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Summit Police Department accepting applications for 2025 Summer Youth Academy March 3 through April 1

SUMMIT, NJ, February 25, 2025 – The Summit Police Department is announcing upcoming dates for its 2025 Youth Academy. Two one-week sessions will be held from July 21 to July 25 and July 28 to August 1 from 8AM to 3PM daily. The program is open to children 10-14 years of age as of July 21, and entering Grades 6, 7, 8, or 9 the following school year. Applications will be accepted beginning March 3 through April 1, and are available [online](#) and at the Summit Police Department in City Hall (512 Springfield Avenue).

Now in its nineteenth season, the popular program provides area youth with an opportunity to develop an understanding of the role of the police officer in the community. Modeled after actual Police Academy curriculum, recruits undergo physical training, drill and ceremony training, instruction in criminal investigation techniques, and evidence recovery and patrol practices. Cadets visit the Union County Police Academy and attend demonstrations from the Union County Sheriff's K-9 Unit, Union County S.W.A.T. Team and Bomb Squad.

Cadets are provided an official Summit Police Youth Academy uniform to wear during the session. Upon successful completion of the program, cadets participate in a graduation ceremony and receive a certificate of completion, official Summit Police Youth Academy patch, and access to a shared drive with photos taken during their session.

Admission to the program is on a rolling basis with preference given to Summit residents who are first time applicants; former recruits and out-of-town applicants may be placed on a waiting list. A limited number of scholarships are available to those experiencing financial hardship. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance to the program on Tuesday, April 15. Accepted cadets will be instructed to submit the tuition fee of \$125 in the form of a check to the Summit Police Department by Friday, April 18. Any accepted cadets that do not submit payment by April 18 will be moved to the end of the program waiting list.

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