

EXPLORING™

DISCOVER YOUR FUTURE

2023-2024

CAREER EXPLORING GUIDEBOOK



YOUR
CAREER
STARTS
TODAY.

STEP #1

Select a program that
appeals most to you.

STEP #2

Register online for
program's open
house.

STEP #3

Attend program's
open house and have
fun.



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It's never too early to start thinking about your future. With Exploring, you can learn more about careers that interest you while getting hands-on experience and networking with professionals.

From Engineering and Health Care to IT and Law Enforcement, you have the opportunity to learn from Central Texas' top organizations in their field.

HOW DO I LEARN MORE?

This guidebook provides a full listing of our Exploring programs around Central Texas. Each Exploring Club and/or Post hosts an open house in the fall for prospective new members to visit and learn more about its program.

You can also visit BSACAC.org/exploring for more information.

WHAT IS EXPLORING?

Exploring is a unique career exploration program for young men and women ages 10-20. The program provides students with an opportunity to learn about a wide variety of career fields and network with professionals already working in those fields.

Exploring is based on a unique and dynamic relationship between youth and the organization in their communities. Local organizations initiate an Explorer program by matching their staff and program resources to the interests of young people.

WHY EXPLORING?

Exploring provides exciting activities and one-on-one mentorship for youth looking to discover their future. You will get hands-on experience to determine whether or not a particular career field is right for you, you will develop valuable networking contacts with professionals working in your selected career fields, and you get to know other youth with your same interests and aspirations.

POST OR CLUB?

Exploring serves two age groups, both co-ed. Explorer Clubs serve middle schoolers, aged 10-13, in sixth through eighth grade. Explorer Posts serve older youth 14-20 years old. The program model is the same for both age groups: hands-on and interactive character and career activities facilitated by trained business leaders from the local community.



Sheryl A. Horak Memorial Scholarship:
\$1,000 Deadline to apply is March 31, 2024

NOBLE Scholarships:
3 scholarships ranging from \$1,500 – \$2,500

Capt. James J. Regan Scholarships:
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Health Care Career Exploring is a hands-on program open to young men and women from the 6th grade to 20 years old with an interest in learning more about careers in the fields of health care.

MEDICAL EXPLORERS

POST #4077

One of the oldest (1991), largest, and leading Texas State student organizations devoted to increasing awareness of all health-related careers, and changes in the future of health care. We do this through intensive professional quality presentations by practicing health professionals and patients living with a great variety of diagnoses. We help provide extensive volunteer experiences and training to prepare future health professionals with an in-depth understanding of their coming careers. We also help arrange many volunteer opportunities with local health agencies and as volunteers on medical mission trips with the San Antonio Health Science Center Medical and Dental Schools.

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MEETINGS

Weekly on Tuesdays
Fall and Spring Semesters
6:30 PM

CONTACT

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ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY

Engineering & Technology Career Exploring is a hands-on program open to young men and women from the 6th grade to 20 years old with an interest in learning more about careers in the fields of engineering and technology. You will get to experience firsthand what it is like to be on the cutting edge of engineering and technology discoveries and so much more!

MEETINGS

Most weekdays after school

LOCATION

Anderson High School
8403 Mesa Dr.
Austin, TX

CONTACT

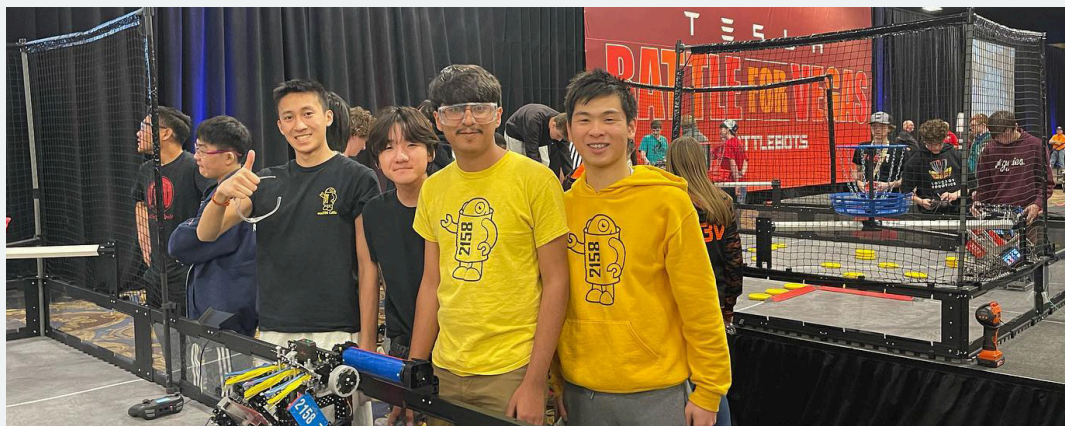
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AUSTIN CANS

