
The Gold Sheet • 2014–2015

A gold mine of basic tips for the Cadet counselor

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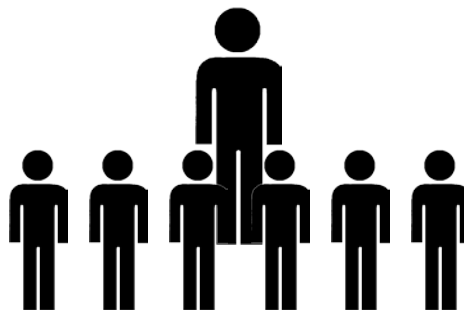
Want to know what's expected of a Cadet counselor? Here's a general job description. Modify it to suit your club's needs.



Cadet Meeting Opening Exercises

1. **"Cadets, attention!"** (boys snap to attention)
2. **"Cadet in charge, (boy's name), please come forward and lead us in opening exercises."**
3. Landmarks* (this is the official order of recitation)
 - a. **Motto**
 - b. **Hymn** (option A)
 - c. **Verse**
 - d. **Code**
 - e. **Pledge**
 - f. **Hymn** (option B)
4. Counselors' Landmark*
"Counselors, state your mission."
Helping boys to grow more Christlike in all areas of life.
5. Annual Theme and Verse*
 - a. **2014/15 Theme:** Branded with Christ
 - b. **Theme Verse:** Deuteronomy 6:5
Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.
6. Pledge to the national flag*
7. Opening prayer
8. Inspection (for proper attire and neatness)
9. **"At ease!"**
10. Announcements

*Items 3–6 are led by the Cadet in charge; all others are typically led by the head counselor.



Survival Tips

Where to find help

Brief description of all of cadeting's programs

- *Counselor's Manual*, page A-5
- *Head Counselor Handbook*, page 5
- *Supply Catalog*, pages 4–12

What a cadre is and how it works

- *Counselor's Manual*, pages B-3 to B-5
- *R•P•B Guidebook*, pages 4–6

What to do during the first meeting of the Cadet season

- *Counselor's Manual*, pages B-3, F-2
- *R•P•B Guidebook*, page 5

How to plan a regular Cadet meeting

- *Counselor's Manual*, page B-7
- *R•P•B Guidebook*, page 5

How to make a master plan for the entire season

- *Counselor's Manual*, pages B-4 through B-7
- *Head Counselor Handbook*, pages 15–19
- *Cadet Profile*

Brief summary of the Cadet rank advancement program

- *Cadet Profile*
- Cadet guidebook for each program level

Ideas for a one-night or long-term cadre project

- *Clarion* newsletter, e-mailed/on-line
- *Cadet Quest* magazine
- *Woodworking Project Manual*
- *Project Manual*
- *Metalworking* Counselor Aid Booklet
- various Guide Trail project booklets.
- *Junior Cadet Counselor's Manual*, section F

Ideas for games

- *R•P•B Guidebook*, page 30
- *Junior Cadet Counselor's Manual*, section F

Patch placement on uniform shirts

- pamphlet “Your Cadet Uniform” (Item #3053)
- Cadet guidebook for each program level

Information about specific badges

- *Counselor's Manual*, Section F
- Cadet guidebook for each program level

General information

- *Supply Catalog* — study and learn what's available; you'll be surprised what a great aid this is.

For more information

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Publications

Counselor's Manuals

The most basic material for every counselor is the counselor's manual for his program level, whether it is Junior Cadets, R•P•B (Recruit•Pathfinder•Builder), or Guide Trails. Each of these manuals includes special information on the merit badges and/or skills needed for being a counselor in the Cadet ministry. Each manual has valuable information on learning to lead boys and tips on how to mentor them. The manuals include characteristics of Cadet age boys and advice for reaching boys with problem situations.

Junior Cadets

Everything a boy needs for information on merit badges and landmarks is in the *Junior Cadet Guidebook*. There are three sets of Bible lessons with counselor lesson helps available for each. *The Junior Cadet Counselor's Manual* provides all of the merit badge aids, crafts, and game material necessary for a successful Junior Cadet program in grades 1–3 (ages 6–8).

