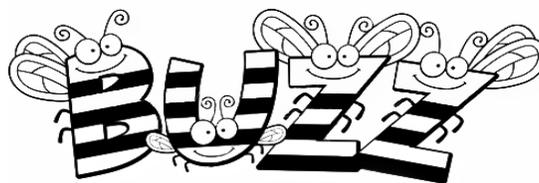




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Our first weekend activity of 2013...

...included three separate activities and three different groups of cadets. On Friday, January 18th Sheldon Cadet Squadron had a Squadron Fun Night. Cadets who attended met established academic, participation and achievement requirements. The night was designed to celebrate their hard work the first semester. Upon arrival they had a safety briefing and were given instructions for the evening. They then broke apart into groups and played games, watched movies, ate pizza and stayed up late.



On Saturday, cadets were up early for breakfast and the out-processing of cadets only attending Fun Night. By nine, we began our Squadron Leadership Academy. Participants included current and future cadet staff members. They broke in to groups based upon duty roles: logistics, line staff and instructors. The main project of their day was working on creating SOPs (Standard Operating Procedures) for all of the staff positions at Camp Curry.

Cadets also attended a uniform class, in which they learned how to care for, iron & properly wear their uniforms.

Saturday night, Drill Team and Color Guard cadets stayed to further prepare for Texas Wing Cadet Competition. Both teams practiced Standard Drill and Volleyball on Saturday night.

On Sunday, January 20th the teams started the day with a timed mile run. After getting cleaned up they put on their uniforms for in-ranks inspection and more practice. Cadets then cleaned up, ate lunch and began a mock panel quiz session.

Overall the weekend was full of fun, physical activity, learning and a great deal was accomplished to benefit all cadets in the squadron.

Good luck to our color guard and drill team cadets at Texas Wing Competition in February. **GO BIG...or GO HOME!!**

Upcoming Activities

- Winter Fundraiser See Booster News for more information
- Texas Wing Cadet Competition February 15-17, 2013
- Camp Curry 43 February 22-24, 2013
- Booster Club Meeting and Promotion Ceremony February 28, 2013
- Emergency Services Weekend March 1-3, 2013
- Fundraiser Delivery March 20, 2013

TX802 Squadron Boosters News

We are now half way through the year and looking forward to the final activities of the year. Looking forward we have:

- Our Winter Fundraiser - Will kick-off this Friday! We again be selling cases of Coca-Cola products for \$20.00 a case (cases contain 24 - 20 oz bottles). Money & Orders are due Friday, 15 February 2013 and delivery will be Monday, 18 March 2013.
- February & April Camp Curry - If you are available to help with meals please let us know at boosters@tx802.com or sign-up on your cadet's permission slip.
- February & April - General membership meetings, followed by cadet promotion ceremonies.
- And the final activity of the year, the Annual Military Ball on Friday, 3 May 2013 - If you are interested in helping with the event in any capacity please contact us at boosters@tx802.com.

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Commander's Corner

As we start off the New Year, we have begun making more proactive changes that will reward those who are dedicated to becoming better cadets and leaders in CAP's largest cadet squadron. I have begun the process of establishing our first Merit of Order List (MOL) that will let everyone know where they stand with regards to CAP grade and class grade. The impact of the MOL is that when deciding those who get selected for events, it will be based on this roster. For too long, we have allowed the older, more experienced cadets to receive preferential selection even when junior cadets were more proactive in meeting the squadron goals. The criteria will include squadron activities from 1 June 12, testing and promotions, staff positions held and that list will be published on 1 Feb 13.

Activity participation has been very strong this year. The success of fun night and the positive comments will have us go back and look at having a second fun night next semester. The one down side is that we need cadets to turn in their permission slip and/or activity fee the **Friday BEFORE** the activity. The late



fees added up to over \$30 and was unnecessary expense for simply failing to turn in a piece of paper on time.

Last thought - Read "The Buzz", check the squadron web page or Facebook page. Check the calendar on the back wall or the one on the bulletin board. There is no need to be fooled on dates, times and locations. The first 15 cadets that see and tell me what the article was about will get a prize.