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**PRESS RELEASE**  
**Wet and Wild Weekend 2009.**

During the late August Bank Holiday cadets from 51 (Orton) Squadron gathered within the fields of Yarwell Island near Wansford for the annual Wet and Wild adventure training weekend. It was set to be a good one as Cadets, staff and volunteers pulled together to set up camp on Friday evening.

115 (Peterborough) Squadron organised the event, inviting squadrons from all over the Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire Wing.

Once the site had been assembled the Camp Commander, Pilot Officer Stephen Dalton 115 Squadron made the most of the calm summer evening and briefed the cadets of what was in store for the next three days. The group was then split into 4 flights, Harrier, Typhoon, Lightning and Tornado flight.

The cadets rose bright and early on Saturday morning with an optimistic and positive attitude. After a traditional field cooked breakfast of sausages and bacon, they were ready to attack the activities that the staff had in store.

Ramsey Squadron ran the kayaking activity, with cadets developing their skills in controlling and manoeuvring the kayaks.

Challenges facing the cadets over the long weekend included a pontoon bridge building challenge, supervised by Civilian Instructor Barry Buckingham. Sergeant Kev Foxcroft ATC oversaw the raft building task; cadets were given an assortment of equipment including logs, ropes and barrels to manufacture a working raft. Egg catapult, where cadets had to seek a range of equipment scattered around a field, not easy as the cadets were blindfolded with only one cadet able to see what was going on, with test firing of the catapult to identify a worthy winner.

On Sunday evening, everybody gathered around a traditional campfire to enjoy a performance of fools-opera. Flights were tasked with a 10 minute show that would entertain a judging panel of staff, portraying the comical side of certain staff, cadets or events that had happened during the previous days of camp.

The weekend resulted in achievement, laughs and best of all, the side splitting humiliation of staff, much to the enjoyment of the cadets. Wet and Wild 2009 will not be one to forget. Many thanks to all the staff and volunteers who helped make it the success it was.

If this has interested you, why not visit [www.51sqnatc.co.uk](http://www.51sqnatc.co.uk) for more information. If you are aged between, 13-18 come along to any parade night Tuesday and Wednesday between 1900-2115 at the Squadron HQ. You will find us at Orton Longueville School near the main reception.

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