

Operation: Cadet Adventure

News & Discussion for a Post-COVID Season

Encampments

Adventure-Based Learning

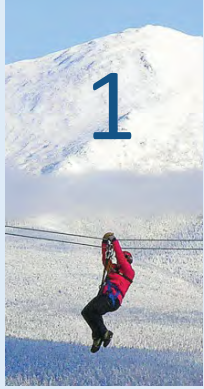
Curry Blues Voucher

Cadet Interactive

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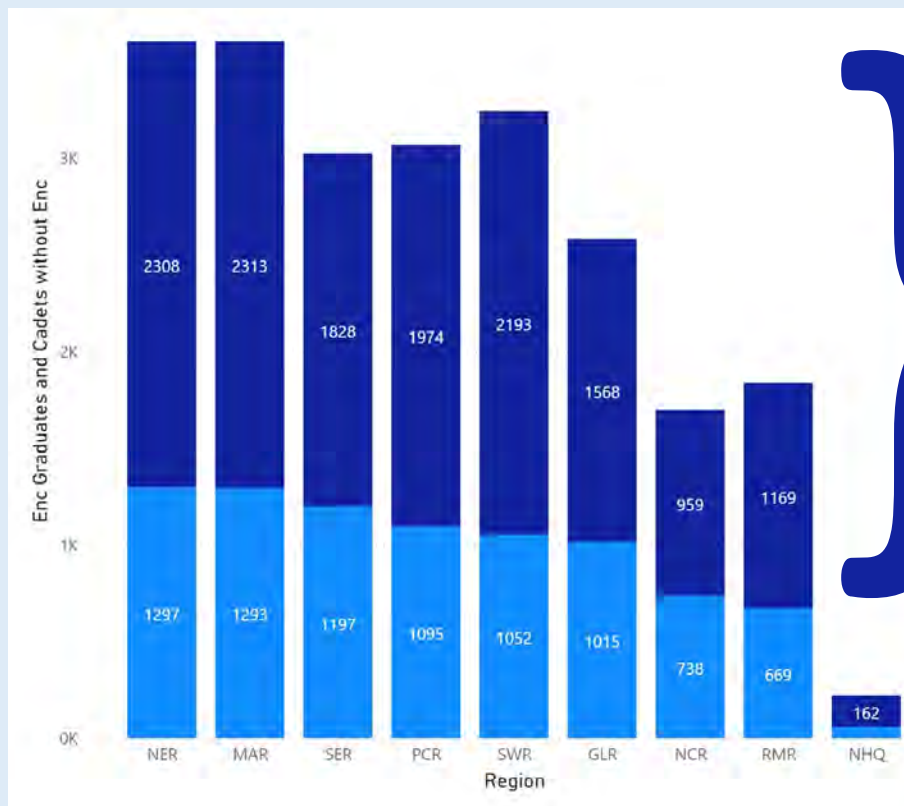
Director of Cadet Programs





What are some ways to increase encampment participation system-wide?

Encampments: Program Facts



63%

of cadets have not attended encampment, including **219** Mitchell cadets

This is the year to truly encourage participation

- Cadets
- Parents
- Adult Leaders

Encampments: Program Facts

Operations

42 scheduled
4 tentative

46 Total planned



Fairly typical

Locations

8 USAF
38 Other



*Think “day trip” &
“AF at local airport”*

*Reservist support is
a CAP-USAF priority*

Joint Events

DC / DE / MD
ND / SD
NH / VT



*Probably more
opportunity here*

Season

June 4 through
1 September



Plenty of dates

What are some
ways to increase
encampment
participation
system-wide?



Encampments: Staff Suggestions

Everyone: Support cross-border participation – no parochialism

Wings: Support an in-person or virtual road show

- ✦ Aim for 100% squadron participation
- Raise tuition to provide ample food & quality activities
- Host parents' info webinars
- Anticipate CAP-USAF support for “blue” assets

Regions:

- ✦ Coordinate capacity; leave no bunk empty
- Facilitate joint encampments, where prudent
- Help review schedules, curricula
- Mentor encampment commanders



What are some ways to increase access to “adventure-based learning”?

