



## **781 Air Cadet Squadron Sponsoring Committee** *Annual Fundraiser*

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Every training year the Squadron Sponsoring Committee (SSC) of the 781 Air Cadet Squadron located in Calgary's Northwest, endeavors to cover additional training fees for close to 200 Air Cadets (ages 12-19), through parent initiated fundraising.

This year we are hosting a Texas Hold'em Poker Tournament & Silent Auction on Friday March 4, 2016.

There are no fees associated with participating in the Air Cadet program. However, since the Department of National Defense (DND), only covers a portion of the training that the cadets receive, the SSC must fundraise to meet the annual squadron training budget, which ranges from \$85,000 to \$100,000 in any given year.

Our two largest expenses are facility rental costs at \$36,000.00 per year, and the annual Alberta Air Cadet League assessment of approximately \$60 per cadet; which can be over \$8,500 per year. The assessment is paid by every squadron in the province to support effective speaking competitions, volunteer screening, the selection process for advanced cadet training courses and international exchanges, regional gliding centres, insurance for all cadets while at cadet functions, public relations, and other activities of the Air Cadet League.

Please accept this letter as a request for a Silent Auction item for our fundraiser. We would appreciate any new items, gift cards, event tickets, service gift certificates or accommodation vouchers. Without your active support, the squadron budget cannot be met and the cadets risk losing out on many activities. We realize that in modern times, organizations and individuals have numerous demands placed on their resources and we are appreciative of any donation large or small.

If you would like to make a Silent Auction donation to us, please contact:

Melissa Fetherstonhaugh at [event@781aircadets.ca](mailto:event@781aircadets.ca). We would be more than happy (ecstatic really) to pick up donations of any kind! (Deadline Wednesday March 2, 2016)

***With Sincere Thanks from The Squadron Sponsoring Committee!***

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