

Leander Police Department 2026 Junior Police Academy Application

Application Deadline

Friday, May 29, 2026, by 5:00 PM.

This program filled quickly last year, and space is limited, so early submission is strongly encouraged. Each session is limited to 16 cadets and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications must be hand-delivered to the Leander Police Department Reception Desk at **705 Leander Drive, Leander, TX 78641**. Applications may be mailed; however, delays in delivery could affect acceptance.

The Junior Police Academy will be offered during three one-week sessions:

- July 6–10
- July 13-17
- July 20–24
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Applicants should select their preferred session when submitting the application. If that session fills, a second or third choice may be considered.

Purpose

The Leander Junior Police Academy is designed to build positive relationships between law enforcement and local youth while giving participants a realistic look at what it takes to be a police officer.

Program Overview

This **free** camp is modeled after a basic police academy and is open to Leander-area students ages 11–13.

The academy runs Monday through Thursday from **8:00 AM to 3:00 PM**. On Friday, cadets will be released at approximately **12:00 PM following the graduation ceremony**, which serves as the final event of the academy. Parents are encouraged to attend.

Cadets will be introduced to a structured, paramilitary-style environment and participate in:

- Physical training and obstacle courses
- Basic formations and movement
- Exposure to police, fire, and SWAT equipment
- Traffic safety and criminal investigations
- Introductory handcuffing and self-defense techniques

Cadets will also interact with officers and first responders, giving them a practical look at real-world law enforcement operations.

The academy concludes with a graduation ceremony recognizing each cadet's effort and participation.

Rules and Expectations

To ensure a safe and productive environment, cadets are expected to:

- Maintain a respectful attitude toward instructors and fellow cadets
- Follow all instructions and academy guidelines
- Keep track of personal belongings
- Refrain from using electronic devices during academy hours
- Participate in all activities unless prior notice of limitations is provided

Dress Code:

- Black shorts (must extend to fingertip length when standing and no longer than the knee)
- Athletic shoes and socks
- Issued JPA t-shirt (once provided)

Failure to follow rules may result in dismissal for the day. Continued violations may result in removal from the program.

Important Information

- **Location:** Leander Police Department
- **Time:** 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM (Monday–Thursday)
- **Friday:** Release at approximately 12:00 PM following the graduation ceremony

Cadets should bring:

- Refillable water bottle
- Sunscreen
- Lunch

No cell phones or electronic devices are allowed during academy hours. If needed, parents may contact Junior Police Academy Advisor, **Cpl. B. Trzeciak at (512) 563-8585**.

Application Requirements

Each applicant must submit:

- Completed Application
- Medical Information Form
- Parental Release
- Liability Waiver
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Applications will be date- and time-stamped upon receipt. A waitlist will be maintained if sessions fill.

JUNIOR POLICE ACADEMY APPLICATION

1. Are you a current City of Leander employee?

☐ Yes

☐ No

2. Does your child attend LISD?

☐ Yes

☐ No

3. Are you currently residing within the city limits of Leander?

☐ Yes

☐ No

4. Is your child home schooled?

☐ Yes

☐ No

5. T-Shirt Size: (we cannot change sizes once ordered)

☐ Youth Small

☐ Youth Medium

☐ Youth Large

☐ Youth X-Large

☐ Adult Small

☐ Adult Medium

☐ Adult Large

☐ Adult X-Large

6. What is your child's full legal name and date of birth

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

7. What is your child's gender?

☐ Male

☐ Female

8. What is your child's age? _____

9. Has your child been sent to the Leander Extended Opportunity(LEO) during the 2024-2025 school year?

☐ Yes

☐ No

10. EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION (NAME AND PHONE NUMBER):

11. Does your child have any medical condition or under physicians care?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes, please explain: _____

12. Please mark your preferred academy by writing 1,2, or 3 next to the dates listed. If you only have one or two preferences, you may leave the remaining options blank.

☐ July 6th – July 10th _____

☐ July 13th – July 17th _____

☐ July 20th – July 24th _____

I certify that the above information is true correct to the best of my knowledge.

Parent Name (PRINT)

Parent Signature

Parent's Phone #

E-mail address

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MEDICAL INFORMATION

PLEASE PRINT

Date: _____

Name of Participant: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Please list ANY medical conditions that the participant has: _____

List ALL medication taken by the participant: _____

Is the participant required to take medication during the academy hours? Yes ____ No ____
If yes, what is the medication/dosage? _____

Is the participant able to administer the medication? Yes ____ No ____
If no, please explain: _____

PHYSICIAN: _____ PHONE: _____

DENTIST: _____ PHONE: _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Address _____

Cell Phone _____ Home Phone _____

Employer _____ Phone _____

Note: All medical emergencies will be treated as such and will be attended to by the Leander EMS/Fire Department as deemed necessary by academy personnel, instructors, or coordinators.

LEANDER POLICE DEPARTMENT

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PARENTAL CODE OF CONDUCT & MEDIA RELEASE

I, (Parent) _____, give permission for my child _____ to participate in the Leander Police Department's Junior Police Academy being held on (date) _____.

I understand that my child will be attending classes supervised by Leander Police Department personnel. I also understand that the supervised classes will consist of both educational and practical material and that some of the material in the classes may be graphic due to the nature of the curriculum or class topic. I have read the rules of conduct and dress code and understand that both must be adhered to at all times.

The undersigned does also herby authorize photographs and or video documentation to be taken of my son / daughter. Photographs and or videos may be used to promote or further the Leander Police Department's Junior Police Academy, and may be used in the media.

(Parent / Guardian signature)

(Date)

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RELEASE OF LIABILITY WAIVER

I, (Parent) _____, hereby authorize my son/daughter to participate in the Leander Police Department's Junior Police Academy. The camp will take place on _____ (list date).

I, _____, also give my permission for my son/daughter to be transported to and from scheduled and specified events by vehicles operated by Leander Police Department personnel. I, _____, fully understand, and my son/daughter fully understands, that participation and transportation during the Leander Police Department's Junior Police Academy could result in bodily injury, serious bodily injury, illness or death. Although I fully appreciate these risks, I desire my child to participate in the Leander Police Department's Junior Police Academy without regard of the consequences. I, the undersigned, assume full and complete responsibility for any accident, injury or illness and or activity that may occur to my child as a result of their participation. I agree to and hereby release, hold harmless, and waive all claims that I, or my child may have against the Leander Police Department, City of Leander, or any of its employees, agents, sponsors, representatives, or volunteers from all legal injury, illness or death and or activities arising from or connected in any manner to my child's participation in the Leander Police Department's Junior Police Academy, including but not limited to liability, damages, legal fees and or costs caused by or related to the negligence or the intentional act of the Leander Police Department, City of Leander, or any of its employees, agents, sponsors, representatives, or volunteers in whole or in part. This release shall be binding on my heirs, legatees, administrators, and assigns.

(Parent/guardian signature)

(Date)

(Parent/guardian Printed Name)