

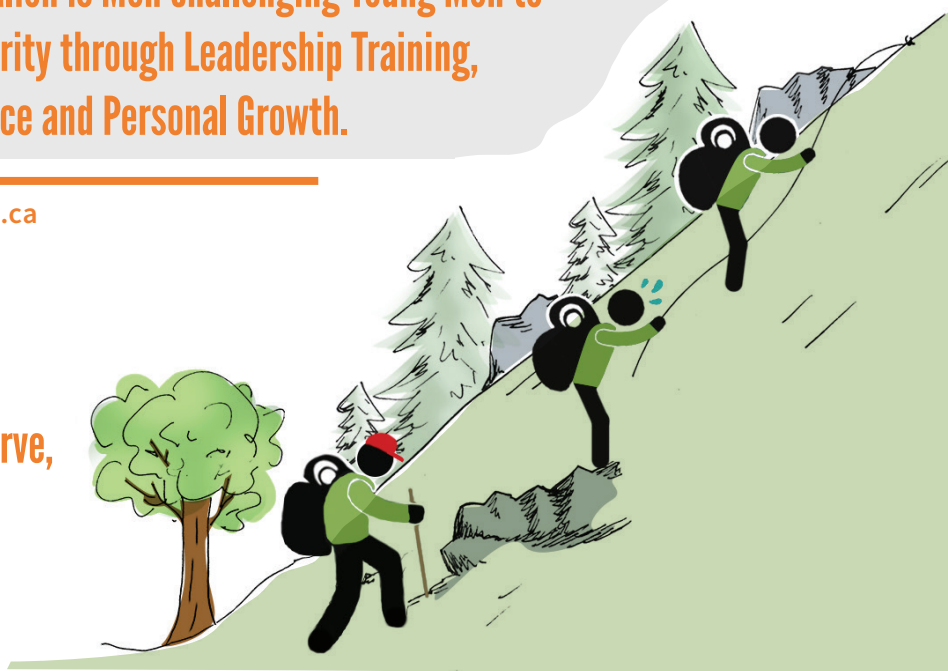
# BATTALION OVERVIEW

Battalion is Men challenging Young Men to maturity through Leadership Training, Service and Personal Growth.

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“Godly men taking responsibility to serve, lead, and disciple each generation.”



## BATTALION is Men

Men gather around the common goal of engaging with, and investing in, the next generation. Battalion provides godly role models of older men living and speaking Biblical Truth into the lives of younger men. Battalion is men who disciple each other (peer discipleship), growing in their relationship with Christ and other men.

## BATTALION is Young Men

Young men are challenged to mature through skills-focused activities, biblical discussion, leadership training, and a personal Achievement program. Battalion allows young men to discover and develop three distinct facets of their identity: the Athlete, the Artist, and the Academic (Triple A Construct).

## BATTALION is Leadership Development

Older teens (Noncoms) are given an opportunity to lead their peers with guidance from their adult leaders and our own leadership training materials. This unique opportunity provides young men a place to put into practice spiritually responsible leadership of his peers.

## BATTALION is Service

Practical faith is lived out in service to one another and the community. Service is our middle name and part of the mandate of Christian Service Brigade.

## BATTALION is Becoming a Godly Man

Battalion’s purpose is to prepare a young man to live in a way pleasing to God. He will be able to stand firm in his faith by the time he graduates high school. CSB’s Seven Points of VALOR states the outcomes of our 14 year discipleship ministry and sets the standard of what a godly man looks like in

society today (Honor, Courage, Chivalry, Purity, Loyalty, Obedience, Dedication). The Herald of Christ program is the culmination a young man’s journey through Battalion.



**Achievement Guides are tools for godly men to mentor young men through a discipleship journey. This relationship is key in developing a Biblical worldview. Various challenges, such as Bible memory, are connected to practical experiences. Each Action Step provides an interactive approach to discipleship.**

**ReAct** provides the objectives for the discipleship step. It answers the question “Why do this?”

**ProAct** provides the specific steps needed to accomplish the objectives. “What do I do?” These may include Bible memory, Bible study and activities that function as object lessons or practical hands-on experience.

**InterAct** provides intentional interaction between a young man and a young man. Together they ask, “How well did I do?”

## Action Step 2: Missing the Mark

### ReAct

Why do relationships break down? Usually it's because something offended one person and the other person. Something needs to happen to repair the relationship. You need forgiveness and understanding to make things right.

Because God is holy and we're not, the same problem occurs. We've missed the God's perfect standards. Our wrongs offend him. Our sin is a complete barrier to our relationship with him. Trying to do better doesn't help. Do you see the problem?

The Bible describes at least three types of sin:

- What you do — things God says are wrong to do.
- What you don't do — things God says are right to do.
- When you don't believe God — not trusting him or his promises.

