



## **LAUREL POLICE DEPARTMENT YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY**

### **Rules and Regulations - Academy Behavior Policy**

It is our intention to provide your child with a safe and secure environment. We will attempt to create a comfortable and fun atmosphere that will have your child looking forward to coming to the Academy each day.

We are here for your child and the other children to have a positive experience. The Academy behavior policy, outlined below, will help children and our staff to understand and enforce the rules fairly. Our program stresses good citizenship with an emphasis on the following:

1. Always tell the truth.
2. Safety is imperative.
3. Cooperation and participation are both required in activities.
4. Respect those around you, both students and staff, be nice to others; no negative comments.
5. Respect for property.
6. Appropriate language and dress at all times; inappropriate language (i.e., degrading, profane, racial slurs, etc.) will not be tolerated.
7. Keep your hands to yourself; hitting, pushing, or shoving will not be tolerated.
8. Do not borrow from others without permission.
9. Be a good sport.

Please be advised, the following behaviors will detract from a positive Academy experience:

- Physical aggression
- Stealing
- Defiance in following instructions, and/or repeated incidents of inappropriate language.

If a student has difficulty with our behavior program, our first response will be to verbally intervene and help the child understand the impact his/her behavior is having on the positive Academy experience. If the behavior continues to be disruptive, his/her parent/guardian will be contacted to pick up their child. The child will then be asked to not return for the remainder of the day. The Director will review the incident and decide if the Cadet will be permitted to attend the remainder of the Academy, depending on the nature of the behavior issue.

Academy staff will record the incident and outline the consequences of the behavior with the student and his/her parent/guardian. Cadets may not leave the Academy without notifying the Academy staff, unless the day's session has ended.

All injuries or illnesses must be reported immediately to the Academy staff.

The drinking of alcohol or the use of drugs or tobacco on and off campus is strictly prohibited. The violation of this rule is just cause for immediate dismissal.

No knives, firearms, or weapons are permitted on the campus. The violation of this rule is just cause for immediate dismissal and initiation of a criminal investigation.

## **Academy Protocols and Parental Responsibilities**

Drop off/arrival time is between **8:30 and 9:00 AM** each day. Tardiness is discouraged. If a child is going to be late, please notify Det Gardner (302-579-4922) or a member of the Laurel Police Academy Staff.

Pick up/departure time is **4:30 PM** Transportation to and from the academy will not be provided.

The academy uniform will be handed out on day one of the academy. The student is responsible for the care and upkeep of the uniform during the academy. The uniform must be worn each day of the academy and be in good, clean condition.

Cadets need to arrive daily dressed in Khaki long pants and collared shirt (shirt provided by the Academy). Cadets also need to bring a pair of athletic shorts (black preferably or dark colored) daily for activities.

Academy shirts will be provided by the academy. Students need to wear their Academy shirts every day. That is one of the ways we identify our team members.

Do not bring valuables to the Academy. The academy will not be responsible for lost, damaged or stolen items to include cell phones.

Cell phones are permitted; however, no cell use is allowed during classes or presentations. Any violations will result in a temporary seizure of their phone by the Academy Staff until the end of the day.

Lunch will be provided daily, however if you would like for your child to bring a bagged lunch, that is permissible.

**On Friday August 15<sup>th</sup>, the Cadets will be on site at the Academy beyond the 4:30 dismissal time and will have both lunch and dinner provided that day. They will be under our care until the Graduation ceremony at 530PM.**

Each student will receive a water bottle on the first day of the academy. The student is responsible for the care and upkeep of the water bottle. The water bottle must be with the student at all times.

In any situation not specifically covered by the above rules, the decision of the Academy Director is final and must be followed.

Please sign acknowledging you have read the rules and regulations of the Academy and will always abide by them.

Student Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_