



2016 YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY

REQUIREMENTS AND EXPECTATIONS FOR CADETS

1. Cadets will be selected from participating Boroughs. Students between 13 and 17 years of age are eligible to apply. Applicants are required to get a recommendation from a teacher, coach, scout leader or other adult who knows them in an official capacity.
2. The Youth Police Academy (YPA) will run for 8 consecutive weeks. Sessions will be held on Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 8:30 PM at the Clifton Heights Municipal Building (30 S. Springfield Rd., Clifton Heights, PA 19018). The program will run from March 3 through April 28, 2016. If needed, May 5, 2016 will be used as a “snow” day. There is parking available at the municipal building. Parents are welcome to remain and observe the sessions or to drop off and pick up cadets. There will be a graduation ceremony at the end of the program. Cadets will be advised of the date, time and location of the event. Parents and guests are invited. Other regional academies may also participate in the graduation ceremony.
3. Cadets are expected to make every effort to attend all sessions. When possible, cadets should have their parent or guardian contact YPA staff if the cadet cannot attend a session. Cadets who miss more than 3 sessions may be required to complete “make-up” assignments. Cadets with more than three missed sessions may not be awarded a Certificate at the end of the program. YPA staff will review all cases on an individual basis. Cadets who do not complete the program will be offered an opportunity to repeat the YPA in a future year.
4. Due to the type of material covered and the activities planned, cadets are expected to act in a mature and responsible manner. Cadets who commit serious infractions or who repeatedly make poor decisions may be asked to leave the program.
5. Cadets are expected to arrive on time for all sessions and to wear their uniform or other appropriate clothing. Cadet uniforms will consist of an issued YPA shirt, clean and neat trousers and appropriate footwear. Cadets will be participating in physical activities and should select trousers and footwear accordingly. Profane, obscene, offensive or drug related messages will not be allowed. Cadets may be asked to leave a session due to inappropriate clothing.

6. Cadets will participate in physical activities including physical fitness and exercise as well as marching and drill. Cadets who cannot participate in any of these activities should have their parent or guardian contact the YPA staff at the start of the program so that appropriate arrangements can be made.
7. Handouts and note taking materials will be provided. Cadets may be required to complete reading or other assignments prior to some sessions. Audio and/or video recording any session is not permitted without the permission of the YPA staff.