



MCPD Youth Leadership Academy

June 19th -23rd 2017

The 2017 edition of the MCPD Youth Leadership Academy will be a **fun** and **inspiring** week that will help to motivate each participant to take their place as leaders among their peers. High energy activities, positive reinforcement, and confidence building programs will be the common thread as we enlist the services of the top local and regional leaders to help develop our youth.

“The Youth Leadership Academy exists to empower the next generation of leaders!” - Chief Mark Swistek

Academy Activities

Leadership Speakers: Throughout the week, dynamic and influential community members will speak to the participants about the importance of leadership and what it takes to become a good leader.

SWAT Team Demonstration: Members of the MCPD SWAT Team will showcase their tactical equipment and share their insights into the world of responding to threats in the community.

Law Enforcement Stations: LES is a hands-on activity. Each station will introduce the participant to an aspect of police work, and emphasize safety measures. Participants will learn about MCPD's use of all Terrain Vehicles (ATV), scuba team protocols, motorcycle patrols, and the dynamics of the squad car. An academy favorite is the highly contested golf cart races on our custom designed course!

Crime Scene Investigations: The instructor will design several scenarios and showcase a very popular division of police work. CSI places the participants in the role of the investigator and presents an opportunity to solve a problem as a group.

Cardboard Boat Designs: This is a team building activity where a local business owner will teach the academy participants how to build cardboard boats. Their boats will be showcased in the annual Michigan City Parade.

K-9 Demonstration: This educational awareness program and demonstration explains the dynamic role of a Police K-9 and Handler. The demonstration will showcase the ability of a K-9 to locate suspects, victims, and narcotics.

Tour of MCPD: This interactive tour will allow the participants to see the daily operations behind the scenes of the police department. Each division of the MCPD will be visited and explained in a manner that will help bring insight and a greater appreciation for law enforcement.

Tour of LaPorte County Jail: The students will take a tour of the LaPorte County Jail facilities and participate in a behind the scenes view of incarceration. One of the highlights of the tour is a face to face interaction with a group of prisoners who will talk about the realities of life in jail.

What you need to know...

Eligibility: The academy is open to all enrolled Michigan City School students who will be **entering** the 7th or 8th grade.

Fees: The academy is free! Breakfast and lunch will be provided daily. An academy uniform, which consists of a shirt and gym shorts, will be issued along with a graduation certificate upon completion of the academy.

Location: All academy sessions will begin at the Michigan City Police Department. We will utilize the Community Room for classroom instruction.

Dates and Times: The week long academy will begin on **Monday June 19th** and conclude **Friday June 23rd**. Each session will begin at **8:30am** and end at **3:30pm**.

All students should be dropped off at the Michigan City Police Department by 8am each day.

Applications can be downloaded from the Michigan City Police Department website or the Michigan City Area Schools website.

You can pick up an application at any of the following locations:

- Michigan City Police Department
- City Hall, Office of the Mayor
- Michigan City Area Schools Administration Building



*****Application Deadline is Friday June 2nd, 2017 at noon.** Applications can be turned in at the Michigan City Police Department. Space is limited, so apply quickly!

For more information contact Detective Marty Corley at (219) 874-3221 ext 1081 or Jamie Blackwell at 219-874-3221 ext 1044