



Collier County Sheriff's Office

Explorer's Program

The Collier County Sheriff's Office sponsors two Explorer posts which are part of the Boy Scouts of America Scouting Program. The program is designed for students 14 years to 19 years of age. The program lets students explore the opportunity to learn about and interact with Law Enforcement and help stimulate further interest in the possibility of a Law Enforcement career.

Explorers raise money by assisting with parking, gate control and other duties during special events. With the money received from working special events and from donations, the Explorers attend Explorer Boot Camp and Delegate meetings to compete with other Explorer posts, in the State of Florida, on law enforcement procedures and tactics.

The program requires an applicant maintain a 2.0 or above grade average, have not been arrested, pass a DJJ background check and be a person of good standing. A meeting with a parent prior to joining is also required.

The program runs throughout the school year. This year, the Naples Explorer's post will meet at Palmetto Ridge High School. Transportation is available for the Naples post from 2373 Horseshoe Drive (4:30 PM) to Oakridge Middle School (5:00 PM) to Palmetto Ridge High School and back. The Immokalee post will meet at Immokalee High School (4:30 PM) then transport to Palmetto Ridge and back. Meetings are held every Wednesday from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM. (NOTE: Dates and times subject to change)

The Collier County Sheriff's Office also offers a Cadet Program at each post. Middle school students 12 through 14 years of age who maintain a "C" average or above (same requirements as Explorers) can join. Except for out of town competition, Cadets participate in the same type of programs and activities as their older counterpart. Cadets may become an Explorer once they reach the age of 14.

Both Explorers and Cadets must obey the CCSO policy and procedures addressed to the Explorer's Program along with the guidelines set by the Boy Scouts of America, Learning for Life.

For more information, contact Cpl. Patti Holt at 239.252.0146 or Sgt. Robert Bredwell at 239.252.0137.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

Explorers have the opportunity to learn almost every aspect of law enforcement. Subject topics include, but are not limited to:

Investigations

Public Relations · Crime Prevention

Arrest

Communications · Crime Scene

Hostage Negotiation

Fingerprinting · First Aid

Firearm Safety

Patrol Procedures · Vehicle Stops

Traffic Direction

Crisis Intervention

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of the Collier County Sheriff's Office Explorers is to train, motivate and educate the youth of Collier County who wish to pursue a career in Law Enforcement. By becoming an Explorer, they will enrich their lives through learning strong character traits and positive activities.

CADETS & EXPLORERS

1. The Collier County Sheriff's Explorer Program is a self sufficient program sponsored by the Collier County Sheriff's Office. The program has two Explorer posts, one in the Naples area and one in the Immokalee area. Each post is open to all juveniles from 6th through 8th grade. These juveniles are considered Cadets. Juveniles and young adults aged 14 through 18 years of age are considered Explorers. We provide the opportunity to acquire an in-depth knowledge of the law enforcement profession. Participants are expected to maintain a 2.0 grade point average and cannot have an arrest record. The program is affiliated with the Boys Scouts of America, Learning for Life. We provide positive reinforcement to juveniles and young adults by teaching them how to interact with the community and participate and compete against other explorer posts. After Explorers complete certain requirements within the program, they are allowed to ride along with district deputies. They also participate in school violence scenarios, as victims.
2. Cadets and Explorers provide several hundred hours of community service each year. They offer assistance with annual events such as the Swamp Buggy Races, Collier County Jr. Deputy Fair Day, The Collier County Fair, Jr. Deputy Camp, participate in the regional "Do the Right Thing" event as honor

guards, distribute Halloween candy in various neighborhoods throughout Collier County, and pass out Christmas presents to the needy.

3. The mission of the Explorer Program is to provide a structural setting for young men and women to help them develop and prepare for the challenges of the real world. They are required to respect and obey their parents and to respect and interact with the public. Though this program is geared towards a career in the Law Enforcement field, the training Explorers receive will benefit them regardless of what profession they will choose to follow. We provide Explorers opportunities to socialize and compete with other Explorers from different Explorer posts around the State of Florida.

