

Canadian Forces Aboriginal Program Black Bear

Who – Canadian Forces Aboriginal Program (CFAP), Black Bear 2019, is for indigenous peoples of Canada.

What – The Black Bear program is the Primary Reserve Basic Military Qualification Course (BMQ-C) with the integration of indigenous traditional activities and support from indigenous counsellors. Course includes the following:

- Sworn into the Canadian Forces, Ceremony;
- Culture Camp (Métis, Inuit and First Nations teachings); and
- BMQ-C; live fire range, field exercise, rappelling, sweat lodge, pow wows, sharing circle, first aid, and live streamed grad parade.

When – 02 July 2019 to 08 August 2019

Where – 5th Canadian Division Training Centre, Base Gagetown, New Brunswick

Why – This unique summer employment program combines Indigenous culture and teachings with military training, that will help you develop valuable skills such as self-confidence, self-discipline, teamwork, time management, respect and fitness. No obligation for continued service after completion of the course.

Requirements –

- Be First Nation, Métis or Inuit (status not required);
- Be 16 years of age or older;
- Have completed your grade 10; and
- Be a Canadian citizen

Benefits –

- Meals and accommodation provided;
- Military clothing and equipment for duration of course;
- Transportation to and from your community; and
- Approximately \$4,200 in salary.

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Black Bear candidate dressed in fancy regalia during Listuguj, QC Pow wow



Black Bear candidates conducting day navigation during their Field Exercise



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