POST #2158

Anderson Robotics/AustinCANS encompasses multiple programs that are available for local youth ages 14-20 to participate with us. We have an FIRST robotics competition team, multiple VEX teams, VEXU opportunities, and a Girls Who Code group. Each of these groups works independently and jointly to amplify the visibility of Engineering in our community. In this section you will find some examples of our ongoing efforts; come and join us!

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LUTRON ELECTRONICS

POST #2301

Explorer Post #2301 is an engineering exploration program. Our goal is to introduce electronics and engineering to young men and women in an environment that is hands on and fun. The program is run by a grassroots effort of a small group of Lutron employees who have a passion for showing interested Explorers about the interesting things in the world around them. We have had a number of young men and women go on to study engineering after high school. Many of them contact us and mention that their experience in Explorer Post helped influence their decision. Some of our volunteers may even be former Explorers of the Lutron program!



CYBER TECHNOLOGY

POST #1973

Coming soon!

MEETINGS

TBD

LOCATION

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MEETINGS

TBD

LOCATION

TBD

CONTACT

TBD



FIRE & EMS

Fire & EMS Career Exploring is a hands-on program open to young men and women from the 6th grade to 20 years old with an interest in learning more about careers in the field of fire or emergency services. This program combines some classroom training with hands-on lessons.

MEETINGS

During the school year
Also some Saturdays 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

LOCATION

TBD

CONTACT

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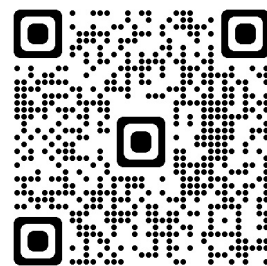
AUSTIN FIRE DEPARTMENT

POST #370

The Austin Fire Department (AFD) Explorers learn basic firefighting, rescue, and EMS skills, and will be introduced to firefighter culture through training and skills. Explorers are issued firefighting gear and safety equipment and work with members of AFD in the same facilities used to train our professional firefighters. Regardless of whether or not you choose to become a professional firefighter, our program builds personal and career development, setting you up for success in both work and life. Should you decide to pursue a career in the fire service, your time as an Explorer will give you the knowledge, experience, and networking tools to help you reach that goal.

Members of our post meet during the school year. In addition to regular session meetings, there will be volunteer opportunities. Participating in the AFD Explorer program does not have any bearing on your standing in any future City of Austin Fire Cadet hiring process.

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AUSTIN-TRAVIS COUNTY EMS

POST #247

Austin EMS Explorers in Central-East Austin where youth learn about many aspects of prehospital emergency medicine. Explorers are instructed by EMTs and Paramedics from Austin/Travis County EMS and become proficient in CPR, bandaging/splinting, oxygen administration, conducting patient interviews and examinations, treating illnesses, leading teams, and becoming more responsible individuals.

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ACADIAN AMBULANCE

COMING FALL 2023

Our posts are specifically designed for teens and young adults who are interested in the medical field. The program provides real-world experiences, helping participants develop critical skills necessary for a successful career in emergency medicine. In addition, our Explorers can earn their Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers certification.

Explorers have the opportunity to:

- Ride on our ambulances, shadowing employees
- Build a medical resume
- Learn CPR and other lifesaving skills
- Earn volunteer hours in a patient care environment
- Obtain scholarships for EMT school
- Further medical career opportunities

MEETINGS

Every Monday
7:00PM - 9:00 PM

LOCATION

TBD

CONTACT

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MEETINGS

Every Tuesday
5:00PM - 7:00 PM

LOCATION

Bastrop ISD Service Center

CONTACT

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MEETINGS

Twice each month

Must attend 2 meetings before joining

LOCATION

TBD

CONTACT

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MEETINGS

First and third Tuesdays each month

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Fourth Saturday each month (sometimes)

8:00 AM - Noon

LOCATION

TBD

CONTACT

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WILLIAMSON COUNTY EMS

WCEMS Paramedics lead this post for those with interest in a medical career. The explorers train in basic life support skills, developing confidence, teamwork, and problem solving using real-world medical scenarios. WCEMS Explorers have the opportunity to participate in special events and rides on EMS ambulances once they meet minimum training standards.



