

# Nighthawk Squadron Newsletter-Civil Air Patrol

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Cadet Weekly Meeting  
Schedule Nighthawk  
Composite Squadron

Week 1-PT-Wear Squadron  
t-shirt and Black shorts

Week 2-Emergency Services  
Wear BDU's

Week 3-Character  
Development/Leadership  
Wear Blues

Week 4- Aerospace  
Education-Wear BDU's

Week 5- Cadets' Choice  
night

### Dates to Remember:

February 15 – 16

Squadron Search and  
Rescue Exercise (SAREX)

March 28 – 30 Cadet

## Winter Encampment

Cadets experience a new level of tough as they attend Basic Encampment.

Nighthawk's long tradition of excellence was upheld as several of the squadron's cadets embarked on the trials of Winter Encampment. Upon arriving at Camp Bowie, cadets could comprehend that they would experience a great challenge. Where they came from did not matter; all that did matter was that a long week of mental and physical training which lay ahead them.

The training started once cadets entered the camp and said their farewells to their family. Immediately, the expectations they were to follow were issued: excellence and nothing less. With the guidelines laid out in front of them the only thing left to do was pass every hurdle placed before them with the enthusiasm of one devoting their all to the moment. "You can't think about tomorrow," said an experienced staff member, "once you start thinking about the tomorrow's hardships and struggles you get discouraged. You have to focus on the moment. Just think about passing the current trial. Pass tomorrow's trials when you reach them. Give your all right now, because right now is all we have." And that is exactly what they did.

From December 27 to January 3, Nighthawk's very own proved their raw talent, their refined skills, and most importantly their unbreakable dedication. Congratulations to the cadets who proved their zeal during the cold winter and especially to Cadet Bryce Pilawski who not only helped his flight become one of the most decorated of the Encampment, but also for proving himself as the Honor Cadet of Texas Wing's 82 Squadron.

In a larger sense, the world was uplifted. The commitment of the Nighthawk cadets is one of the many things that make this world a better place to live in. Thank you to all the cadets who attended and staffed encampment - Austin Alberts, Katherine Welch, Bryce Pilawski, Alexander Vanover, Jack Broyles, and Audra Milblitz. Keep up the good work.

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## Nighthawk's Change of Command

The torch has been passed from one extraordinary leader to the next.