Adventure-Based Learning: Program Facts

Sample Activities:	Rappelling, obstacle courses, ropes courses, marksmanship, mountain biking, indoor skydiving, etc.
Importance:	86% of cadets use CAP to try something new Memorable events matched with reflective practices stick. Character is built <u>here</u> more than in the lecture hall
Safety Resource:	Girl Scouts Safety Checkpoints Manual
Vision:	“1-800-Rappelling” or “1-800-Riflery” etc. National-level partnership, local execution “I’m calling to schedule the Silver plan for 20 cadets...”

What are some ways to increase access to adventure-based learning?

- Activity ideas?
- Partner organizations?
- Program design?
- Out of pocket costs?



Adventure-Based Learning: Staff Suggestions

Get out there! Unit commanders can approve “Challenge Activities”

Doesn't have to be aviation: think Fitness + Character = Awesome

National Character Day curriculum

Connect with local partners

- college campuses, fire academy, police academy

- LL Bean, REI, 4H, scouting facilities

- corporate trainers



How might we make the Curry Uniform Voucher more impactful?

Curry Uniform Voucher: Program Facts

Goal: Make CAP more affordable for cadets with greatest need

Modifies the Curry Blues Voucher (97% satisfaction)

Still triggered by Curry Achievement



Purchase Blues & ABUs



Voucher value keyed to family income

Self-identify need via membership application

\$75, \$125, \$175 or opt-out

Aiming for FY23 implementation

What are some ways to increase the voucher program's impact?

- Eligibility?
- Processes?
- Big ideas?






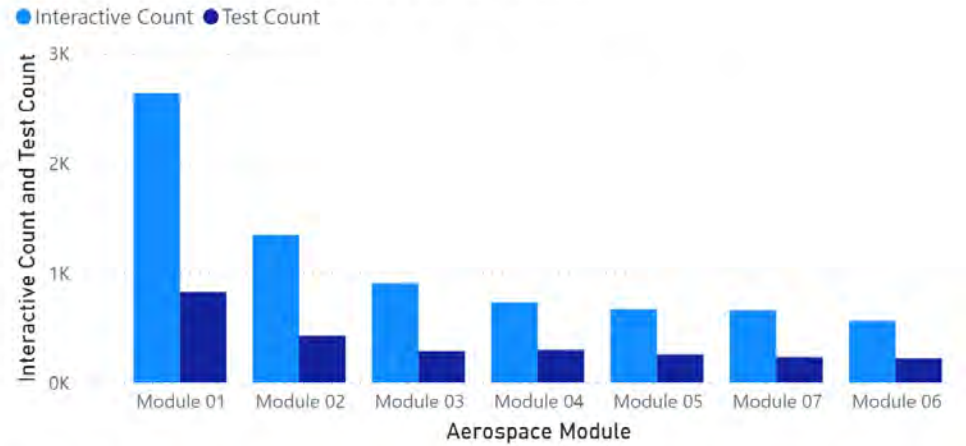
How is the new Cadet Interactive program performing?

Cadet Interactive: Program Facts

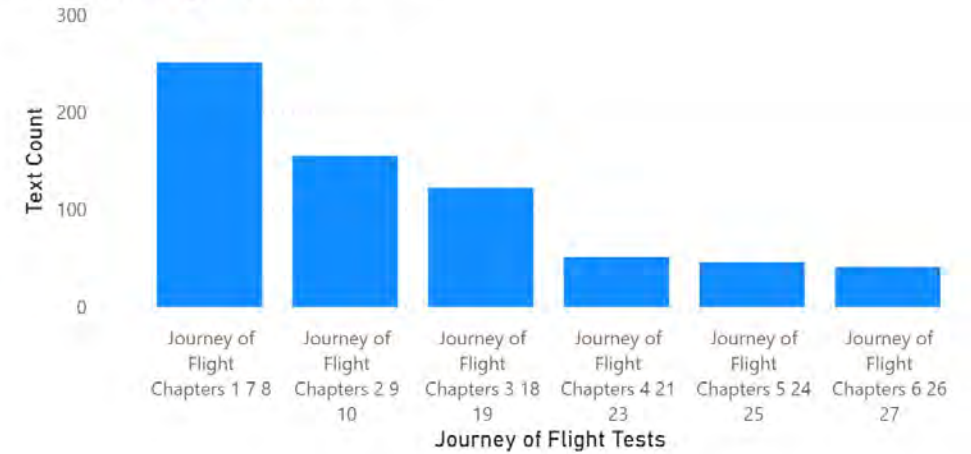
Goals:	Make CAP less like school while increasing interaction with the subject matter	
Easy to Use:	91% cadets	79% adults
Honor Credit:	68% likely to pursue	
#1 Request:	Improve the reports	
“Easiness” Issue:	Promotions still tied to leadership <u>performance</u> Honor Credit becoming the new norm	