4. With the exception of the week long summer Delegates, the Explorer program operates during the school year. At each meeting, individual Explorers are graded on their participation during the meeting and attendance at special events. Sporadic checks are conducted with teachers and parents to ensure individuals maintain the requirements of the Explorer program. If an advisor is informed there is a problem with one of the Explorers or Cadets, the advisor will meet with the parent to discuss the problem and offer assistance and possible solutions toward resolution.

5. We instruct Explorers and Cadets in diverse functions of Law Enforcement. Several times during the year, Explorers attend Delegate's meetings and compete against other Explorer posts in law enforcement procedures. Delegate meetings are supervised by advisors from different posts but are ran by a committee on Explorers. During the summer, Explorers attend a week long competition.

6. Due to the amount of inadequate funds available for the Explorer Program, we are limited on uniforms, training equipment, and number of Explorers able to attend Delegates. The Collier County Sheriff's Office donates the uniforms for formal wear. Practical uniforms and hats come out of donations the Explorers receive for working certain special events. We are pressed for equipment that is needed for training, and we would like to send all Explorers to Delegates and State Delegates, but with the cost of competition, we are able to send only eight Explorers. Currently there are 27 Cadets and Explorers, half of which are from the Immokalee post. Though there is no limit to the amount of Cadet or Explorers that each post may have, budget restraints force us to limit the amount of participants. This gives current members an opportunity to fully participate without putting the Explorer program into a financial bind.

7. The Collier County Sheriff's Explorer Program trains Cadets and Explorers in different aspect of Law Enforcement. Their participation in the program gives them some experience on how the Sheriff's office operates. This gives them an advantage when applying for possible employment at a Law Enforcement agency.

8. The experience the Cadets and Explorers obtain is critical during an event where other agencies are involved.

9. The Staff who carry out this project are Collier County Sheriff Deputies assigned to the Youth Relations Bureau. These deputies have experience in instructing and mentoring Explorers.

10. Currently, additional funding is obtained by working special events within the community of Collier County.

11. Random drug testing will be conducted for all Explorers participating in the CCSO Explorer Program.

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Kevin J. Rambosk, Sheriff

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Name: _____ Race: _____ Sex: _____

Address: _____ Zip Code: _____

Age: _____ D.O.B.: _____ Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Home Phone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____ Parent Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Name of School: _____ Grade: _____

Have you ever been arrested? Yes No

Have you ever been in trouble at school? Yes No

Have you ever been treated for: Alcohol? Yes No

Illegal drug use? Yes No

Is there a medical condition we need to be aware of? Yes No

Do you take medication? Yes No

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, please explain: _____

Will you be able to attend training / meetings on a regular basis? Yes No

Violation of Florida State Statutes, the Explorer's Program by-laws, or disrespect to any Explorer member / advisor or the general public will be subject to suspension / dismissal from the program.

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Training and information you receive may be sensitive to Law Enforcement in nature and should not be disclosed outside the Law Enforcement environment. Failure to comply with this mandate will result in your immediate dismissal from the program.

Applicant

Date

Parent / Guardian

Explorer Advisor

DJJ Check Grade Average Approval (Senior Advisor) Approval (Explorer Supervisor)

Green Shirt

Date Issued

Date Returned

White Class B Shirt

Green Class B Pants

Explorer Badge

Tan Shirt

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All issued property remains the property of the Collier County Sheriff's Office and must be returned when leaving the Explorer's program.

COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

I, _____ (Parent/Guardian Name),
have read the Explorer's Program packet in its entirety, including the calendar, and
agree to support my child's compliance in attending Explorer details, including
weekends.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

TRAVEL PERMISSION FORM

I, _____ (Parent/Guardian Name),
grant my son/daughter, _____, to participate
in all Explorer activities and travel with the Explorer Advisors during functions and
meetings. Explorer Advisors / CCSO Deputies are authorized to obtain medical
treatment and care during my absence.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Witnessed: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Insurance Company: _____

Policy #: _____

Parent Contact: _____

Home #: _____ Work #: _____ Cell #: _____

Emergency Contact Person: _____

Home #: _____ Work #: _____ Cell #: _____