R•P•B

Recruit•Pathfinder•Builder Guidebook contains advancement information (merit badges and ranks), games, and more for boys in grades 4–6 (ages 9–11). The *R•P•B Counselor's Manual* gives leaders valuable help for assisting the boys with each of the merit badges.

Guide Trails

The *Guide Trails Guidebook* is a log book that offers basic information about the Guide Trails program for boys in grades 7–9 (ages 12–14). There are also project books which contain the requirements for earning individual Guide Trail badges. There are seventeen trails, each one takes about two or three months to complete. A *Guide Trails Counselor's Manual* provides helps for each of the Guide Trail badges.

Voyageurs

Resources designed to assist the counselor who wishes to work with the high school boy (age 14–16) are available on our website (under the “Program” heading).

Head Counselor Handbook

This handbook is filled with information for organizing your club and doing the head counselor job well. Included is information on registering a club; recruiting counselors, junior counselors, and Cadets; ordering supplies; counselor education opportunities, and much more. A great resource for head counselors!

Quest Magazine

A great Christian magazine to get into the hands of boys! Complete with Bible lessons, craft projects, stories, articles, games, Cadet news, and puzzles. *Quest* is published seven times a year for boys in grades 4–9 (ages 9–14). The purpose of the magazine is to show boys how God is at work in their lives and in the world around them. Order by subscription.

Quest Lessons — Counselor Editions (Set A or Set B)

Counselor Edition Set A gives counselor aids for teaching the A lessons in *Quest* and *Set B* is for use with the B lessons in *Quest*. In addition, each book contains theme discussions which follow the themes of each *Quest* issue.

Clarion Newsletter

Filled with useful articles, news, new merit badges, projects, and ideas, *Clarion* newsletter keeps every counselor current on what's happening in cadeting. It's free and it is e-mailed three times a year to all registered Cadet counselors. Keep it on your computer, or print a copy to keep in your *Counselor's Manual*. Download previous issues from the Cadet website (www.CalvinistCadets.org).

Counselor Aid Booklets

These booklets are written especially to assist counselors on various popular subjects. A complete list is available in the *Supply Catalog*.

Cadet Counselor Job Description

Duties and Responsibilities

A counselor's basic responsibility is for the cadre of four to six boys that is placed in his charge.

1. Understand the primary emphasis of cadeting, which is to build a relationship between a Christian man and a boy. Always remember the goal of cadeting is to help boys grow spiritually in all areas of life — devotional, mental, physical, and social.
2. Be a committed Christian. Pray for the boys in your group.
3. Try to involve parents of non-churched boys in Cadet and church activities.
4. Attend all meetings. If you cannot make a meeting, give your head counselor plenty of time to plan for your absence.
5. Plan ahead — spend at least one hour preparing for each meeting, making sure the Bible lessons, craft activities and games are well planned and that all four aspects of the Cadet goal will be covered regularly in your meetings.
7. Study Cadet materials before the season begins, as well as attend counselor training sessions when they are held in your area.
8. Attend council meetings and regional workshops as often as they are held.
9. Plan two or three “outside” activities for your cadre during the season, such as:
 - attending a sports event
 - camping
 - hiking
 - a service project
 - a party in your home
10. Help organize club events — campouts, snow derbies, model-car derbies, etc.
11. Participate in club fund-raising projects if asked to do so.
12. Be responsible for the behavior of your cadre during the entire club meeting, as well as when you are together on special outings.
13. Attend the “Counselors Corner” after your meetings if your club has one, so that you stay connected with the needs of the other counselors and boys in your club.
14. Don't leave your boys unattended during meeting hours.
15. Don't be a spiritual “stumbling block” for your boys. Be a positive Christian influence.
16. Don't downgrade your club. If something in your club bothers you, work to make it better.
17. Be enthusiastic, it's contagious.
18. Remember ... you are the only example of a committed Christian man that some of your boys will ever see. Don't disappoint them ... or God.