

CADET GUIDEBOOK

for

RECRUIT EXPLORER PATHFINDER BUILDER

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WHAT IS CHRISTIAN CADETS?

WHAT HAPPENS AT a Cadet meeting? Lots of things! You will probably start with Bible discussion... discovering what God's Word has to say about the things you do every day. Then comes activities like badge work, crafts and games. This might be the meeting you will be planning an overnight camp-out or a Christian service project. Or maybe it will be gym night.

Whatever goes on, your counsellor will be right in there with you. He's a great guy, and he has an important reason for being there. He wants to help you learn more about God, about yourself and about the world around you.

This book will help to guide you through that exciting adventure called

Christian Cadets.

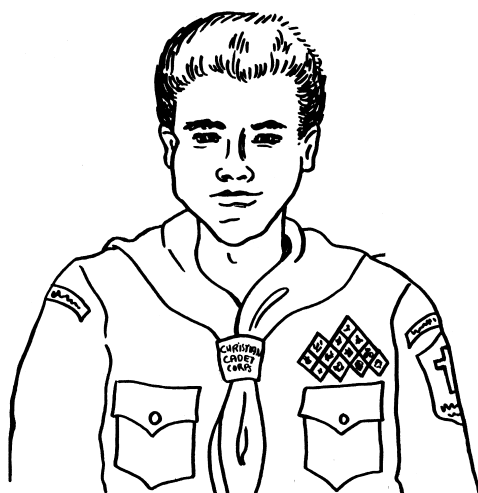


WHAT'S IT LIKE?

What's it like to be a cadet? What would you do? You'll do a lot of exploring. The Merit Badges and Rank Requirements will take you to...

- the Bible • science • sports
- where you live • hobbies • citizenship
- the bush • growing up • crafts

Soon you will begin to discover how God is at work in your life.



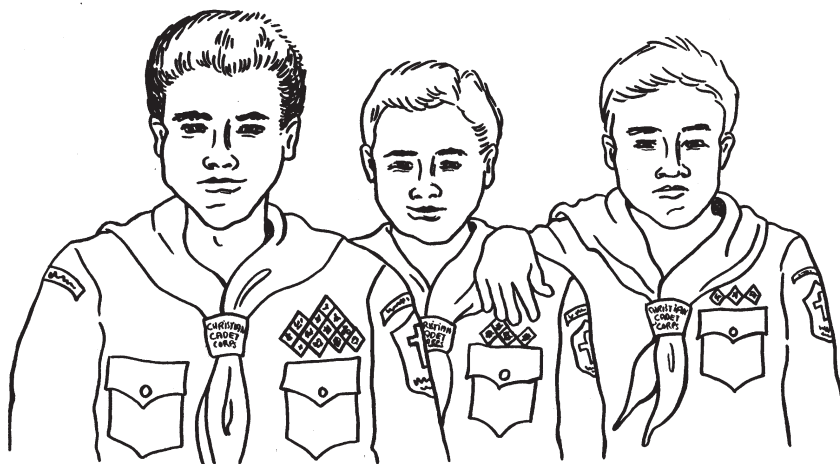
'GOD AND I'

You are a special person. No one looks quite like you. No one is quite like you. Yet, you were made in God's image. Your Counsellor will tell you what that means.

God has also given you special talents. He has a plan for your life. You begin to discover that plan when you believe that when Jesus died on the cross, He did it to save you from sin and give you a new life. Part of that plan

is to develop those talents so you can serve God and the world around you.

Your Counsellor wants to help you see God working that plan out in your life.



GOD AND US

Have you met the other boys in your **Group**? If not, you soon will. Even though you are all different, you will be learning how to work and play together. You will also be learning how God wants you to act toward each other.

God uses other people to help us grow. We learn to help each other and to be patient. We have a great time exploring together. You can do some things better than the other boys in your group. They can do other things better than you.

You will discuss God's Word together. You will discover that God is there with you.

