



ROYAL CANADIAN ARMY CADETS
GREEN STAR
INSTRUCTIONAL GUIDE



SECTION 4

EO M107.04 – STATE THE AIM AND THE MOTTO OF THE ARMY CADET PROGRAM

Total Time:

30 min

PREPARATION

PRE-LESSON INSTRUCTIONS

Resources needed for the delivery of this lesson are listed in the lesson specification located in A-CR-CCP-701/PG-001, *Green Star Qualification Standard and Plan*, Chapter 4. Specific uses for said resources are identified throughout the instructional guide within the TP for which they are required.

Review the lesson content and become familiar with the material prior to delivering the lesson.

PRE-LESSON ASSIGNMENT

Nil.

APPROACH

An interactive lecture was chosen for this lesson to orient the cadets to the aim and motto of the Cadet Program.

INTRODUCTION

REVIEW

Nil.

OBJECTIVES

By the end of the lesson the cadet shall be expected to be familiar with the mission and vision of the Cadet Program, and state the aim and motto of the Army Cadet Program.

IMPORTANCE

Knowing the aim and the motto of the Army Cadet Program is for any cadet. This information will give a better understanding of how the Cadet Program can help them develop both as a cadet and an individual.

Teaching Point 1

State the mission of the Cadet Program.

Time: 5 min

Method: Interactive Lecture



Conduct the brainstorming activity before stating the mission.



According to the Canadian Oxford Dictionary (2001), mission can be defined as a journey with a purpose. The mission of the Cadet Program details **what** the Cadet Program hopes to achieve through its training and **how it hopes to do so**.

ACTIVITY

Time: 4 min

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the activity is for the cadets to brainstorm ideas about what they think the Cadet Program mission is.

RESOURCES

- Flipchart paper.
- Flipchart markers.

ACTIVITY LAYOUT

- Separate the class into two groups.
- Give each group a piece of flipchart paper and a marker.
- Direct each group to brainstorm ideas about what they think the mission (or objective) of the Cadet Program is.
- Give the groups two minutes to complete this activity.
- After the two minutes, have each group present their ideas.
- Finish the activity by outlining the definition as written in this teaching point.

SAFETY

Instructor(s) will supervise cadets during the activity.

INSTRUCTOR GUIDELINES

- During the activity the instructor will monitor the cadets' progress and ensure all members of the class are participating.
- The instructor will answer any questions the cadets may have.

MISSION

The mission of the Cadet Program is to contribute to the development and preparation of youth for the transition to adulthood, enabling them to meet the challenges of modern society, through a dynamic, community-based program.

CONFIRMATION OF TEACHING POINT 1

QUESTIONS

Q1. What is the mission of the Cadet Program?

ANTICIPATED ANSWERS

A1. The mission of the Cadet Program is to contribute to the development and preparation of youth for the transition to adulthood, enabling them to meet the challenges of modern society, through a dynamic, community-based program.

Teaching Point 2

State the vision of the Cadet Program.

Time: 5 min

Method: Interactive Lecture



Conduct the brainstorming activity before stating the vision.



According to the Canadian Oxford Dictionary (2001), vision can be defined as the act or faculty of seeing. The vision of the Cadet Program states what it sees the Cadet Program **being**, and **how** it hopes to get there.

ACTIVITY

Time: 4 min

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this activity is for the cadets to brainstorm ideas about what they think the Cadet Program vision is.

RESOURCES

- Flipchart paper.
- Flipchart markers.

ACTIVITY LAYOUT

- Separate the class into two groups.
- Give each group a piece of paper and a marker.

- Direct each group to brainstorm ideas about what they think the vision of the Cadet Program is.
- Give the groups two minutes to complete this activity.
- After the two minutes, have each group present their ideas.
- Finish the activity by outlining the definition as written in this teaching point.

SAFETY

The instructor will supervise the cadets' during the activity.

INSTRUCTOR GUIDELINES

- During the activity the instructor will monitor the cadets progress and ensure all members of the class are participating.
- The instructor will answer any questions the cadets may have.

VISION

The vision of the Cadet Program is a relevant, credible and proactive youth development organization, offering the program of choice for Canada's youth, preparing them to become the leaders of tomorrow through a set of fun, challenging, well organized and safe activities.

CONFIRMATION OF TEACHING POINT 2

QUESTIONS

Q1. What is the vision of the Cadet Program?

ANTICIPATED ANSWERS

A1. The vision of the Cadet Program is a relevant, credible and proactive youth development organization, offering the program of choice for Canada's youth, preparing them to become the leaders of tomorrow through a set of fun, challenging, well organized and safe activities.

Teaching Point 3

Describe the aim of the Cadet Program.

Time: 10 min

Method: Interactive Lecture



The aim of the Cadet Program is to:

- develop in youth the attributes of good citizenship and leadership;
- promote physical fitness; and
- stimulate the interest of youth in the sea, land and air activities of the Canadian Forces (CF).

DEVELOP IN YOUTH THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOOD CITIZENSHIP AND LEADERSHIP

The Cadet Program aims to assist in the development of cadets as good citizens and leaders.

Through citizenship and community services activities, the cadet develops an appreciation for community membership and involvement within cadet, local, regional, provincial, national and global communities. Cadets'

active involvement will have a positive impact on local communities, which will contribute to community strength and vibrancy.

Through leadership activities, cadets develop interpersonal skills and assume responsibility as effective team members, leaders and dynamic coaches. They will develop the ability to conduct themselves in an ethical and socially responsible way.

