

Speaking Notes – Cadet Sunday

Cadets is a ministry where the counselor's mission statement is "helping boys grow more Christlike in all areas of life." Through relationships with the counselors, the boys are able to develop not just devotionally, but also physically, mentally and socially. Cadets are growing into Christian men, empowered to serve in God's kingdom wherever they may be called.

Optional: Have all of the men and boys in the congregation, who have ever been a cadet or counselor, stand. If your church has had a Cadet club for a number of years this may be a large number of people, likely many of them having leadership roles in the church. Acknowledge that the boys standing at the front with you this year are the leaders of the church in the future.

We give thanks to God for the men in this church who are, or have in the past, answering God's call to work with the boys. We give thanks to God for the members of this church who support this Cadet ministry with their time, their finances and their prayers. We give thanks to God for this ministry that has been around for over 70 years.

The Cadets we see here today are part of much more than just the boys and men that get together at this church every _____. There are clubs in other churches in this area, that together are called _____ Council. We get together every year for a _____ (e.g. snow derby, a cadet-o-rama, and a campout). Counselors get together periodically for mutual encouragement, training, and administrative meetings.

This council is one of 41 councils spread across Canada and the United States, supporting over 400 churches. The Cadet ministry expands even beyond that. There are 250 (and growing) churches in Kenya with a Cadet club, and several in Uganda, South Sudan, and Ukraine. There are brother organizations in Australia and New Zealand.

Cadets is an independent ministry and does not receive guidance from any denomination, nor do they receive funding from any denomination. The offering today is for the Cadet head office, to help them continue supporting the ministry with the development of curriculum and program materials, training opportunities, and guidance.

Even after this Cadet Sunday, let us continue to think of this ministry, and the impact it is able to have on the lives of boys around the world, with our support and prayers.