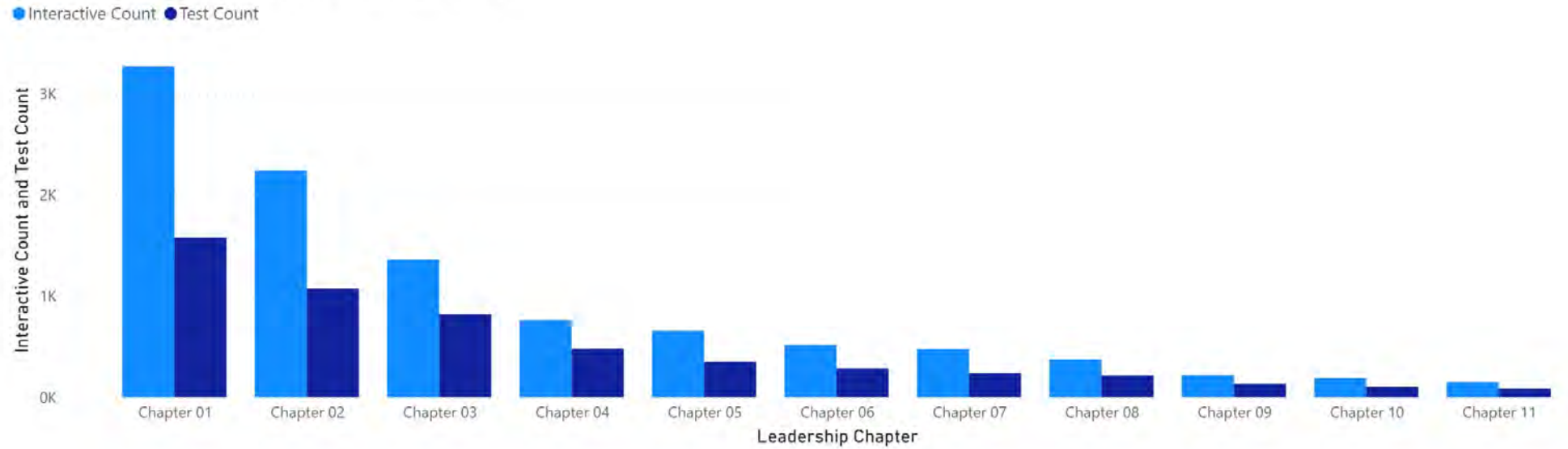
Aerospace Modules - Interactive and Test Counts



Journey of Flight Test Counts



Leadership Chapters - Interactive and Test Counts



How could we increase Cadet Interactive's ease of use for adults?

- Training?
- User Interface?
- Reports?
- Other Ideas?



Cadet Interactive: Staff Suggestions

Adult Usage:	Try it out! (63% of adults hadn't tried it)
Adult Learning:	Opportunity to become more conversant with material
Implementation:	Continue with hands-on activities, classes Resolve to find even more teachable moments
High Standards:	Focus on leadership <u>performance</u> at promotion time
Reports:	Improved reports are in the works
Cheerleaders:	Celebrate Honor Credits

Don't wait for Command Council to share your ideas!

Use the monthly DCP webinar or call us anytime!



1200 CST

