

# THE GOLD SHEET • 2018–2019

A gold mine of basic tips for the Cadet counselor

**Theme:** Be A Blessing

**Verse:** 2 Corinthians 9:8

**Logo:**



This year's theme is "Be A Blessing," based on 2 Corinthians 9:8. Throughout this year the boys should be challenged to recognize how God has richly blessed them, and how, because of this, they must now go out and be a blessing to others. God provides not only the material resources that we can share with others, but also the skills and talents needed to minister to others.

If your cadre or your club does not regularly participate in service opportunities, this would be a good year to start a new tradition. Look for a way in which the boys can be actively involved in helping others near them. It does not need to be something big, but make sure they can see the impact they have had on others.

## Cadet Meeting Suggested Opening Exercises

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

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. **2018/19 Theme:** Be a Blessing
  - b. **Theme Verse:** 2 Corinthians 9:8  
*And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.*
6. Pledge to the national flag
7. Opening prayer
8. Inspection (for proper attire and neatness)
9. **"At ease!"**
10. Announcements

# Where to find help

## Brief description of all programs

- *Counselor Manual*, page A-5
- *Head Counselor Handbook*, page 4
- *Supply Catalog*, page 4
- Cadet website, “About Us” tab, “Our Programs” tab

## Organizing your Club

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

## How to plan a regular Cadet meeting

- *Counselor Manual*, page B-6 — B-7
- *R•P•B Guidebook*, page 5

## How to make a master plan for the entire season

- *Counselor Manual*, pages B-4 through B-6
- *Cadet Profile*
- *Head Counselor Handbook*, pages 14–16

## 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 and online
- *Cadet Quest* magazine
- *Cadet Woodworking Project Manual*
- *Cadet Project Manual*
- *Metalworking* Counselor Aid Booklet
- various Guide Trail project booklets.
- *Junior Cadet Counselor Manual*, section F
- [www.pinterest.com/calcadet/](http://www.pinterest.com/calcadet/)

## Ideas for games

- *R•P•B Guidebook*, page 30
- [www.pinterest.com/calcadet/](http://www.pinterest.com/calcadet/)
- *Junior Cadet Counselor Manual*, section F

## Patch placement on uniform shirts

- pamphlet “Your Cadet Uniform” (Item #3053)
- Cadet guidebook for each program level
- Cadet website, “Club Resources” tab, “Submissions/Help” tab

## Information about specific badges

- *Counselor 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.
- Cadet website

## For more information

Call your council president, congressman, or quartermaster.

— or contact the Corps office —

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**E-mail:** [info@CalvinistCadets.org](mailto:info@CalvinistCadets.org)

**Web:** [CalvinistCadets.org](http://CalvinistCadets.org)

# Publications

## ***Cadet Quest Magazine***

- Bible lessons, craft projects, stories, articles, games, Cadet news and puzzles
- Seven issues
- Boys in grades 4–9
- Exclusive Counselor editions to help teach the lessons

## ***Junior Cadet Guidebook***

- For grades 1–3
- Over 20 different badges for the boys to earn
- Age appropriate explanation of the Code and Landmarks

## ***Junior Cadet Counselor Manual***

- Tips on teaching a Bible lesson to boys
- Over 50 craft ideas
- Game suggestions
- Helps and answers for all the badges

## ***Junior Cadet Bible Lessons***

- Discoverer lessons (1st Grade)
- Explorer lessons (2nd Grade)
- Adventurer lessons (3rd Grade)

## ***R•P•B Guidebook***

- For Grades 4–6
- Over a 130 badges for boys to earn
- Badge placement help
- Help with the Cadet Landmarks

## ***R•P•B Counselor Manual***

- Helps for all merit badges
- Program advancement information

## ***R•P•B Bible Lessons***

- Quest lessons — the lessons provided in the *Cadet Quest Magazine*
- Discovering God's Word — Takes boys deeper into the Bible. They earn badges as they complete the lessons.
- Landmark Lessons — boys can dive deeper into the Cadet Code, Cadet Verse, and the Cadet Motto
- Lessons From the Bible — great for boys with little background in the Bible

## ***Guide Trail Guidebook***

- For boys in grades 7–9
- Offers basic information on the Guide Trail program
- Project booklets available for specific areas of interest

## ***Guide Trail Counselor Manual***

- Offers helps for all the the Guide Trail booklets

## ***Guide Trail Bible Lessons***

- Quest lessons — the lessons provided in the *Cadet Quest Magazine*
- Lessons for Daily Life — Helps boys with real world issues like friends, girls and technology

## ***Clarion Newsletter***

- Useful articles, news, new merit badges, projects and ideas
- free e-mail three times a year
- **If you are not getting this resource, contact us!**

## ***Counselor Aid Booklets***

- Assist counselors on various popular subjects. A complete list is available in the *Supply Catalog*.

## ***Head Counselor Handbook***

- Filled with information for organizing your club and doing the head counselor job well
- Learn about registering a club; recruiting, ordering supplies; counselor education opportunities, and more

## ***Website & Social Media***

- CalvinistCadets.org has a lot of help for counselors
- Facebook is a good tool to see what is happening at Corps, council and club levels. Check out the Cadet page by searching for "The Calvinist Cadet Corps" on Facebook
- You can also find project ideas, camping tips, gear, recipes and more on our Pinterest page ([www.pinterest.com/calcadet/](http://www.pinterest.com/calcadet/)).

# Cadet Counselor Duties and Responsibilities

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.