

ABOUT THE ARMY CADET FORCE (ACF)

The Army Cadets provides fun, friendship, action and adventure. We inspire young people to challenge their limits and go further in life, no matter what they aim to do.

The Army Cadets is one of the UK's biggest and best youth organisations. With around 39,000 cadets (boys and girls) in 1,600 locations, we make a big impact on young people, parents and local communities.

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"I'VE SEEN MY SON CHANGE INTO A CONFIDENT YOUNG PERSON AND MORE CONFIDENT IN HIMSELF, I WOULD RECOMMEND IT TO ANYONE."

Do you know a young person, aged 12-18, who would benefit from action and adventure, fun and friendship in a structured, disciplined environment? If so, then the ACF might well be right for them. Visit armycadets.com and complete the join form or contact us at the address below and we will help them take their interest further.

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CHALLENGE YOUR CHILD TO GO FURTHER IN LIFE

**CADETS SAY IT'S THE BEST
THING THEY'VE EVER DONE**



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GOING FURTHER

» WHAT WE DO AND WHY

We'll surprise your child with just how much they can achieve

We believe in helping young people from every walk of life to shape their own futures. Joining the Army Cadets gives young people the support, structure and discipline they need to develop and thrive. We help them to try new things, discover their talents and develop the confidence and resilience they need to go further in life.

The ACF is sponsored by the Army but is not part of it. One thing we take from the Army is a belief in helping young people to develop strong values - respect, discipline, responsibility and independence.

Too many young people are missing out on the challenges and adventures that could transform their lives. Joining the Army Cadets can change that.

"It helped me to realise that achievements cannot just be given to you - you have to work at it again and again until you finally achieve the goal."



» YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED

Q How old do you have to be to join the ACF?

A You need to be at least 12 and in year 8 (or equivalent) at school to join the ACF.

Q What does it cost?

A We'll provide your child with a uniform free of charge - you just need to buy a sturdy pair of boots. Joining the ACF is free but you may be asked for a small weekly subscription.

Q On annual camp where do cadets stay?

A We take over one of the Army's hutted camps and associated training areas nearby. However cadets will spend a significant amount of time living in the field.

Q Which days and times do cadets meet?

A Detachments meet one or two evenings a week. Days and times vary depending on the detachment but normally it starts at 7.00pm or 7.30pm and lasts for two hours. There are also optional weekend camps and competitions and the annual camp which is a highlight for cadets and volunteers.

Q How do you make sure my child will be safe in your care?

A We carry out formal safeguarding checks (DBS or PVG in Scotland) to make sure every volunteer is safe to work with young people and they are not left unsupervised until all checks are complete. Also, every county has a full-time Training Safety Advisor to ensure all training is as safe as possible.

Q Will my child have to join the Army if they become a cadet?

A No. The ACF is sponsored by the Army but not part of it. There is absolutely no requirement on cadets to join any of the Armed Forces.

Q Why should my child choose the Army Cadets?

A Most schools don't have the resources to provide exciting and challenging experiences. We challenge every cadet to learn more, do more and try more, whatever their goals in life. In today's tough job market young people need better qualifications, social skills, confidence, independence and a can-do attitude to succeed. We help them with all of these things.

» OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS

The Army Cadets is run by volunteers, many of them parents. Find out how you can join in the fun at: armycadets.com/volunteer-with-us

"I LOVE BEING A PARENT WITHIN THE ACF AS I GET TO PACK MY KIDS OFF ON WEEKENDS AND ANNUAL CAMP - AND THEN GO WITH THEM! I GET TO BE A PART OF THEIR DEVELOPMENT BOTH AT HOME AND WITHIN CADETS."

