



MENLO PARK POLICE EXPLORER PROGRAM POST #844 PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

APPLICANTS: *Please read this participation agreement and waiver, which explains what some of your duties and requirements would be if you are selected as a Menlo Park Police Explorer. This is a summary of what you can expect from the Program and what we expect from you.*

For applicants under 18 years old, please have your parents read and sign both sections.

EXPLORER ACADEMY:

I understand I must be willing and able to attend the Explorer Academy, which requires attendance of eight consecutive Sunday sessions (0700-1800 hours) held at the College of San Mateo and one Saturday session (0700-2200 hours) held at Huddart Park in Woodside, CA. I understand have 1 year to successfully complete the academy during the Fall or Spring session.

I understand I must arrange my own transportation to the academy sessions.

I understand there is a non-refundable \$55 Explorer Academy fee due with the Academy application payable to the Pacific Skyline Council, BSA.

I understand I am required to purchase an Explorer uniform prior to completion of the Academy. The cost of the uniform including boots is approximately \$150-\$200, which I am responsible for purchasing directly from a designated uniform shop. I understand any uniform costs I incur will *not* be refunded by the Menlo Park Police Explorer Post.

I understand there will be a *firearms course*, which includes classroom instruction and hands on training on one of the Sunday sessions. I understand if I do not pass the two firearms classroom tests I will not be allowed to participate in the shooting portion of the class. I also understand I can opt out of taking the class and opt out of participating in the shooting.

I understand in order to successfully complete the Explorer Academy, I must complete all homework, memos and tests. I understand I must pass the midterm and final with 70% or better. If I fail to get a 70% or better on the midterm or final, I understand I will be given an opportunity to retake the test(s). If I fail to get a 70% or better on the retake(s) then I will be dropped from the Explorer Academy. I must then re-enroll in the academy the next session.

PARTICIPATION:

If selected as an Explorer I will be responsible for completing 10 hours per month. I am willing/able to participate in activities, including *but not limited to*:

- Patrol Ride-Alongs
- Meetings - one evening per month
- Training - meeting nights and additional training as necessary
- Details - traffic control and community events (weekends, week nights)

CONDUCT:

I agree to follow the Explorer Program rules and regulations, particularly my role as a positive representative of the Explorer Program and the Menlo Park Police Department. I understand that any misconduct whether on or off-duty that is contradictory to the ethical standards of the program can be grounds for dismissal.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS:

I understand that I must maintain a C average (2.0 GPA) or above, with no failing grades, and will furnish a copy of my transcripts/report card if requested.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION:

I understand that as an Explorer, I may be exposed to information of a confidential nature. I agree that I will not share any confidential information with any individuals outside of the Menlo Park Police Department. Furthermore, I will not attempt to obtain any confidential information for my own personal use or for the use of others.

LOYALTY OATH:

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California against all enemies, foreign or domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of California; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter.

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By signing, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the Menlo Park Police Explorer Program Participation Agreement. I am willing and able to participate and follow the guidelines as stated on the first page of this form. I also promise to adhere to the above listed Loyalty Oath.

Applicant's Printed Name: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

**MENLO PARK POLICE EXPLORER PROGRAM POST #844
PARENTAL AGREEMENT AND WAIVER**

I understand the nature of the Explorer Post Program sponsored by the Menlo Park Police Department and the activities that include but are not limited to law enforcement training, emergency response, patrol car ride-alongs, firearms training, traffic/parking control activities, community services projects and traveling to conferences and out of town events.

In consideration of the benefits to be derived from participating in the Menlo Park Police Explorer Program, any and all claims against Learning for Life, The Pacific Skyline Council, Boy Scouts of America or the Menlo Park Police Department are hereby expressly waived by the applicant and the applicant's parent(s) or guardian(s).

I hereby approve and agree to allow my son/daughter to participate in the Menlo Park Police Explorer Program.

Applicant's Printed Name: _____

Applicant's Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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