

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is a Law Enforcement Explorer Post? An Explorer Post is registered through learning for life, a subsidy of the Boy Scouts of America. We teach children interested in law enforcement about different aspects of the job and opportunities within the career field.

How big is the program? The program is limited to 20 participants. In the event over 20 eligible youth apply for the program, a wait list will be established based on a first come, first serve basis.

How much does it cost to join the Explorer Program? Sangamon County is offering this opportunity at no cost to participants. Youth participating in this program will be provided a uniform shirt, a pair of uniform pants, and a jacket. Equipment required for training will be provided by the county.

How long is the program? Once accepted, membership is indefinite until the youth ages out of the program or no longer meets eligibility requirements.

How often does the Post meet? The Post meets on a regular basis, twice a month, August through May. Special events or volunteer opportunities may allow youth to participate in explorer events more frequently.

Where are meetings held? We have partnered with The Dream Center Sangamon County for a meeting venue. The Dream Center is a local non-profit organization that provides unique, hands-on, learning opportunities for young people and adults. Once accepted into the post, additional information will be given on the location of meetings.

How do I join? Verify you meet the program requirements and submit an application. Once we receive your application, we'll confirm receipt of the application via e-mail. Our staff will complete the background investigation and schedule an interview. **Please note:** If you are placed on a wait list your interview may not be scheduled until an opening exists within the post.

Have additional questions about the program? Contact Deputy Matt Marass at matthew.marass@sangaomonil.gov