GOD AND HIM THROUGH ME

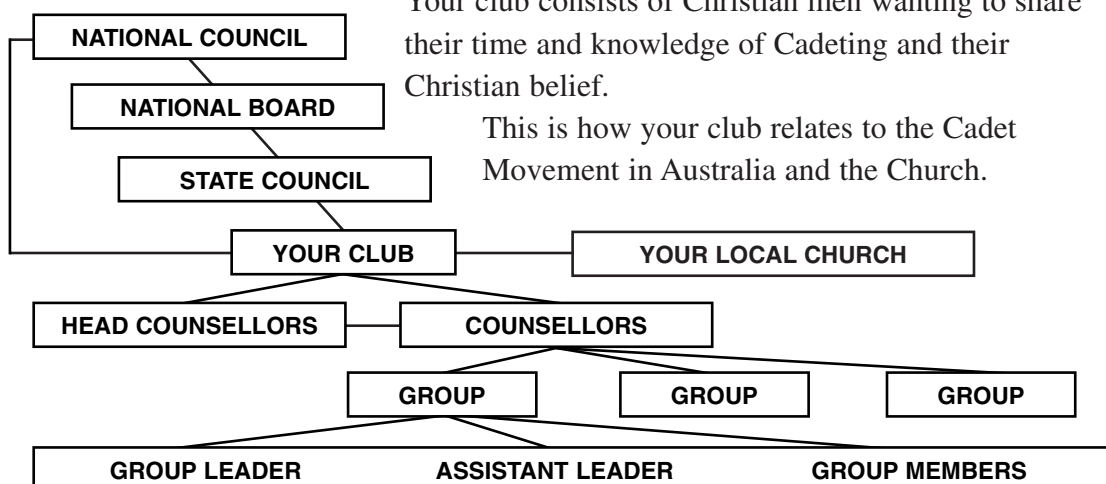
There are boys in your neighbourhood who haven't had the chance to hear about God. You can invite them to Cadets.

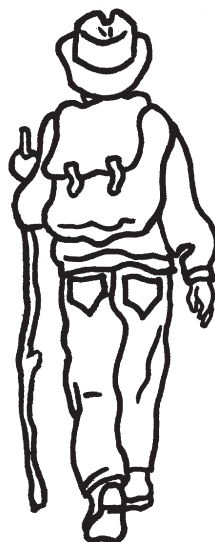
Part of God's plan is to reach others: through you. Welcome new boys to your Club. Show them what you are doing. Help them explore so they too, can discover God at work in their lives.

YOUR CLUB

Your club consists of Christian men wanting to share their time and knowledge of Cadeting and their Christian belief.

This is how your club relates to the Cadet Movement in Australia and the Church.





Some of the things you will be doing and learning are:

Opening Assembly

You will come together as a club to open with prayer. Then you will salute the flags (Australian and Cadet flag) and recite your pledge to the Australian flag, followed by reciting your aim and verse.

In your individual groups you will do many of the following:

Bible Studies

To see God's relevance and purpose for your daily life.

Badgework

Badges are awarded by completing set tasks on the chosen badge.

Rank Stripes

Stripes are awarded when levels are achieved as set out in the Cadet book.

Games

These are held as a group, club or Statewide.

Camps

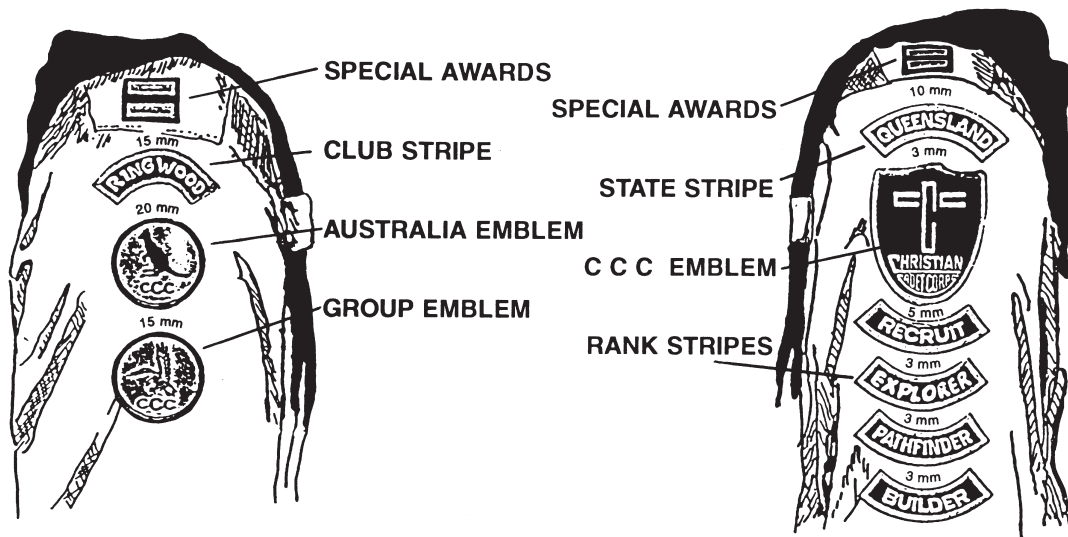
You will experience the great outdoors with other Cadets and Counsellors.

