

New Life Church Cadets 2717



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Introduction

This handbook is intended to give the Cadet and parents guidelines on how the Cadet ministry is run at New Life Church.

1) What is expected of a Cadet.

These expectations are guidelines to help you form goals and know what you should be doing as a Cadet:

- a. Learn to grow – This is the primary reason you are here. You should be learning about God, yourself, your skills, and how to relate to others. You should be willing to grow spiritually, physically, mentally, and socially. This all will happen when you participate actively and energetically in Cadets.
- b. Put forth reasonable effort – you should be trying to use the best of your abilities in all Cadet activities. This includes Bible lessons, merit badges, projects, games and fund raisers.

2) Opening exercises

The head counselor will choose one Cadet to be Cadet of the night to lead the opening and closing exercises. Being prepared and in full uniform will help a Cadet to be chosen.

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3) Uniform Requirements

2nd Grade – The uniform is blue Cadet Shirt with the yellow kerchief and slide.

3rd – 8th grade – The uniform is Grey shirt with Living for Jesus, Illiana, Cadre, and 2717 patches. Blue kerchief with slide. Shirt must be tucked in.

4) Merit Badge System

Cadets will be working on completing merit badges at our regular meetings. The boys are encouraged to work on merit badges at home and bring any projects and their guidebook to Cadets so the counselor can sign off on the paperwork and give credit for the merit badge.

2nd graders merit badges are sewn onto the kerchief.

3rd-8th grader merit badges are attached to the merit badge sash and sewn onto the uniform.

5) Point System

Points are awarded for the following categories. At the end of the year each Cadet can use their points for bidding on items during the awards night auction.

- a. Uniform – 10 points will be awarded for wearing their complete uniform to regular meetings.
 - i. 2nd Grade – Blue t-shirt and yellow kerchief with slide.
 - ii. 3rd – 8th grade – Grey shirt with Living for Jesus, Illiana, Cadre, and 2717 patches. Blue kerchief with slide. Shirt must be tucked in.

If any uniform components are missing, No points will be awarded.

- b. Guidebook – 5 points will be awarded for bringing their guidebook to regular meetings.
- c. Bible – 5 points will be awarded for bringing their bible to regular meetings.
- d. Participation/behavior - 5 points will be awarded for participation and behavior during regular meetings. Points will be given at the discretion of the counselor.
- e. Cadet of the night –15 points will be awarded to Cadet of the night.
- f. Merit Badges – 15 points will be awarded for each completed merit badge and for each rank advancement. See the Guidebook for information on badges and ranks.
- g. Special Events – Extra points will be awarded for special events. The number of points will be announced with the event. Full uniform is required, unless otherwise noted, or no points will be awarded.
- h. Firewood – 2 points per bag sold will be awarded. There will be a cap on points for the sale of firewood of 100 points (50 bags) per cadet.
- i. Bring a Friend dodge ball night – On occasion we will have this event where a cadet is expected to attend in full uniform. When a cadet brings a friend who is not attending New Life Church they are awarded 15 points and 30 points if that boy joins cadets.

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6) Discipline

Discipline is the subject we least like to address, but some format must be established to maintain order. Hopefully the points system will take care of all disciplinary situations. If a situation arises in which behavior needs to be addressed, the counselor and head counselor will meet with the boy. He will be told of the improper behavior and given a warning. If the behavior continues, the parents of the boy will be called.

7) House Guidelines

- a. Cadets meet in the back of the church. Cadets are not allowed to go into any area past the kitchen for any reason, unless instructed by a counselor.
- b. No cell phones or other electronic devices should be used or seen during the meeting. These devices should be left at home or remain silent and out of sight during Cadet meetings. If a device is out during the meeting, the boy will be asked to put it away. If it is seen a second time, the counselor will confiscate the device and return it to a parent at the end of the meeting.
- c. No running except in the gym.
- d. No playing in the bathrooms.
- e. Clean up your room after the meeting. Put away Chairs, pens, bibles, or anything else used during the meeting. Pick up any trash. Rooms should be left cleaner than when we started.
- f. Clean up the project room. All tools and project materials should be put away. Tables and floor should be swept or vacuumed.

8) Schedule of activities

A calendar for the Cadet year will be provided. We do our best to plan in advance, however details and dates may change. We will send out notification to give as much warning as possible.

9) Fundraising

We, as the Calvinist Cadet Corps, are continually striving to battle the rising expenses of operating our Christian Cadet club and to keep costs as economical as possible. Rather than increasing fees we are requiring your Cadet(s) to participate with us in this endeavor.

We have an ongoing firewood fundraiser, firewood is available all year. The firewood is donated and the Cadet Counselors and Cadets cut and bag the wood. Each Cadet is required to sell 5 bags of firewood. The cost is \$6.00 per bag or 5 bags for \$25 (a good deal!). Large orders over 15 bags can be delivered by a counselor. If you find that you prefer the idea of a buy-out, the cost would be \$25.00 per cadet.

Please keep in mind the importance of a parent or other responsible adult going along with the Cadet to sell the firewood and that grandparents, aunts, uncles, family friends, neighbors, etc. are always nice options for these types of fundraisers.

We hope that our potential customers will re-order additional firewood throughout the season.

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10) Camporee

Every 3 years there is an international camporee. There are several requirements for the camporee that you should be aware of.

- a. Must be 11 years old on or before December 31 of the year of the Camporee. For the 2017 Camporee boys must be 11 by December 31, 2017.
- b. The following badges must be completed; Knots and Lashing, Axemanship, Fire Building, and Camp Cooking.
- c. Complete the Camporee Certification course.
- d. The Camporee is in Black Hills, South Dakota in 2017.

The New Life Cadets will have additional fund raising opportunities to help offset the cost of the Camporee.