWS RELEASE

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Air cadets practice field craft skills



Air cadets from 511 (Ramsey) Squadron spent an exciting and challenging weekend carrying out field craft training at RAF Barnham, Suffolk.

The Air cadets learnt how to put up an improvised shelter using a poncho, to cook service issued ration packs, and to navigate at night.

“Bringing the cadets out to this environment helps them to learn to be self sufficient” said Squadron Commander, Flight Lieutenant Mark Williamson.

“They suddenly realise that no-one else is going to carry their kit, put up their shelter or cook their meals”, he continued. “It is a challenge, but by the end of the weekend they are relishing their independence, and build up a real sense of team spirit with their fellow cadets.”

But there is much more to the Air Cadets than field craft. Air cadets also get to go flying and gliding, camping, climbing, canoeing, shooting, to visit RAF stations, play sports, undertake practical projects and cover an exciting academic syllabus that can lead to nationally recognised qualifications equivalent to several GCSEs.

Air cadet squadrons also need adult staff that are prepared to give up their time to help run these activities. Training is available and staff can also earn nationally recognised qualifications, up to degree level.

To find out more about a hobby where the sky is the limit, contact 511 (Ramsey) Squadron by email to ramseyaircadets@googlemail.com or by calling Squadron Commander Flight Lieutenant Mark Williamson on 07801 227373.

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Photos:

1. A cadet from Ramsey (511) Squadron keeps watch from his improvised shelter
2. Ramsey air cadets enjoying the night exercise

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