



Live Oak Police Department



Junior Police Academy

Students ages 9—12

June 17-21, 2024

8:00 am to 12:30 p.m.

The Live Oak Junior Police Academy will run Monday through Friday, June 17th - 21st from 8:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. for students ages 9-12. There is no fee for the academy and class size is limited to **40** students. Live Oak residents have priority. Applications are available on the police page of the City of Live Oak website www.liveoaktx.net, as well as the Justice Center,

8022 Shin Oak Drive. Applications are due by **FRIDAY, MAY 10th**. Your child will learn various aspects of policing over the five days of the Junior Police Academy. Day one begins with a brief orientation for the parents and students along with the academy schedule for the week including the graduation ceremony on Friday, June 21.

Children between the ages of 9 and 12 are ideal candidates for the Junior Police Academy. The lessons learned at this age will help them with the difficult decisions and choices they will make in the upcoming years. Your child will meet many



different police officers and public service personnel during the course of the program. This serves to provide positive role models for the children. Your child will learn about respect and courtesy for others and for the law, as well as explanations of the law as it relates to order in our society. Various members of the police department including patrol officers, detectives, bike officers, K9, SWAT, negotiators, and communication operators will meet the children and introduce them to the functions of their job. Your children are given a tour of the Live Oak Justice Center, Animal Control, and the Dispatch Center where all 911 emergency calls are received.

The program opens the door for real dialog by candidly discussing the role of gangs, alcohol, drugs, violence, guns, self-esteem and the need to establish important goals. These subjects and many more are discussed openly; questions are encouraged. The police officers stress that each child in the program is special. The officers further underscore the importance of keeping lines of communication open. The goal of the Junior Police Academy is to educate children in the various functions of the police department. We want them to understand that they will soon be making important choices and hopefully we can help them make the right ones.

The academy is designed to provide a safe and fun learning environment for children. We understand that the values a child learns today will help create who they are to become as adults. Our goal is to provide a positive setting where children learn to respect themselves and others. They will learn what it means to be a police officer and understand we are here to help others. Your children will experience firsthand what officers do to keep the community safe. Live Oak Junior Police Cadets will interact with police officers from various divisions of the department. All activities will be well supervised and geared toward fun activities in a safe setting. The Junior Police Academy has been implemented by the staff of the Live Oak Police Department in an effort to provide a positive impact on the lives of our young people. Today's youth are the future leaders of tomorrow. This program is an effort on our part of investing in the future of our youth in the City of Live Oak.



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