The Unknown

Your Counsellor will always be thinking of new things to see and do, e.g. swimming, hiking, outings and excursions, skating, canoeing, bowling etc...

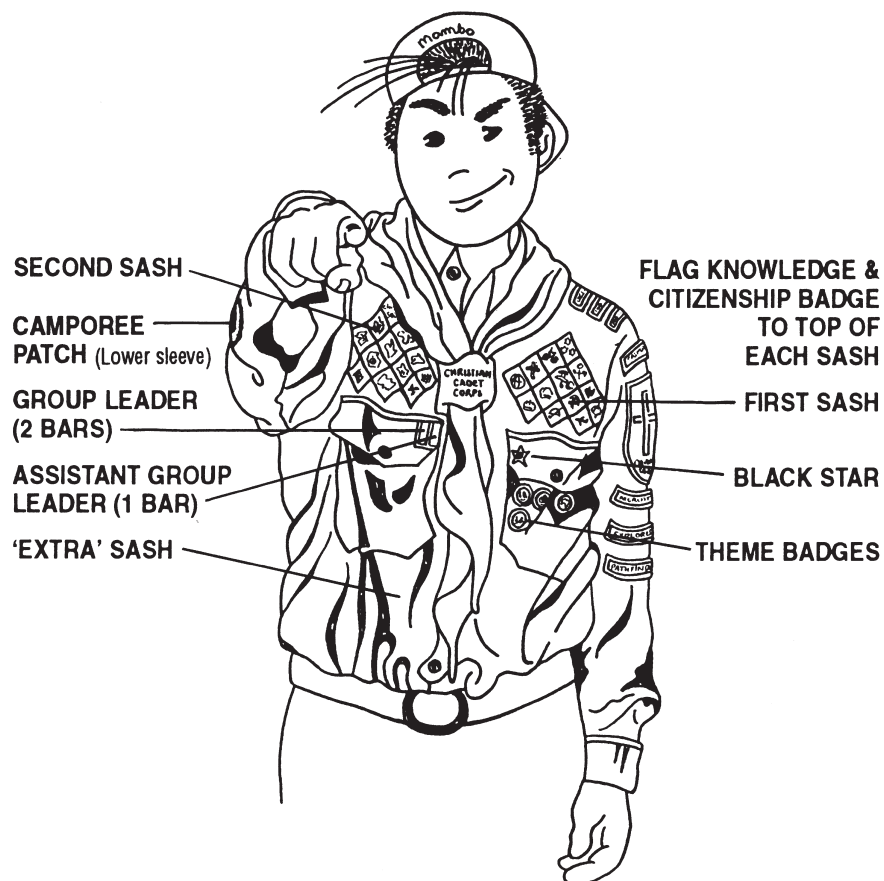
But most of all you will be having F U N !

YOUR UNIFORM



RIGHT SLEEVE

LEFT SLEEVE



Working for

**Recruit
Explorer
Pathfinder
&
Builder**

MY RECRUIT LOG

Instructions

1. Look over the requirements below. Talk with your counsellor about them.
2. As you pass each one, write down the date under 'Completed'.

Requirements	Completed
1. Turn in your Parents' Signature Card
2. Learn the Landmarks
• Emblem
• Motto
• Hymn
• Verse
• Aim
• Pledge

this is to certify that

.....
has completed all the requirements for the rank of

RECRUIT

Signed Date

CADET LANDMARKS

You are now about to take your first step along the trail of **Cadeting**. These Landmarks will help to guide you through each adventure.

Landmarks should be easy to recognize. They should mean something. They should also be easy to remember. As you explore the Cadet Trail, keep looking for these Landmarks. Know them, and know what they mean. They will help you discover how God is working in your life.



Emblem

The three Cs in the centre of the shield have special meaning. Not only do they represent the Christian Cadet Corps name... they form a cross. This reminds us that God's Son, Jesus Christ, died on the Cross for our sins. This is your first Landmark. Talk about it with your Counsellor.

Motto

'Living for Jesus'

Jesus died on the cross for your salvation. Have you discovered that? If so, you will want to say 'thanks' by the way you live. Living for Jesus will become your motto. This is your second Landmark.

Hymn

What does it mean to 'Live for Jesus'. The words of your Cadet Hymn will help you to understand. Learn at least the first verse. Sing it often. This is your third Landmark.

CADET HYMN

'Living for Jesus in all that I do.'

