

2.1 Cadet Wingman Course

Key Question: How can cadets aim for excellence, stay safe, and have fun in CAP?

This course combines four main topics that at first glance might not appear to fit together: Core Values, the wingman concept, safety, and cadet protection. The wingman concept is what connects the topics and provides the lesson's central theme, which is to use a wingman to aim for excellence, stay safe, and have fun. Put simply, the Cadet Wingman Course is a carefully designed learning experience that takes brand new cadets and equips them with some fundamental information and skills concerning the imperative to stay safe so they can achieve their goals and "accomplish the mission."

Suggested Instructor

A Senior member such as leadership officer, chaplain/CDI, or safety officer

Duration

45-60 minutes

Goal

Understand how to be and how to use a wingman

Objectives

1. Core Values. Defend the idea that personal honor is important to cadets and the Air Force
2. Core Values. Identify the Core Values and explain the meaning of each in your own words
3. Wingman. Explain what a "wingman" is, in a cadet context
4. Wingman. Describe some practical ways cadets can look-out for their wingman
5. Safety. Defend the idea that a pro-safety attitude is important to cadets and the Air Force
6. Safety. Explain what cadets should do if they see a hazard
7. Safety. Describe a basic process cadets can use to think ahead for safety
8. Cadet Protection. Describe some warning signs of abuse to watch for in your wingman

Materials Needed

- One yardstick, dowel, or foam pool noodles, 3' to 4' in length, per pair of cadets
- One blindfold per pair of cadets
- A computer with internet connection, or download the slides in advance
- A projector (helpful, not required)
- Learn to Lead, vol. 1, pp. 8-13
- New Cadet Guide for each cadet
- A copy of the Cadet Wingman Course Quiz for each cadet

Recordkeeping

Record course completion in eServices using the Cadet Promotions Data Entry/Accomplishments page. To enter credit for multiple cadets use the bulk entry module. Select Character Development as the task and Cadet Wingman Course as the Lesson Type.

Find the full lesson plan, slides and video at www.gocivilairpatrol.com/wingman.