### ProAct

Do one of the following activities, then answer the questions.

- ♦ Attempt to shoot 25 basketball free throws.
  - ♦ Go bowling and complete at least one game.
  - ♦ Go target shooting with a qualified adult in archery or riflery. Shoot at least 10 target.
- What was your score? \_\_\_\_\_ What would a perfect score be? \_\_\_\_\_  
Did you fall short of perfection in this activity?

Memorize Romans 3:23. What two things has everyone done?

Are you able to see your own sin?

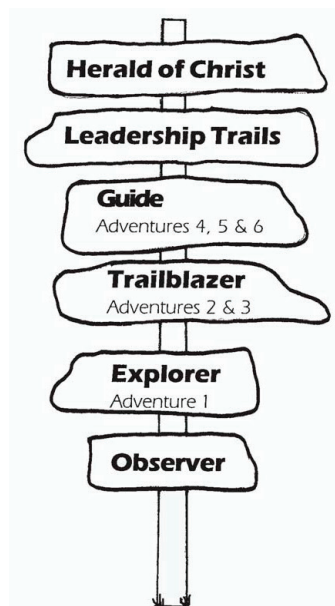
### InterAct

- Repeat Romans 3:23 from memory to your mentor. Discuss how you can admit that you're a sinner? Why or why not?
- Talk about examples of each of the three types of sin. How many people you know has fallen short of God's standards?

**Adventure Trails** A Young Man's Guide to Knowing God—develops 6 important spiritual disciplines (You & Faith, You & Prayer, etc.).

**Leadership Trails** A Young Man's Guide to Serving God—focuses on an intentional, hands-on leadership development process that strengthens his gifts in serving others.

**Herald of Christ** is a 9-12 month internship to solidify one's Christ-like character through study and the application of God's Word in life through church and community involvement.



## Equipping Men to Lead Powerful Activities Purposed for Discipleship and Leadership Development

**Meeting Plans** are oriented around high-end activities. Subjects like Small Engines, Missions, Rock Climbing, Spiritual Warfare, Bass Fishing and more. There are 27 subjects available from CSB Ministries and the opportunity to develop your own.

**Leadership Team Meetings** bring adult and teen leaders together in a monthly planning session to prepare for the next activity. Relational, spiritual and meeting development takes place in a hands-on meeting, making the teen leaders a part of the central team.

**Small Group Meetings** are the leadership laboratory—prime time for each teen leader to work with his own small group.

**Action** is the catalyst for each meeting. This guides men as they lead hands-on activities and meaningful experiences. These activities facilitate building relationships, developing skills and, discipling young men in practical Biblical application.

**Games** provide an action-packed time geared for guys. Games give the men a great chance to build rapport with the teens; helping build godly character through challenge and teamwork.

**Council Rings** wrap up the meeting. They focus young men on God's Word. Stories, object-lessons and discussions create teaching moments guys can apply to their daily lives.

### Small Engines

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#### Leadership Team Meeting

**Note to the Leader** The central activity of this Leadership Team leadership team facilitate the development of a deeper faith among the boys in your unit help

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### Small Engines

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#### Small Group: Meeting 1

**Devotions**  
Read 1 Timothy 4:12 together. Make the point that every action, no matter how small, has consequences. They may be good or bad, depending on the action.  
Have each boy give some examples of when a bad action yielded bad consequences and when a good action produced good consequences. Try to get them to give good examples from personal experience, not just silly answers.

**Prayer**  
Take prayer time for each

— close, side-by-side. Have everyone turn 90 degrees to the right. They should be facing the back of the person on their right. All at once, have them sit down on the knees of the person behind them. As they form the circle originally, watch out for size matches! They can hold of the person in front of it with their hands.

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### Small Engines

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#### Action: Meeting 1

**Engine Parts**

**Block**  
The *block* is the shell or housing of the engine. (See page 47.) All of the other parts we'll discuss are either inside the block or attached to it. The block holds the engine together as well as protects the internal parts.  
An engine can become very hot and most small engines are air-cooled. The fins all around the outside of the block are for cooling. The more surface area there is, the more cooling can occur.

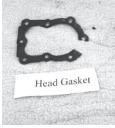
**Cylinder Head**  
The *cylinder head* is the "lid" of the engine. It comes off to enable access to the inside of the cylinder. The spark plug is attached through the cylinder head.

**Head Gasket**  
The *head gasket* is a piece of material that gets squished between the block and the head. This provides a nice tight seal so that no pressure can escape. A common problem in cars is a bad head gasket. If this gasket leaks, oil can escape, as well as the air/fuel mixture. Without adequate pressure, or "compression," an engine won't run properly.


**Crankshaft**  
The *crankshaft* is a long shaft that runs the entire length of the engine. A lot of gears and other things are attached to it. We'll discuss what they do later. This shaft transfers the up and down motion of the piston into the circular, "turning" motion necessary to apply the engine's energy where we need it.

