Lesson 7
CAP Cadet Program

This briefing presents information about the CAP Cadet Program.

Overall Goal
Invite students to become CAP cadets.

Lesson Outline
1. Introduction 1 min
2. Main Point #1 Cadet Life is Exciting (video) 4 min
3. Main Point #2 CAP Membership Information 5 min
4. Main Point #3 Invitation to Squadron Meeting 4 min
5. Conclusion 1 min

Estimated Duration 15 min

LESSON PLAN

Introduction
Finally, because of our time together this morning, you’re probably wondering what Civil Air Patrol is and what cadets do. This short video will show you some highlights about our program.

Main Point 1. Cadet Life is Exciting
Show “Cadet Life in the Civil Air Patrol” video available at capmembers.com/greatstart.

Main Point 2. CAP Membership Information
Here’s some information on how to become a CAP cadet.

A. Eligibility
   • Must be at least 12 to join.
   • Must have parents’ permission.
   • Must be a U.S. citizen.
B. Costs
- Find the cost to join for your state at capmembers.com > national headquarters > member services.
- CAP will help you get into uniform, but there may be about $100 in uniform expenses.

C. Cadet Activities
- Cadets meet once per week (provide details of time, location, etc.)
- Cadets are often invited to participate in about one special event per month on a Saturday.
- School comes first.

Main Point 3. Invitation to Join
If you’re interested in becoming a cadet or want to learn more, please visit us at our next meeting.
- Reiterate location, date, time, etc.
- Provide “Learn, Lead, & Serve” cadet recruiting brochures.
- Offer to stay after graduation to answer questions and point out that the squadron’s contact information is found on the recruiting brochure.

Conclusion
You came to the Red Ribbon Leadership Academy to develop your skills as a leader. If you’re serious about leadership, about fulfilling your own goals in life and making a difference, you can continue your leadership journey as a cadet in the Civil Air Patrol.