



**HEAD COUNSELOR**  
*CERTIFICATION COURSE*

# 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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1. Simply stated, what is the mission statement of Cadets (page 4)?

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2. What are the four program levels of cadeting and for whom are they designed (page 4)?

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c.	<hr/>
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3. What are the five basic areas of a counselor's responsibility (page 5)?

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- b. 

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- d. 

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- e. 

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4. Read the head counselor's code. In which area do you think you need the most improvement? What will you do about it (page 5)?

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5. What is "one of the best ways a counselor can prepare for his task" (page 5)?

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6. Why do you suppose a deacon's signature is required on the annual club registration form (page 6)?

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Why do you suppose the Cadet Corps requires a whole church offering instead of a partial offering, split with someone else (page 6)?

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7. When your church takes an offering, who should the check be made out to (Page 6)?

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Where should the offering check be mailed (page 6)?

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8. When should you have the annual club registration form sent in (page 6)?

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Where should you send it (page 6)?

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9. What is the phone number of the place where you would order uniform shirts (page 7)?

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10. Which items should each cadet in the Recruit•Pathfinder•Builder program have (page 8)?

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11. What are the three reasons for delegating the workload (page 8)?

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

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13. Fill out the Head Counselor Leadership Profile. In which areas are you weakest? What will you do to improve in those areas (page 9)?

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14. Look at the tips on counselor recruitment on page 10. Which tip do you think will be most helpful in recruiting counselors the next time you need them, and why?

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15. What do you think is the difference between being called to a position by God and volunteering (page 10)?

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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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16. When should you begin recruiting counselors for the Cadet season (Page 10)?

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17. Besides counselors, who else should be a focus of the head counselor's ongoing recruiting efforts (page 11)?

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How can they be used in your own Cadet club?

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18. What are the reasons for structuring a Cadet club with smaller units, called cadres (page 12)?

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19. What is the purpose of cadre officers (page 12)?

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20. How does your club answer the question of how many years a counselor should stay with the same group of boys (page 13)? Why?

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21. What types of things should you include on your annual planning calendar (page 14)?

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22. Which parts of a club meeting night are usually done with the whole club and which parts take place on a cadre level (page 14)?

Whole Group

Cadre

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23. 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 (page 16).

Date	Bible Lesson	Cadre Project	Announcements
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24. What information do you need to communicate to the Cadet Corps office (page 17)?

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25. Why is communication between a church's head counselor and his church council so critical (page 17)?

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26. How can using the Cadet Meeting Evaluation form periodically benefit your club (page 17)?

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27. In evaluating your Cadet season, what are the three questions that you and your counselors should answer (page 17)?

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28. What ministries are components of Dynamic Youth Ministries (page 20)?

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29. What does the Calvinist Cadet Corps provide to improve counselor education at a council level (page 24)?

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30. Look at all the counselor education opportunities. Name one that your club is not taking advantage of, but could (page 24).

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31. How does a church's offering for cadeting help the boys in their own club (page 25)?

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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 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. Once you have completed this course, don't forget to order your head counselor stripe!

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.

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

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

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