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The Draper City Youth Police Academy is a one-week “day camp” (Monday through Friday) offered to qualified Draper City youth ages 11-14. The Academy is free of charge.

The motto of the Draper City Youth Police Academy will be determined by the academy class. We strongly emphasize service, respect for others, teamwork, and commitment to one’s goals. The youth learn that these attributes can be achieved with focus, discipline, and personal responsibility. The one-week program will include both physical and mental aspects. We believe that youth who complete the Academy will have participated in a positive and worthwhile experience that they may draw upon in the future.

The Youth Academy curriculum consists of educational activities, intermittent physical activities, team building, and practical exercises about police work. The format is similar to what actual police academy cadets experience, but centered on allowing youth to have a good time while learning discipline, respect, and what makes an effective law enforcement officer.

All of the instructors are law enforcement officers. In addition, we invite employees of the local fire departments and EMS squads to attend and assist with practical exercises about their field of expertise. Our objective is to educate the youth about public service including law enforcement, emergency services, the judiciary, and city government. There will be structured events offered in a fun, informative, interactive, educational, and hands-on manner.

The drop-off and pick-up location for the academy is at Corner Canyon High School, next to the flag pole at the front of the school (12943 S 700 E Draper UT, 84020). The academy hours are 9 AM to 2 PM and the daily schedule will include one ½ hour of physical training and one ½ hour of military drill and cadence in the morning. The daily physical training is similar to a “boot camp” workout; there will be some light running and calisthenics as a group. At 9 AM, there will be a 2-hour educational block followed by a 1-hour lunch

break/free time. Practical exercises and demonstrations will generally be conducted in the afternoon hours. Daily programs will include educational presentations, interaction with public agencies, and practical exercises. The youth will be exposed to available state, county, and municipal resources.

We ask everyone to be prompt when dropping off and picking up your child. Youth should pack a daily lunch and nutritious snacks. We will be able to keep lunches cool but cannot heat any lunches. Please fill out the health history information on the application regarding your child's dietary and special nutritional needs and or allergies.

Attire: Each participant will be provided with an academy t-shirt. Youth will need to provide their own pair of blue shorts and gym shoes. This uniform is required to be worn from the first day of the academy until the completion of the program, including graduation. It should be noted that these uniforms must be cleaned daily, preferably by the youth themselves. Upon completion of the academy, there will be an official graduation ceremony. Participants and family members are invited to attend.

For the program to be successful both individually and overall, full participation is required. Each accepted participant is required to attend every day of the program. There are no exceptions for vacations, sports programs, or other activities. Note: At any time, the program director may terminate a youth from participating in the Academy for lack of participation or non-compliance with the rules as outlined in the application and as given at the parent orientation or throughout the Academy. As such, each parent and participant should be well acquainted with the requirements.

Moreover, as stated above, the academy requires focus and discipline. It is incumbent upon both parents and participants to see the entire program through to completion. The Academy is in high demand and once someone is accepted and agrees to participate, that admitted cadet takes the place of another willing and hopeful applicant. As such, parents/guardians and applicants should review the entire application and apply to the program with a full understanding of what is required and expected.

Please be advised that submission of an application before the deadline does not guarantee acceptance into the program. Space is limited. If you have any questions, contact Detective Neff at adam.neff@draperutah.gov or Detective Smith at cory.smith@draperutah.gov. The application must be signed where indicated or your child will not be permitted to attend. You will be notified in writing, no later than ten days before the start date, of your child's acceptance.

Please review the following rules and regulations with your child before applying.

Draper City Youth Police Academy Rules and Regulations

1. RESPECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS.
2. RAISE YOUR HAND IF YOU WANT TO SPEAK.
3. WHEN YOU ARE ACKNOWLEDGED, YOU WILL STAND AND RESPOND WITH "YES, SIR, NO SIR, YES MA'AM, NO MA'AM."
4. PAY ATTENTION TO THE SPEAKER.
5. CLASSROOM DISRUPTION WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.
6. ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL FOLLOW DIRECTIONS OF ALL POLICE OFFICERS OR ASSISTANTS.
7. DO NOT LITTER.
8. NO FOUL LANGUAGE.
9. NO "HORSE-PLAY" ALLOWED.
10. ACADEMY T-SHIRTS AND SHORTS ARE TO BE WORN EVERY DAY, INCLUDING THE GRADUATION CEREMONY. PLEASE WASH DAILY!
11. NO HATS! (PLENTY OF SUNSCREEN!)
12. VIDEO GAMES, IPODS, ETC..., ARE NOT ALLOWED.
13. YOU ARE EXPECTED TO CONDUCT YOURSELF AS A LADY OR GENTLEMAN AT ALL TIMES.
14. A GUARDIAN FORM IS REQUIRED IF YOU ARE WALKING HOME OR IF SOMEONE OTHER THAN YOUR GUARDIAN IS PICKING YOU UP AT THE END OF THE DAY. SEE ATTACHED FORM.
15. NO SMOKING!
16. NO SAGGING SHORTS, SHIRTS MUST BE TUCKED IN.
17. NO MAKE-UP.
18. NO JEWELRY.
19. LONG HAIR MUST BE WORN UP (MALE OR FEMALE).
20. IF A CELL PHONE IS BROUGHT TO CAMP, IT MUST BE TURNED OFF. THERE WILL BE NO PHONE CALLS, E-MAILS, AND/OR TEXTING DURING THE ACADEMY UNLESS SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT AND ACADEMY STAFF IS AWARE.
21. YOU MUST BE ON TIME AND READY TO PARTICIPATE EACH DAY.