

EXPLORING™

Extraordinary Explorers

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The Exploring program offers high school students the opportunity to experience a vocation, while gaining hands on experience. This creates an opportunity to jump start their search for their future career field, while gaining field specific knowledge. Today's publication is about some of the amazing things Putnam County Sherriff's Office Post is doing.

Putnam County Sheriff Post doing amazing things



When collaborations work, they work well and there is no better example of this than Explorer Post 2069 at the Putnam County Sheriff's Office.

After struggling to find enough youth to begin the post in 2018, Deputy Kelly Iliff has guided the program will providing great opportunity for the youth in the community.

"This Post is a great example of what collaboration looks like, having law enforcement professionals from both a county level and village level coming together to impact the professionals of tomorrow," said Black Swamp Area Council Assistant Scout Executive Colin Earl.



Following a slow start the first year, this Post saw its youth participation numbers increase and the program teachings impact so many to enable the group to receive the council's "Post of the Year" award in 2019. Finishing the year with 19 registered youth, the highest number of female Explorers of all other law enforcement programs in the 13-county area served by Black Swamp Area Council.

Post 2069 is always doing new and exciting things. During one of the first meetings students were able to get a tour of the sheriff office and see the equipment and tactical gear available for the department.



In the group's short history youth participants who have graduated high school have gone to the academy and are earning their law enforcement degree. One great example is Explorer Brad Beemer, who attends Rhodes State College Law Enforcement Program. Brad was featured in the July 2019 Exploring newsletter.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Please know some photos were taken before the Covid-19 virus required social distancing and facemask practices.

If you have a story on a local Explorer, please contact Colin Earl at colin.earl@scouting.org. Exploring provides exciting activities and mentorships for youth looking to discover their future. Whether you're a local organization looking to strengthen the community or a young person wanting to uncover the possibilities of your future, Exploring is a great place to start.