PROMOTE PHYSICAL FITNESS

The Cadet Program aims to promote physical well-being. Cadets develop an understanding of the benefits of fitness and a healthy lifestyle. This understanding, combined with on-going participation in fitness activities, aids in the development of positive attitudes and behaviours that build resiliency within cadets and enable them to meet challenges.

STIMULATE THE INTEREST OF YOUTH IN THE SEA, LAND AND AIR ACTIVITIES OF THE CF

The Cadet Program aims to expose youth to the sea, land and air activities of the CF. Cadets develop elemental skills through introduction and interaction with their respective CF communities. The Cadet Program educates and promotes liaison with civilian maritime, adventure and aviation communities. These combined experiences and interactions are essential to the unique identity of the sea, army and air cadet organizations. Also, they distinguish the Cadet Program as a whole from other youth development programs.

CONFIRMATION OF TEACHING POINT 3

QUESTIONS

- Q1. What is the aim of the Cadet Program?
- Q2. How does the Cadet Program promote physical fitness?
- Q3. How does the Cadet Program stimulate an interest in the sea, land and air activities of the Canadian Forces?

ANTICIPATED ANSWERS

- A1. Develop in youth the attributes of good citizenship and leadership, promote physical fitness and stimulate the interest of youth in the sea, land and air activities of the CF.
- A2. The Cadet Program aims to promote physical well-being. Cadets develop an understanding of the **benefits of fitness** and a healthy lifestyle. This understanding, combined with on-going **participation in fitness activities**, aids in the development of **positive attitudes** and behaviours that build resiliency within cadets and enable them to meet challenges.
- A3. The Cadet Program aims to expose youth to the sea, land and air activities of the CF. Cadets develop elemental skills through introduction and interaction with their respective CF communities. The Cadet Program educates and promotes liaison with civilian maritime, adventure and aviation communities. These combined experiences and interactions are essential to the unique identity of the Sea, Army and Air Cadet Organizations. Also, they **distinguish the Cadet Program** as a whole from other youth development programs.

Teaching Point 4**State the Motto of the Army Cadet Program.**

Time: 3 min

Method: Interactive Lecture

MOTTO

The motto of the Army Cadet Program is, “*Acer Acerpori*.” *Acer Acerpori* is a latin term which means “as the maple, so the sapling.”



The maple leaf is a traditional symbol of Canada, and the crown signifies allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen. The motto ACER ACERORI is Latin. “ACER” is the maple tree. “ACERPORI” is literally a “little boy maple”- a sapling. The ending “I” on “ACERPORI” means “come from”. Literally the motto means “from the little boy maple comes the maple.” We translate it “As the maple, so the sapling.”

CONFIRMATION OF TEACHING POINT 4**QUESTIONS**

Q1. What is the motto of the Army Cadet Program?

Q2. What does “*Acer Acerpori*” mean?

ANTICIPATED ANSWERS

A1. *Acer Acerpori*.

A2. “As the maple, so the sapling.”

END OF LESSON CONFIRMATION**ACTIVITY**

Time: 5 min

OBJECTIVE

The objective of this activity is to confirm the teaching points of the lesson. Cadets will be required to assemble puzzles of the mission, vision, aim and motto of the Army Cadet Program.

RESOURCES

- Puzzles contained at Annex A.
- Envelopes.

ACTIVITY LAYOUT

- Using the puzzles in Annex A, cut each puzzle and place each into a separate envelope.
- Separate the class into four groups.
- Give each group an envelope with a puzzle in it.

- Direct each group to piece together the puzzle in the envelope.
- When the puzzles are complete, have a member of each group read out what their puzzle says.
- Finish the activity by confirming each puzzle again.

SAFETY

- The instructor shall supervise the cadets during the activity.

INSTRUCTOR GUIDELINES

- During the activity the instructor will supervise the cadets' progress and ensure all members of the class are participating.
- The instructor will answer any questions the cadets may have.

CONCLUSION

HOMEWORK/READING/PRACTICE

Nil.

METHOD OF EVALUATION

Nil.

CLOSING STATEMENT

The aims, mission, vision and motto of the Army Cadet Program provide the cadet with a greater understanding of what it means to be an Army Cadet. The tenets of aim and motto will contribute to the development of a sense of pride in belonging to the Army Cadet Program.

INSTRUCTOR NOTES/REMARKS

Nil.

REFERENCES

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PUZZLES

**THE MISSION OF THE CADET
PROGRAM IS TO CONTRIBUTE
TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND
PREPARATION OF YOUTH FOR
THE TRANSITION TO ADULTHOOD,
ENABLING THEM TO MEET THE
CHALLENGES OF MODERN
SOCIETY, THROUGH A DYNAMIC,
COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAM.**

**A RELEVANT, CREDIBLE
AND PROACTIVE YOUTH
DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION,
OFFERING THE PROGRAM OF
CHOICE FOR CANADA'S YOUTH,
PREPARING THEM TO BECOME
THE LEADERS OF TOMORROW
THROUGH A SET OF FUN,
CHALLENGING, WELL-ORGANIZED
AND SAFE ACTIVITIES.**

**DEVELOP IN YOUTH THE
ATTRIBUTES OF GOOD
CITIZENSHIP AND LEADERSHIP.**

PROMOTE PHYSICAL FITNESS.

**STIMULATE THE INTEREST OF
YOUTH IN THE SEA, LAND AND
AIR ACTIVITIES OF THE
CANADIAN FORCES.**

**ACER
ACERPORI**

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