ROUND ROCK FIRE DEPARTMENT

The program is designed to give young adults, ages 14-20, an opportunity to learn about the fire service while providing a community service. The Post gives youths the opportunity to explore firefighting and emergency medical services, to determine if it is a career they would be interested in pursuing. Members not only get a first-hand look at the fire service, but they are also given the opportunity to enjoy organized recreational activities, competitive events and community interaction while working in a professional atmosphere. Exploring gives young people the opportunity to develop interpersonal relationships, leadership, and organizational skills. Explorers are exposed to department operations, which includes structural firefighting, emergency medical services, hazardous materials, special rescue, and the 9-1-1 emergency operations center. The objective of the training is to promote learning, teamwork, leadership and organization with a hands-on approach that allows the member to experience department operations under close supervision. Fire Explorers enjoy the ride out opportunities the program has to offer.

Explorers also participate in special events like Dell Diamond fireworks shows, Public Safety Day, Family Night Out, and Fire Prevention Month events.

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- Culinary Arts
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- HVAC Technology
- Industrial Systems
- Precision Machining Technology
- Welding Technology
- Workforce Training
- And more!

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LAW ENFORCEMENT

Law Enforcement Exploring is a hands-on program open to young men and women who have completed the 6th grade through 20 years old, interested in a career in law enforcement or a related field in the criminal justice system. This program combines some classroom training with hands-on lessons.

MEETINGS

Every Monday
6:00PM - 8:30 PM

LOCATION

TBD

CONTACT

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ROUND ROCK POLICE DEPARTMENT

POST #1096

The Round Rock Police Explorer Program introduces young men and women, aged 14-20, to the police profession and acquaints them with the nature and complexity of law enforcement. The program encourages them to seek careers in law enforcement while giving them a solid foundation upon which to build. The program also provides a prospective employer with an evaluation for each Explorer who seeks employment as a police officer. A well-managed Law Enforcement Explorer Post can have a positive influence on the department and the community through the demonstration of many valuable contributions offered by Explorers. The Explorer program provides law enforcement an opportunity to invest in its own future through constructive relationships with young adults considering a criminal justice career.

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MEETINGS

Mondays
5:30 PM

LOCATION

TBD

CONTACT

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GEORGETOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Exploring is the young adult career education program of Learning for Life for both young men and women who are age 14 through 20 years of age. Law Enforcement Exploring is a youth development program centered on law enforcement careers. Law Enforcement Explorers might choose to take part in crime prevention activities, community policing, traffic control, fingerprinting, ride-alongs, patrol procedures and connecting activities with high schools, court systems and national state and local academies. The bottom line is that Law Enforcement Exploring is an action-oriented, hands-on career discovery program.



MEETINGS

TBD

LOCATION

TBD

CONTACT

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PFLUGERVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

COMING FALL 2023

PFPD Exploring Post introduces young men and women to the field of law enforcement. Participants engage in hands on activities, training and mentorship to learn about various aspects of police work. Explorers experience real life scenarios, build character, and develop a strong sense of responsibility while fostering a positive relationship between law enforcement and the community.



SKILLED TRADES

Skilled Trades Career Exploring is a hands-on program open to young men and women from the 6th grade to 20 years old with an interest in learning more about careers in the fields of Skilled Trades. You will participate in hands-on projects, while also learning about the educational requirements for a successful career.

UNIVERSITY TECHNICAL INSTITUTE COMING FALL 2023

Do you like working with your hands? Come see what working in the automotive industry is like. Get hands on experiences and engage in in automotive projects, explore the latest technology, and gain knowledge about safety and performance. Plus, get a chance to tour some of the biggest dealerships in the Austin area to see what it would be like to work for them.



MEETINGS
TBD

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Austin, TX

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