**vineland Cadets**

*“Helping boys grow more Christ-like in all areas of life”*

Dear Parents,

We welcome you and your son(s) to our Cadet club. It is our privilege to have your child entrusted to us for this time of learning and fellowship. Please allow us to introduce ourselves and tell you a little bit about our club. If this is your son’s first Cadet season, **please bring p. 4 of this document** with you to Cadets on registration night.

**Who are we?**

Vineland Cadet Club is a member of the Calvinist Cadet Corps (CCC). CCC is an Independent Youth Ministry Organization whose purpose is to provide churches with a ministry program that will enable them to effectively share Christ's love with boys from the church and the community.Our goal is to help boys grow spiritually in all areas of life by providing Christian men to lead them using a uniquely designed structure, program, and materials. The Vineland Cadet ministry welcomes boys between the ages of 9-13 (Grade 4-8).

**When do we meet?**

We meet **the first three Thursday nights** of each month from **7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M** at the Vineland Free Reformed Church. Occasionally, there will be events on other days of the week (usually Saturdays). You will be notified ahead of time about these dates.

**Is there a fee?**

Yes, there are annual dues of **$75.00 for a single cadet** or **$100.00 for a family**. (*Cheques can be made out to “Vineland Cadets.” Unfortunately, we cannot give receipts*. This covers the cost of the uniform, work books, and Bible lessons. We will provide your son(s) with their uniform and Bible study material at the open house. The Vineland Cadet Club will also be doing several fundraising events throughout the year to help offset costs.

**Do we meet with other Cadet clubs?**

Yes, Vineland Cadet club is part of Berean Council East which consists of 6 other churches: Adoration URC, Smithville Can Ref, Lincoln Can Ref, Immanuel URC, Grace URC, and Trinity URC. This Council gets together biannually for inter-club competitions.

**How will I know what is going on?**

We communicate with parents in several ways: 1) Regular letters/emails. 2) The Berean Council website ([www.cadeting.com](http://www.cadeting.com)). Click on “Berean East,” then “Vineland.” 3) The Cadet bulletin board in the basement of VFRC. 4) The church bulletin (available online at [www.vinelandfrc.org](http://www.vinelandfrc.org)). 5) Emails/phone calls before extra events. 6) Call your son's counselor or the head counselor anytime.

**What are we studying?**

Currently, we have four Bible studies that we use. Lessons From the Bible, a Bible study that gives an overview of the Bible in 32 lessons. Landmark Lessons contains lessons that give instruction on what it means to be reverent, obedient, compassionate, consecrated, trustworthy, pure, grateful, loyal, industrious, and cheerful. Elijah, written by Rev. Bezuyen from Trinity URC, teaches lessons of leadership and trust from the life of Elijah. For the older boys, we use the Quest magazine, which contains Bible studies, stories, and project ideas for the Cadets.

If you have any questions about the club, feel free to contact the Head Counsellor.

In His Service,

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Definition of Terms

Some words and terms used in Cadets that may be unfamiliar to you:

**Calvinist Cadet Corps:** our parent organization ([www.calvinistcadets.org](http://www.calvinistcadets.org/))

**Berean Council:** the local council of which we are one of fourteen clubs

**Cadre:** the club is divided into smaller groups by age, with two counsellors for each group

**Counsellor:** a man who leads a cadre

**Junior Counsellor:** a young man (usually 15-19) who assists the counsellor in leading a cadre

**Cadre Chief:** the boy that is elected to lead the cadre for that year

**Assistant Cadre Chief:** the cadet who fills in for the Cadre Chief if he is absent and leads at least one of four meetings even if the cadre chief is present

**Yeoman:** the cadet who keeps the attendance and point totals for his cadre

**R.P.B. Book:** the main book used for Cadets which includes the different badge work available for the cadets

**Merit Badges:** patches earned by a cadet for doing the required work in their RPB book

**Cub Car Challenge:** Participants design a car from a block of wood and race these cub cars against other participants, cadets, and other clubs. The Vineland Congregational Cub Car Challenge usually happens in the middle of May.

**Snow Derby:** our first inter-council event, usually held in January

**Cadet-a-Ree:** our last inter-council event, usually held in April

**International Camporee:** A week-long camping excursions held in various locations around North America for boys 10 and up held once every three years. Counsellors and boys from US, Canada, and Australia attend the Camporee. The next one will take place in Michigan in 2011.

Rules & Expectations

*Each Cadet is expected to:*

1. Respect the counsellors, fellow cadets, and the club rules.
2. Make an effort to come to all regular nights and special events.
3. Wear uniforms to all functions unless otherwise specified by the head counsellor via letter home or bulletin announcement.
4. Willingly participate in all of the evening's activities.
5. Notify his Cadre Chief and Counsellor ahead of time if he is unable to make a night or event.
6. Refrain from taking electronic devices (Game Boys, DS, MP3 players, cameras, etc.) to Cadet evenings and outings. Such devices will be taken away for the duration of the night.
7. Stay out of the sanctuary during meetings.
8. Respect the other groups that may be meeting in the church.
9. Fulfill the duties of his rank to the best of his ability.
10. Do some Cadet work at home (Bible lessons, badge work, prepare for Snow Derby/Cadeteree).

*We request that each parent...*

1. Be available during each Cadet evening should a need (emergency or behavioural) arise.
2. Be aware that if your son breaks the rules and/or misbehaves beyond reasonable limits, they may be sent home and we will call you to get him.
3. Be aware that there may be times when the counsellors of the Vineland club will need to seek medical attention before the parents can be notified.
4. Provide medical information requested on page 4.
5. Bring their concerns about the Vineland Cadet ministry or its counsellors in a Christian and conciliatory manner.
6. Be aware that the Vineland counsellors are volunteers who are giving their time freely and are not necessarily trained as educators or youth workers but as God-fearing men doing their best in service for God.

**I have read the rules and expectations on p. 3. I agree to do my utmost to abide by them:**

Cadet name: (please print) Cadet signature:

Parent name: (please print): Parent signature:

Thanks for your co-operation. We look forward to working with you.

 Health Care/Trip Permission Form

**Health Form:** I/we grant my son(s) permission to attend the Vineland Cadet Club. We understand that in case of an accident, neither the Club nor the Counsellors will be held liable. If necessary, any Leader/ Counsellor of the Berean Council may consent to any emergency test or treatment deemed necessary before my arrival at the Hospital/Clinic.

Cadet Name: D. of Birth: Health Card #:

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In case of emergency call:

***Primary Contact*:** *Secondary Contact:*

 **Relationship:**

 **Home Phone #:**

 **Emergency/Cell:**

 **Phone #'s: Home:**

Medical Concerns: (allergies, physical disabilities, sleepwalking, etc.)

**Trip Permission Form:** The Vineland Cadet Club will be going on several outings throughout the year—announced in the bulletin and/or a letter home. I/we grant our permission for our children to take part in these Cadet outings:

 Name of Parent/Guardian:

 Signature of Parent/Guardian:

 Home Address:

 E-mail Address:

**Photo Release Statement:** I/we grant permission to the Vineland Cadet Club to use photographs or videos of the above-mentioned Cadet(s) for promotional purposes in any type of media, including its website ([www.cadeting.com](http://www.cadeting.com)).

 Parent Name: Parent Signature:

 Date: / / (YYYY/MM/DD)