



Great Start Program at a Glance

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Great Start Vision

Transforming youth into Cadet Airmen, providing a strong foundation in all aspects of cadet life, leading to a successful first year as a cadet

Great Start Objectives

1. Motivate prospective cadets to join CAP
2. Introduce cadets to all 4 elements of the Cadet Program
3. Develop positive attitudes and teamwork
4. Increase retention through structured activities
5. Increase training effectiveness through a detailed curriculum guide

Preplanning

6+ weeks out:

Select dates

Advertise Open House

Schedule Orientation Flights for the weekend after Week 8 of Great Start

2+ weeks out:

Cadet Cadre Training

Open House- Week 1

Welcome Guests

1.1 Exciting Opportunities (30-45)

1.2 Cadet Membership (20)

1.3 Teambuilding: Mine Field (30) *

1.4 Parent's Introduction (30) *

1.5 Great Start Overview (15)

* concurrent activities

Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Field Day	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8
Opening Formation			Saturday between weeks 4 & 5	Opening Formation			
3.3 Drill 1 (30)	3.3 Drill 2 (30)	6.2 The Cadet Oath (30)	3.3 Drill 3 (30)	5.4 CPFT(45-60)	3.3 Drill 4 (30)	3.6 Uniform Tutorial (30)	Promotion Ceremony & Social (30-45)
3.5 Customs & Courtesies (45)	2.1 Cadet Wingman Course (45)	3.1 Followership (45)	3.4 Chain of Command (30)	2.3 Goal Setting (20)	3.9 Cadet Expectations (45)	3.12 Feedback Meetings (45)	3.8 Cadet Progression (45)
Break			2.5 Field Safety (15)	Break			
3.2 TLP 1 (30)	4.2 STEM Kit (30)	3.2 TLP 2 (30)	2.6 Compass Course (70)	3.10 Jeopardy Curry Review (30)	4.2 STEM Kit (30)	4.2 STEM Kit (30)	4.3 Preflight Activity (30)
Closing Formation			6.1 Intro to Core Values (30)	Closing Formation			
New families may arrive. Give quick cadet membership, parent's introduction, and Great Start overview during Drill 1.	Complete membership applications with parents during Drill 2.	First week of membership. Homework: Cadets log into eServices, complete Welcome Course in AXIS & start memorizing Cadet Oath	4.1 Survival on the Moon (40)	Homework: Cadets complete 3.11 Leadership Ch. 1 Cadet Interactive or test at home	Cadet Welcome Kits arrive.	Complete promotions in eServices as cadets complete the requirements.	Orientation Flights the coming Saturday.
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			3.6 The Cadet Uniform (30)				
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			3.7 Grade Insignia (15)				
			5.1 Intro to Fitness (30)				
			5.2 CPFT Practice (20)				
			5.3 Fitness Activity (40)				
			6.3 Character Role Model (45)				