

Law Enforcement Explorer Academy



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INTRODUCTION

The 2022 Law Enforcement Explorer Academy is a residential career education program providing Explorers with practical, hands-on law enforcement and life-skills training. The academy is presented in a structured and highly disciplined environment, much like that found in police and military recruit training centers. Officers from area law enforcement agencies, along with staff from the Camp Tanah Keeta and Gulf Stream Council, Learning for Life office, provide instruction and supervision.

The academy planning committee has designed an educational, challenging, and fun experience for the Explorers. The program includes regular physical training drills each morning. There will also be demonstrations and classroom instruction on police related topics. Participants will explore the many duties of the law enforcement profession and its different specialty units. Explorers should expect many physical and mental challenges.

The academy will also encourage and develop positive decision-making skills. These will be taught through scenario-based training opportunities and experiential learning.

Explorers can expect to rise each morning at approximately 5:30 a.m. and retire at about 9:00 p.m. each night. The days are full and active. They are also very hot, so participants are continually encouraged to drink water, which will be in ample supply. Participants should also be prepared to protect themselves from bug bites and sunburn. There is a health lodge on the premises to provide first aid for minor injuries. Participants will utilize the buddy system and **NO EXPLORER WILL GO ANYWHERE BY THEMSELVES.**

This will be a realistic training experience. The academy is modeled on military style boot camps. Drill instructors will interact **loudly** with the participants and full participation is expected from all who attend. There is a two-tier program at the academy. First time attendees will be placed in the Level I group with a basic curriculum. Graduates of previous years' programs will be placed in the Level II group with a more advance curriculum.

Explorers who successfully complete the academy will be recognized at the graduation ceremony with a certificate and a citation ribbon to wear on their uniforms. One Explorer will be chosen for the Outstanding Leadership Award selected by the Senior Drill Instructor of the Academy. In addition, one Explorer will be chosen for the "Warrior Award" selected by the Director of the Academy.

REGISTRATION

The academy is limited to 85 participants. All participants must be registered Explorers from currently chartered posts. Registration will be on a first come, first served basis. There is a **\$150.00** participation fee for each youth participant. Fees cover the academy's cost for food, camp fees and supplies. Posts may secure their reservation with the full payment of \$150.00 per participant on or before **June 17, 2022**. Registrations and participation fees must be turned in together. Your post is not registered until the completed registration packet and all fees are paid.

MEAL PLAN

Explorers will eat meals in the camp dining hall or other facility provided by academy staff. Participants with dietary restrictions should note them on the registration form. **Explorers with extensive dietary needs will need to provide their own pre-packaged meals in containers labeled with their name and post number.** Contact Director Jason Sharon if you have any questions regarding dietary issues. If meals cannot be provided, camp will not be able to accommodate your Explorers needs.

VISITORS

There are no facilities at the camp to allow parents or children not enrolled in the Explorer program to camp or stay overnight. **Explorers not enrolled in the Academy, may not come to the camp as a spectator.** If a parent/guardian must contact their Explorer, please have them do so via his/her Advisor. If you come to the site, please check-in at the drill instructor hut, prior to entering the camp's grounds. All approved guests will be given academy wristbands to wear while on site. If you are not wearing a wristband be prepared to be challenged. This is for the protection of the Explorers and Staff.

PETS AND CAMP WILDLIFE

There is wildlife at the camp. Do not harass, feed or handle the animals. No pets are allowed at the camp.

HEALTH & PERSONAL HYGEINE

All participants must submit completed Learning for Life medical forms and parental consent forms. In the event of emergency, these will allow academy staff to authorize medical treatment.

Restrooms and showers are available at the camp. Explorers are responsible for bringing their own personal care items and medications. **Each Explorer is expected to maintain healthy hygiene throughout the week. Showering daily is required!**

UNIFORMS

Except for physical training and other specified activities, the **required** academy uniform is the issued T-shirt, which is included in the participation fee, and BDU-style pants approved by the participant's post and supplied by the Explorer. Explorers will be issued six camp shirts and a cap at check-in. **A minimum of 3 BDU style pants are required for each Explorer. All BDU pants are required to have the Explorers full name printed legibly on the inside of the BDU's. NO INITIALS.**

ADVISORS

All posts will always have an Advisor at camp while their post is participating in the academy.

Advisors will approach Drill Instructors in charge of their Explorers, to obtain permission to speak with or remove their Explorer from their assigned team.

Any issues or concerns regarding discipline or treatment of Explorers must be addressed with Director Sharon. If necessary, SDI Casey will be informed of your concerns and addressed accordingly.

Advisors will be assigned duties throughout the week to assist with maintaining camp functions.

Advisors must always be available, via telephone, while at camp. It is the Advisor's responsibility to assure their Explorer's needs are addressed at the end of each night. ALL Advisors are expected to assist with the day-to-day activities, while at the academy.

WHAT TO BRING – Explorers

1. Completed and signed Medical Release, Academy Registration Forms, and a copy of Insurance information
2. BDU-style pants (Minimum of 3 BDU's required. Tan will be cooler for the Explorer) (No camouflage)
3. Underwear for each day
4. Athletic shoes and proper socks for each day
5. PT clothes for 6 days
6. Swimsuit
7. Shower Towel and Pool Towel
8. 2 bed sheets
9. Pillow
10. Pillowcase
11. Blanket
12. Toothbrush
13. Toothpaste
14. Soap
15. Deodorant
16. Feminine hygiene products
17. Insect repellent
18. Sunscreen
19. Shower shoes / flip flops for pool
20. Additional casual clothing, sleepwear, light jacket, etc.

Any Medications should be left in original packaging and given to the medical staff at registration. Inhalers may remain with the Explorer

FEBREZE is highly recommended

Please ensure that your supplies will last four days. The camp cannot provide supplies to Explorers. Also, Explorers will have limited space in which to store personal property. One duffle bag or suitcase is recommended. A hang up garment bag is necessary for Class A uniforms.

WHAT TO LEAVE HOME

Each Explorer's bag will be searched for unauthorized items. Should the Drill Instructors or Advisor's discover any of these items, they will be confiscated and delivered to the appropriate Post Advisor for safekeeping. **Neither the Gulf Stream Council nor Learning for Life will be responsible for the loss, breakage, or theft of personal items.**

Cell Phones

I-pods

Gameboys or other electronic games

CD players

Illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco products

Weapons, firearms, fireworks, explosives

Any item which endangers the health and safety of others

Jewelry of any kind (including earrings)

Watches

Portable clocks

Sunglasses (Unless medically necessary or prescription)

Playing Cards

Food of any kind

If it runs on batteries or needs an electrical outlet to be charged.....**DO NOT BRING IT!!!!!!**