



*The Calvinist Cadet Corps*

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# Head Counselor

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# Certification Course

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## Introduction

“Many head counselors take on their role with great enthusiasm, but they really have no idea what to do and how to do it.” Based on that premise, the Calvinist Cadet Corps decided to do something about it. Regardless of your level of enthusiasm, if you are a head counselor, there’s a special book for you: the *Head Counselor Handbook*. You will find it a valuable resource as you plan your first meeting, look for training opportunities, organize your club, and much more. This course is designed to get you into that handbook and familiarize you with the important task of being a head counselor.

Go through this booklet with your *Head Counselor Handbook* open. Note the page references with each question. By looking up the referenced page in the handbook and filling in the blanks under the question, you will discover resources and help for your task. Don’t underestimate the importance of running a Cadet club effectively for the boys ... and for your Lord.

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**4** 1. Simply stated, what is the goal of cadeting?  
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**5** 2. What are the four program levels of cadeting and for whom are they designed?

	Program	Grades	Ages
a.	_____	_____	_____
b.	_____	_____	_____
c.	_____	_____	_____
d.	_____	_____	_____

**5** 3. A head counselor's job description is much like that of a \_\_\_\_\_.  
 What are the five basic aspects?  
 a. \_\_\_\_\_  
 b. \_\_\_\_\_  
 c. \_\_\_\_\_  
 d. \_\_\_\_\_  
 e. \_\_\_\_\_

**5** 4. Read the head counselor's code. In which area do you think you need the most improvement? What will you do about it?  
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**6** 5. When should you begin recruiting counselors for the Cadet season?  
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**6** 6. Look at the tips on counselor recruitment on page 6. Which tip do you think will be most helpful in recruiting counselors the next time you need them, and why?  
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**6** 7. What do you think is the difference between being called to a position by God and volunteering for it?

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Do you believe that Cadet counselors are called by God or that they volunteer for their job as a counselor? Explain your position.

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**6** 8. What is "one of the best ways a counselor can prepare for his task"?

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**8** 9. Besides counselors, who else should be a focus of the head counselor's ongoing recruiting efforts?

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How can they be used in your own Cadet club?

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**10** 10. Why do you suppose a deacon's signature is required on the annual club registration form?

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**10** Why do you suppose the Cadet Corps requires a whole church offering instead of a partial offering, split with someone else?

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**11** When your church takes an offering, who should the check be made out to?

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**11** Where should the offering check be mailed?

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**10/11** 11. When should you have the annual club registration form sent in?  
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**10/11** Where should you send it?  
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**12** 12. What are the reasons for structuring a Cadet club with smaller units, called cadres?  
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**12** 13. What is the purpose of cadre officers?  
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**13** 14. How does your club answer the question of how many years a counselor should stay with the same group of boys? Why?  
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**14** 15. What is the phone number of the place where you would order uniform shirts?  
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**14** 16. Which items should each Cadet in the Recruit•Pathfinder•Builder program have?  
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**15** 17. What types of things should you include on your annual planning calendar?  
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**15** 18. Which parts of a club meeting night are usually done with the whole club and which parts take place on a cadre level?

Whole Group	Cadre
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**19** 19. Fill in the following blanks as if this were a monthly planning calendar and you a cadre counselor. Use it to plan your next meeting.

Date	Bible Lesson	Cadre Project	Announcements

**20** 20. Fill out the Head Counselor Leadership Profile. In which areas are you weakest? What will you do to improve in those areas?

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**21** 21. What are the three reasons for delegating the workload?

a. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

**21** 22. As a head counselor, which areas of work do you intend to delegate to other club counselors?

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**21** 23. What items do you need to communicate to the Cadet Corps office?

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**22** 24. Why is communication between a church's head counselor and his church council so critical?

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**22** 25. How can using the Cadet Meeting Evaluation form periodically benefit your club?

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**22** 26. In evaluating your Cadet season, what are the three questions that you and your counselors should answer?

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b. \_\_\_\_\_

c. \_\_\_\_\_

**25** 27. What ministries are components of Dynamic Youth Ministries, and who is in charge?

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**28** 28. What does the Calvinist Cadet Corps provide to improve counselor education at a council level?

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**28** 29. Look at all the counselor education opportunities. Name one that your club is not taking advantage of, but could.

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**29** 30. How does a church's offering for cadeting help the boys in their own club?

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If your club is a member of a Cadet council with one or more DCEs, this booklet should be turned in to your council's DCE team, who will

1. Check it over and, if successfully completed, award you with the head counselor stripe.
2. Forward your name to the Corps office, who will mail a "Certificate of Completion" to your DCE.

If your club is an independent club, or if your council has no DCEs, you may send your completed booklet directly to the Corps office, who will then send you a head counselor stripe and certificate. If your council does have a DCE team and you send your completed booklet to Corps, the completed booklet will be forwarded to your council's DCE team.

You have completed one of what we hope will be many meaningful education workshops in your effort to be an effective and godly head counselor. Congratulations, and may God bless you.



If you are in an independent club or are in a council without DCEs, please mail this booklet to:

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To ensure that you are listed correctly on our counselor list, complete this information before you turn in your completed booklet. Please print clearly.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Council: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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