Words and Music by Peter B. Krins 1988

G D7 G G7 C G

1. Liv-ing for Je-sus in all that I do, that's how I
 2. Liv-ing for Je-sus wher-ev-er I go, know-ing He
 3. Liv-ing for Je-sus and shar-ing His love with ev-ry

A7 D D7 G D7 G G7

trav-el life's road.— He is my Friend and I know that it's
 died in my place.— try-ing to please Him and hap-py to
 per-son I know,— do-ing the will of my Sa-viour a-

C G D7 G

true, Je-sus will car-ry my load.—
 know that Je-sus' love is pure grace.—
 bove, Prais-ing His name as pure I go.—

D A7 D G D G C

He died on Cal-v'ry to rid me from sin, Je-sus my
 Noth-ing I do is de-serv-ing such love, it's a free
 I am so grate-ful for what has been done, by Fath-er,

G A7 D7 G D7

Sa-viour, is liv-ing with-in.
 gift from the Fa-ther a-bove. Liv-ing for Je-sus in
 Spir-it, and Je-sus the Son.

G G7 C G D7 G C G

all that I do, that's how I trav-el life's road.



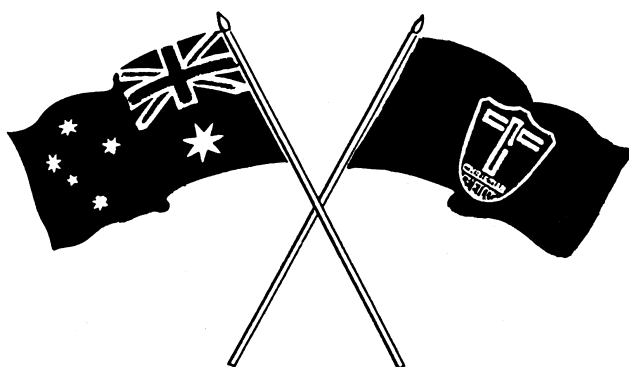
Verse

'If you love Me, you will obey what I command.' John 14: 15

This Landmark takes us to God's Word, the Bible. God gave us this book to learn what He has done for us... what He wants for our lives. We discover that God really loves us. He sent His own Son to die for us. Do you love God? Then you will want to live for Jesus... To obey what He commands. This is our fourth Landmark.

Pledge to the Cadet Flag

Thankful to God for His gifts to me, I pledge myself to be ready to serve God, my parents and Counsellors and cheerfully apply myself to all Cadeting activities. The Pledge to the Cadet Flag helps you to understand what is expected of you in response to the love that God has shown you as well as your role as a member of the Christian Cadet Corps. This is your fifth Landmark.



Pledge to the Australian Flag

I will love God and my country, I honour the flag, I will serve the Queen, and cheerfully obey my parents, teachers and the laws.

Our first love must always be God, as He is the one that has given us everything including the country we love and our parents, teachers and government that we promise to obey. This is your sixth and final Landmark.

Memorize each of your **Landmarks** to complete your **Recruit** requirements.

You will use them again and again.

MY EXPLORER LOG

Instructions

1. You must have completed Recruit requirements.
2. List all the Merit Badges you plan to complete for this rank.
3. As you pass each one, write down the date under COMPLETED

Requirements	Completed
1. One Badge from Discovering God's Word
2. One Badge from Discovering Your Gifts
3. One Badge from Discovering God's World
4. Camping Badge EXPLORER Level
5. Christian Service (3 hours)
Note: Christian Service Project may be done individually or as a group. These projects should be true community projects and not chores at home. Additional badges may be done at any time but do not count towards the next rank. Cadets attain one rank per year.	
6. Attend 75% of all club meetings.

Date Signed

MY PATHFINDER LOG

Instructions

- 1. You must have completed Recruit requirements.
- 2. List all the Merit Badges you plan to complete for this rank.
- 3. As you pass each one, write down the date under COMPLETED

Requirements	Completed
1. One Badge from Discovering God's Word	
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2. One Badge from Discovering Your Gifts	
.....
3. One Badge from Discovering God’s World	
.....
4. Camping Badge PATHFINDER Level
5. Christian Service (6 hours)
Note: Christian Service Project may be done individually or as a group. These projects should be true community projects and not chores at home. Additional badges may be done at any time but do not count towards the next rank. Cadets can attain only one rank each year.	
6. Attend 75% of all club meetings.

Date Signed

MY BUILDER LOG

Instructions

1. You must have completed Recruit requirements.
2. List all the Merit Badges you plan to complete for this rank.
3. As you pass each one, write down the date under COMPLETED

Requirements	Completed
1. One Badge from Discovering God's Word
2. One Badge from Discovering Your Gifts
3. One Badge from Discovering God's World
4. Camping Badge BUILDER Level
5. Christian Service (8 hours)
Note: Christian Service Project may be done individually or as a group. These projects should be true community projects and not chores at home. Additional badges may be done at any time but do not count towards the next rank. Cadets attain one rank per year.	
6. Attend 75% of all club meetings.

