

# Servant Leader Award Guidelines

Jesus made it a point to teach His disciples that being a leader meant being a servant. To ensure that they understood, He modeled a true servant's heart for them when, on His last night before being nailed to a cross, He tied a towel around His waist and washed their feet. It was a job usually reserved for the lowest servant of a household.

Cadeting is all about imitating Jesus, and so we too look for servant leaders. It's not easy to be both a servant and a leader, especially to the degree that Christ requires. Still, we watch and pray for such people. And when we find one, we rejoice with the Lord that He has made a person faithful.

The Cadet Corps offers a small reward for such service. It's called the Servant Leader Award, and is more than just another patch for a shirt. Listed below are the requirements and the recognition.

## Requirements

1. A Cadet must advance through the ranks, completing all requirements for Recruit, Pathfinder, Builder, Guide, Right Star Guide, and Advanced Guide.
2. He must participate in a leadership role in planning and implementing a council activity, such as a camporee, snow derby, field day, etc.
  - This is to be completed with Cadet council board approval, supervision, critique, and evaluation.
  - The Cadet must write a report (one page minimum) and evaluation of the activity, including what he learned and suggested improvements.
3. He must participate in a Christian service project of at least five days. (Approved projects include Youth Unlimited's SERVE, Habitat for Humanity, YWAM, and similar projects.)
  - The service project must be approved by the council board.
  - The Cadet must submit a written report (three pages minimum) to the council board explaining what he did, what he learned, how the project had an impact on those served, and how the project had an impact on him spiritually.
  - The Cadet must participate in an interview with the council board explaining his participation.

Note: If the Cadet is a member of an independent club, he can still earn the award. Instead of planning a council activity (#2 above), he must plan a high level club activity. Instead of reporting to a Cadet council board (as in both #2 and #3), he will report to all his club counselors and to the independent club consultant.

## Recognition

1. When a Cadet has earned this award, his head counselor will ...
  - a. write an article about the boy, depicting significant events of his cadeting career, including his achievements and the service project(s) he has worked on.
  - b. take some good photographs of the Cadet — including posed pictures and shots of the boy in action.
  - c. send the article and the photos to the Calvinist Cadet Corps for use in *Cadet Quest* magazine and to the boy's local newspaper.
  - d. alert the local Cadet council so that they can present the boy with an award at an appropriate assembly, such as a Cadet-O-Rama or meeting during Cadet Week.
2. The local Cadet council will issue the boy a certificate of recognition and a Servant Leader Award patch for his uniform. Both of those items are available for purchase from the Cadet supply center.
3. The Cadet office will send a plaque of recognition to the boy, along with a personal copy of the *Cadet Quest* with his picture and article in it.

