



## **2023 Cadet Poppy Campaign for all Guelph Cadet Units**

### **PARENT INFORMATION SHEET**

The Poppy Campaign for the Guelph, Fergus and Elora Legions will look different this year. Changes to our policies in terms of supervision and restrictions on locations have led to these changes.

#### ***Highlights:***

- ❖ A Parent/Guardian (over 18) **MUST** be present on site with their cadet (and only their cadet) for the duration of the shift. Each shift is only 2 hours in length. Supervision requirements for this type of activity have changed considerably making this a necessary change.
- ❖ Your Cadet must attend one of the two pick-up/drop-off locations to collect their Poppy Box prior to each shift (minimum of 15 minutes before shift start time). Similarly, they must return their Poppy Box to the same location immediately following their shift. Their attendance for the activity will be based on the return of the box in a timely manner at the end of their shift.
- ❖ We will have two central locations for pick up and drop off of Poppy Boxes before and after each shift.  
*Site 1: Sea Cadet Building at 75 Cardigan Street for North, Central/East and West end quadrants.*  
*Site 2: Stone Road Mall for South End quadrant.*
- ❖ Poppy boxes are sealed with zip ties. It is our expectation that the boxes are returned with the zip tie still secured.
- ❖ **Safety.** *In all cases, safety is our fundamental top priority. If someone tries to take the Poppy Box from the Cadet, they are to let it go willingly. Then immediately, place a call to the Site Supervisor to report the incident. They will enact our protocol for the next steps.*
- ❖ **Number of shifts:** *We are asking every cadet to sign up for at least 3 shifts over two weekends. If you are available for more that is fantastic!*

**Your cadet must sign up using the Google Form link they have been provided. The shift timings are as follows. See also QR Code below to access the link.**

**Shift schedule (all shifts are 2 hours in length):**

#### **Friday (27 OCT & 3 NOV)**

1830-2030hrs

#### **Saturday (28 OCT & 4 NOV)**

0830-1030

1030-1230

1230-1430

1430-1630

#### **Sunday (29 OCT & 5 NOV)**

1030-1230

1230-1430

## 2023 Poppy Campaign FAQs

**Q:** Why do I, as a parent, have to stay on site?

**A:** The cadet program requirements for supervision have changed and there is simply not enough staff amongst all of the cadet units to conduct the Poppy Campaign the same way as before.

**Q:** Will my cadet be required to stand at an LCBO or Beer Store this year?

**A:** No, this is one of the changes for this year.

**Q:** My daughter's best friend is also a cadet, can we share the supervision duties amongst parents?

**A:** No, unfortunately, it must be a parent/guardian of each cadet.

**Q:** What if my cadet is sick and can't participate?

**A:** You will need to notify your cadet's corps or squadron as you would for any other absence, but it must be prior to the start of the shift or the cadet will be considered a no show.

**Q:** My cadet really wants to participate but unfortunately due to work commitments, I cannot stay and supervise them. Can they still sign up?

**A:** Yes! We will have a few select locations where we will be providing a Site Supervisor for situations such as this. These locations will be populated on an as needed basis, once the need has been identified.

**Q:** I have a cadet in 2 different units. Can they be placed together? I can't be in 2 places at once.

**A:** Yes, absolutely! All 4 Guelph cadet units work together to identify siblings so they can be placed together. The best way to ensure this is to include the names of the siblings in the comment section of the sign-up form.

**Q:** We live outside of Guelph in Fergus; do we have to come to Guelph?

**A:** We also support the Fergus and Elora Legions. If these locations are better for you and your cadet, please indicate as such on the sign-up form and we can assign you there.

**Q:** What does my cadet have to wear for Poppy Campaign?

**A:** Dress for the Poppy Campaign is C3 for all cadets (dress uniform for Navy League cadets). Appropriate outerwear is required as most if not all shifts are outside. The Cadet Parka is the expectation however we do know that not all cadets have one yet. Cadets who so not yet have a uniform issued to them will wear appropriate civilian attire (no sweatpants) and a warm jacket.

Any other questions can be addressed to your individual unit email address as per below:

RCSCC Ajax – [info@rcsccajax.ca](mailto:info@rcsccajax.ca)

NLCC Achilles – [info@nlccachilles.ca](mailto:info@nlccachilles.ca)

1882 The Wellington Rifles – [1882army@cadets.gc.ca](mailto:1882army@cadets.gc.ca)

121 Red Arrows Squadron- [scott.stuart@cadets.gc.ca](mailto:scott.stuart@cadets.gc.ca)

***QR Code to access the Sign-Up Form  
for Poppy Campaign Shifts:***



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<https://forms.gle/APA1KpdqxvzugLaQ7>