Date Signed

HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

This manual is designed to help you and your Counsellor in working through the ranks of Cadeting with the use of Merit Badges.

The badges have notation of rank. This means that an **Explorer Level Badge** is used by a Recruit to reach his Explorer rank, **Pathfinder Level** is used by Explorers to work for his Pathfinder rank and **Builder Level** is used by Pathfinders in the same manner. Once the Builder rank has been obtained, the Builder uses Guide Trails to attain the Ranks of Guide, Right Star Guide and Advanced Guide.

All Levels Badges can be used to help you reach any rank from Explorer to Builder and you can do extra badges in one year if you wish. Extra badges do **not** help you to obtain another Rank. Only **one** Rank is achieved in any one year.

Explorer Level badges cannot be used in working for Pathfinder or Builder, and **Pathfinder** badges cannot be used by Pathfinders to reach Builder Level. All badges have been graded in degree of difficulty to suit the specific rank.

Have lots of fun doing your badge work and in your Cadeting. When you have completed all ranks we hope that you will feel the desire to remain in Cadeting as one of our Counsellors. Happy Cadeting!

SPECIAL AWARDS

Camping Certification Award

- This badge is required for all Cadets who attend **National Camp**. The Woodsman Guide Trails Guidebook has everything you want to know.



100 Kilometre Hiking Award

- This special award is for all you *Hiking Nuts*. You keep track of how far you hiked in your **Hiking Log**. The badge is awarded as soon as you have completed the 100 kilometres.



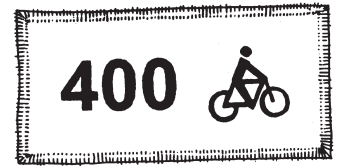
250 Kilometre Hiking Award

- 100 kilometres not challenging enough? Well you'll have holes in your shoes after this one. Fill in the 250 kilometre hiking log and receive your badge after the hikes have been completed.



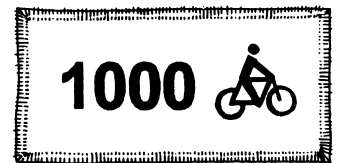
400 Kilometre Hiking Award

- You like bike riding? This should be right up your alley. As with the hiking award, your Counsellor keeps track of your progress. To receive the award you need to have earned the Cycling Merit Badge and biked for 400 kilometres.



1000 Kilometre Hiking Award

- Just like the 400 kilometre, only more of it! Crazy about bike riding? This is the award to go for! Make sure you keep an accurate log.



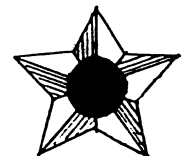
Discovering God's Word Award

- Given to the Cadet when he completes the New Life, Ten Commandments, and Christian Life Merit Badges, plus two additional Merit Badges from the Discovering God's Word category.



Black Star Award

- This award is reserved for those special Cadets who demonstrate outstanding leadership potential and self-discipline. It is more an award for attitude than for achievement, and can only be earned once by a Cadet during his Cadeting career.
- Counsellor please refer to Constitutional Guidelines.



Cadet of the Year

- Every year one Cadet is selected from each club by the Counsellors of that club to receive this Award. The Award is for consistent positive attitude throughout the year towards his group, club, fellow cadets and counsellors, and Cadeting goals and ideals generally, and a cheerful application to the various Cadeting activities undertaken including community service and mission fund-raising projects.



GROUP PATCHES

These **Group Patches** are available from your Supply Centre to identify your **Group**.

The Group Patch is worn under the Kangaroo Patch.



BAT



BEAR



DINGO



EAGLE



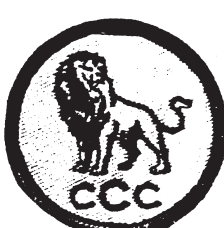
HAWK



KOALA



KOOKABURRA



LION



MUSTANG



OWL



SHARK



TIGER

Discovering God's Word

Explorer Level

CHRISTIAN LIFE	1
NEW LIFE	3
THE TEN COMMANDMENTS	5

Pathfinder Level

BIBLE EXPLORATION	7
DEVOTIONS	10
PRAYER	13
THE CHURCH	15

Builder Level

BIBLE KNOWLEDGE	17
CHURCH HISTORY	19
COVENANT JOURNEY	21
GIVING	23
WITNESSING	26

