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2004 New York Wing Leadership Encampment

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Beginning Saturday July 24, 2004, over 120 Civil Air Patrol (CAP) cadets and senior members arrived at Stratton Air National Guard Base to take part in the week-long 2004 New York Wing Leadership Encampment.

The annual encampment experience is used to teach and mentor new cadets in basic procedures, customs, and courtesies, as well as provide an enjoyable summer activity for cadets to participate. During the week, cadets will be trained by cadet staff and senior member officers in basic leadership and aerospace principles and career exploration, and Air Force fundamentals. Cadets will learn teamwork by “drilling” as a unit, attending classes taught by Encampment staff and guest speakers, and will complete a group leadership project. Following successful completion of the Encampment, the cadets graduate in a “pass-in-review” graduation ceremony on Saturday July 31, 2004.

Along with the normal training, cadets will be taken on flights in the LC-130 aircraft, based at Stratton Air National Guard Base in Scotia, NY. The LC-130 is the polar version of the popular C-130 cargo plane. Its major unique feature is the ski-equipped landing gear allowing operation on snow or ice surfaces, allowing flight to remote arctic locations.

Civil Air Patrol, the official Air Force Auxiliary, is a nonprofit organization with more than 63,000 members nationwide. It performs 95% of continental U.S. search and rescue missions as tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center. Volunteers also perform homeland security, disaster relief and counter-drug missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. The members take a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to the almost 27,000 young people currently participating in CAP cadet programs. On the Web visit: www.capnhq.gov

For more information on the New York Wing Encampment, contact the Public Affairs Office at 914-843-1704.