



JUNIOR COUNSELOR CERTIFICATION COURSE

Introduction

Becoming a junior counselor is a significant step. In the process of boyhood to manhood, or of Cadet to counselor, a junior counselor is much closer to a counselor (man) than he is a Cadet (boy). At least, that's the way it's supposed to be. A junior counselor is young enough to identify with the Cadets he leads, but he must be enough of a grown-up that the boys respect him as well as have fun with him. Like a counselor, a junior counselor is a role model. And he is a leader.

That's why this course is based on the *Leadership Guide Trail*. To take this course, you will need a copy of the *Leadership Guide Trail* (CCC Product No. 3007). Within that Guide Trail, there are four options for adventures. We are only interested in the third option: Junior Counselor.

If you have already successfully completed the Junior Counselor adventure in the *Leadership Guide Trail*, congratulations. You qualify as having passed the Junior Counselor Certification Course. If you have not, you can pass the requirements by completing this course.

Go through this booklet with your *Leadership Guide Trail* guidebook open (this course is based on the 2009 edition). Note that each question has a page reference next to it in a column on the left. By looking up the referenced page in the guidebook and filling in the blanks under the question, you will discover resources and help for your task. Don't underestimate the importance of helping to run a Cadet club effectively for the boys ... and for your Lord.

The constitution of the Calvinist Cadet Corps requires that a person meet two criteria in order to become a junior counselor. They are listed below. When you meet the criteria, check them off.

___ I have been a member of a Cadet club for at least two years.

___ I have been approved for junior counselor by the club counselors and the church board.

Note: The bold numbers in the left column refer to the appropriate pages in the *Leadership Guide Trail* book.

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1. Read the job description for a junior counselor. In your own words, list the five requirements.

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____
- e. _____

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2. Read “A Look at Leadership.” The article ends by listing three ways to describe leadership. In your own words, what are the three ways.

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

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3. Read “Styles of Leaders.” Although you are young, you already have a style. Which one or two of these styles would your friends think best describes you? Why?

- a. _____
- b. _____

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4. Read “Leadership Qualities.” Each of us has our own strengths and weaknesses. Choose up to four of the qualities that you think are your best strengths. List them below.

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____
- d. _____

5. List up to three more leadership qualities that you want to work on.

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

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6. Read “Leading by Praying.” The article says that prayer makes a difference. Name three things that prayer can do.

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

List at least three things you will pray about concerning your Cadet club. If you already have a prayer list, add these. If not, please consider this a start. Keep a log. The guide trail gives an example.

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

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7. Read "Leading is Serving." What mistake do young people frequently make when they are appointed to positions of leadership? What should they do instead?

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8. Read "Leading by Resolving Conflicts." What are three simple steps toward conflict resolution?

a.

b.

c.

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9. Read "Leading a Cadet Meeting." What are the six parts of a typical Cadet meeting?

a.

b.

c.

d.

e.

f.

What are two things to remember about leading a group?

a.

b.

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10. Read "Leading a Bible Discussion." What are the four steps of preparation?

a.

b.

c.

d.

Which of the four steps do you think is most important? Why?

NOTICE TO JUNIOR COUNSELOR CANDIDATE

The Cadet Corps requires that a person must complete this junior counselor certification course to become a junior counselor and be allowed to wear the junior counselor stripe on his uniform. When you have finished this course, turn it in to your head counselor who will check it over. If you have successfully completed the course, your head counselor will then forward your name to the Corps office, who will mail a "Certificate of Completion" to your head counselor to present to you along with a junior counselor stripe (available from your council quartermaster or supply center).

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

To ensure that you are listed correctly in our records, complete the information below. Please print clearly.

NOTICE TO HEAD COUNSELOR

Head Counselor: Please confirm successful completion of this course. Then mail, fax, or e-mail a copy of this page to the Cadet office at the contact information shown on the front.

Jr. Counselor Name: _____ Club Number: _____

Church Name: _____ Council: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Head Counselor Name: _____