



MARINER MIDDLE SCHOOL
CADET LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

**STUDENT INFORMATIONAL PACKET
AND APPLICATION**

STUDENT NAME: _____ **GRADE:** _____

WHAT IS THE CADET LEADERSHIP PROGRAM?

The Cadet Leadership Program (CLP) is a community service-based program designed for middle school students, and emphasizes leadership skills, problem-solving techniques and teamwork while offering an opportunity for a positive interaction with Law Enforcement.

Instructed by School Resource Officers (SROs), Cadets will learn about the dangers of drugs, campus violence, bullying, social media, peer pressure, and many other issues today's youth encounter on and off campus. Additionally, the Cadet Leadership Program stresses the importance of teamwork, responsibility and integrity.

PROGRAM GOALS

1. Create a crime and drug-free learning environment
2. Instill positive values, foster good citizenship and build self-confidence in young people.
3. Develop a positive relationship between students and law enforcement officers.

***Please understand that many students may apply. Unfortunately, not every student will be selected. It is vital to the success of the program to have a manageable number of participants. All applications will be retained in the event a member leaves the program.

PARTICIPATION

Cadets may be asked to participate in physical activities (jogging, jumping jacks, push-ups, and other forms of exercise). Cadets will learn basic law enforcement principles and leadership skills and will work closely with their SRO to create and maintain a safe school environment. Students selected to be a Cadet must demonstrate exemplary behavior and leadership skills while maintaining acceptable grades. Cadets, like law enforcement officers, will be held to a higher standard than their peers. Periodic reviews of behavior and grades will be completed and addressed with individual Cadets. With parents' consent, Cadets will participate in school-approved group events, to include periodic physical training, fundraisers, and school-sponsored social gatherings.

MEETING TIME

The Cadet program will typically meet at 4:00 PM every other Monday at Mariner Middle School (please understand the schedule is subject to change). Cadets must make the necessary arrangements to be picked up no later than 5:15 PM. If the Cadet is not picked up by 5:15, he/she will be required to ride the Activity Bus. If a Cadet meeting conflicts with a sporting event or other school event, Cadets are asked to notify Officer Atkinson at which time the Cadet(s) will be excused from the meeting. Cadets are also encouraged to participate in other school clubs and events. ***The first meeting is scheduled for Monday, 11/02/2020.***

GUEST SPEAKERS

Cadets will be given the opportunity to meet members of various Cape Coral Police Department specialty units, to include (but not limited to) K9 Unit dogs and handlers, SWAT Team Operators, Marine Unit Officers, Dispatch and Communications Personnel, and Forensic Technicians.

COVID-19

In accordance with mandates issued by the Lee County School District, and because all meetings will be held on the campus of Mariner Middle School, masks must be worn at all times and social distancing will be strictly enforced. Failure to comply with these policies could result in disciplinary procedures, up to and including dismissal from the Cadet Leadership Program.

MARINER HIGH SCHOOL JROTC "SCABBARD AND BLADE"

Mariner Middle School is pleased to announce a partnership with the Mariner High School JROTC program and its chapter of Scabbard and Blade. Scabbard and Blade consists of those JROTC Cadets who have demonstrated a propensity for high academic performance coupled with a heart for community outreach. Participation in the club is voluntary, and those Cadets who have chosen to participate are also obligated to meet with the Cadets at Mariner Middle School twice monthly, and under the supervision of Officer Atkinson and the Mariner High School JROTC Senior Army Instructor LTC John Bleiler.

PART I

*****To be completed by a parent/guardian*****

Please complete the following information. It is important we are aware of any medical conditions in the event of an emergency. Having a medical condition will in no way factor into the selection process, but it will be used for informational and/or safety purposes.

STUDENT'S INFORMATION

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

GRADE: _____ BIRTH DATE: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL NUMBER: _____

STUDENT CELL PHONE NUMBER: _____

HEALTH CONDITIONS AND/OR MEDICATION(S) _____

PARENT'S AND/OR LEGAL GUARDIAN(S) INFORMATION

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

NAME: _____

RELATIONSHIP: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CELL PHONE NUMBER: _____

HOME PHONE NUMBER: _____

PART III

*****To be completed by returning Cadets. Please do not complete this section if you are not a returning cadet.*****

1. Did you enjoy the program last year?

2. What did you like most about the program?

3. Did you complete the school year as a Cadet? If not, please explain why.

4. What would you like to change or add to the Cadet program this school year?

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

PLEASE READ AND INITIAL: I understand that by submitting this application for the Cadet Leadership Program I am not necessarily guaranteed an opportunity to participate. I also understand that Officer Atkinson (my SRO) will notify me in writing should I be selected to participate. (STUDENT INITIALS _____)

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, or to return the completed application.

Very Respectfully –

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