AS AN EXPLORER...

I believe that America’s strength lies in our trust in God and in the courage, strength and tradition of our people.

I will, therefore, maintain a personal sense of honor in my own life.

I will treasure my American heritage and will do all I can to preserve and enrich it.

I will recognize the dignity and worth of all humanity and will use fair play and goodwill in my daily life.

I will acquire the Exploring attitude that seeks truth in all things and adventure on the frontiers of our changing world.
**WHAT IS EXPLORING?**

The Travis County Sheriff’s Office Exploring program provides the opportunity for young people between the ages of 14 (must have completed 8th grade) and 20 to determine through actual experience if they want to pursue a career in law enforcement.

The program provides young men and women the chance for community involvement and hands-on practical training, which will help them develop a greater understanding about the criminal justice field and the role of the Sheriff’s Office.

Our Exploring program offers many exciting opportunities in the law enforcement and corrections fields. With your abilities, along with the skills and opportunities available within this program, you will emerge as a leader among your peers. These opportunities, in many ways, will help strengthen your future and lead you to be a positive, productive citizen for our community.

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**TRAINING and ACTIVITIES**

Members of the Explorer Post are required to attend weekly meetings. The meetings involve classroom and hands-on practical training, in the form of role-playing scenarios. Examples of training include patrol techniques, accident investigation, building searches, crime scene investigation and many more engaging topics.

Explorers also participate in many agency and community events. The program is youth led and activities are planned and implemented by the Explorer Post members.

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**REQUIREMENTS**

In order to join the Explorers, you must be a U.S. citizen. You must not be on, or have previously been on probation, parole or currently under investigation for any criminal matter. You must have a good driving record.

An Explorer must maintain a minimum of a “C” average (2.0 GPA) while in school. Personal and school references will be checked prior to acceptance and during the course of the program.

Most importantly, you must have a sincere and committed interest in law enforcement and the criminal justice field.

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**WHAT IS EXPECTED**

- Participation
- Dedication
- Willingness to Learn
- Lead by Example
- Adhering to Policy
- Teamwork
- Cooperation
- Honesty