**Piston**  
The *piston* goes up and down in the cylinder. This up-and-down action transfers the power from the cylinder to the crankshaft.

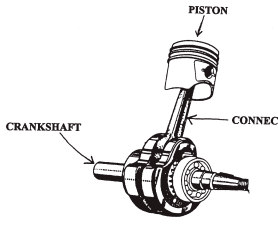
**Connecting Rods**  
The *connecting rods* hold the piston onto the crankshaft. There are very important bearings where this connection is made. These must remain lubricated in order for the engine to run.



Head Gasket



Cylinder Head



PISTON  
CONNECTING ROD  
CRANKSHAFT

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### Small Engines

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#### Game Suggestion: Meeting 1

**Ambulance**  
Divide the boys into several groups. Line them up against one wall and place mats at the other end.  
Each group must carry its members, one at a time, across the room or field to the mat. Every time they bring a boy to the mat, the size of the group decreases. When only two members are left, one boy should ride piggy-back on the other boy. The first group finished wins.  
Leaders should supervise the groups to avoid accidents.

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#### Council Ring: Meeting 1

**Preventive Maintenance**  
Read or have someone read 12:12-31. Ask: "Like the 12:12-31, what are you doing to prevent..."



# A 15-year Discipleship Path

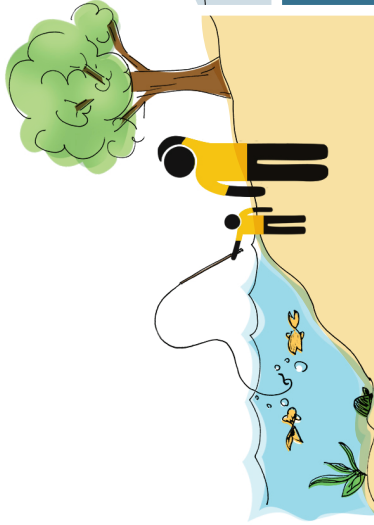
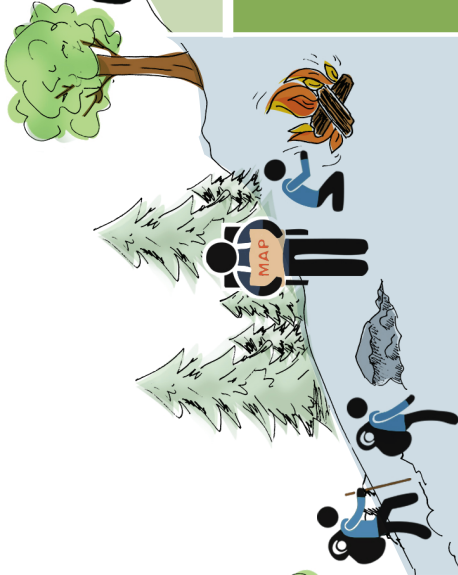
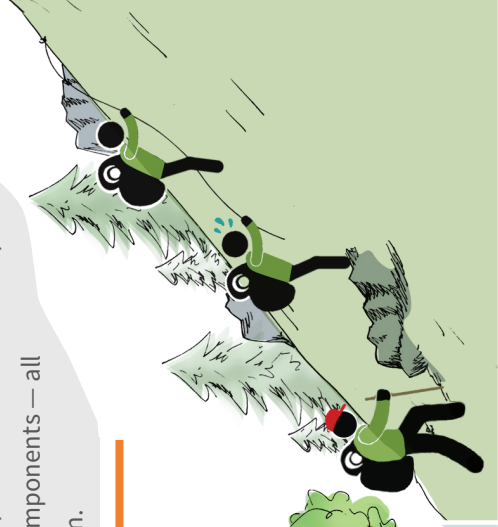
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- Action-Focused
- Relational
- Single-Gender
- Comprehensive
- Flexible

## Core Program Elements include:

Games, Action-Focused Activities, Engaging Stories, Personal Achievements, Leadership Development and Group Discipline components — all designed to help Men Disciple the Next Generation.



### TREE CLIMBERS: Grades K-2

TC is FATHERS AND SONS  
TC is FUN ACTIVITIES  
TC is LEARNING SPIRITUAL HABITS  
TC is the FIRST STEP



### BATTALION: Grades 7-12

Battalion is MEN  
Battalion is YOUNG MEN  
Battalion is LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT  
Battalion is SERVICE  
Battalion is BECOMING A GODLY MAN



### HERALD OF CHRIST:

HoC SETS A BIBLICAL STANDARD OF  
GODLY MANHOOD  
HoC is CSB'S PINNACLE  
RECOGNITION  
HoC LEADS TO INFLUENCING THE  
WORLD FOR CHRIST  
HoC is A DISCIPLESHIP PATH

