

2022 Recruit Class



Vernon Junior Police Academy

Monday, July 25th through Friday, July 29th 2022

Location: Vernon Police Athletic League (PAL)
25 Church Street, Vernon NJ

Academy Times: 8:00am-12:00pm

Fee: \$40.00 (to be collected with application)

(Check or Money Order made out to: Vernon Township)

Applicants must be Vernon residents and **entering** the **6th, 7th OR 8th** grade. Application packets will be available at the Vernon Township Police Department beginning May 16th, 2022 at 10:00am. The applications packets may also be downloaded from the Vernon Police Departments Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/vernonpolice>

Applicants will be accepted on a first come first serve basis. Deadline for returning the completed application packet will be **June 20th at 3pm** and class size will be limited to 40 recruits.

Any questions regarding the Junior Police Academy may be directed to:
Cpl. Ron Koumaras at (973) 764-6155



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The Vernon Police Department will be holding a Junior Police Academy from **July 25th – July 29th 2022**. This year's Academy will be held at the Vernon Police Athletic League located at 25 Church Street, Vernon NJ (Behind the Municipal Complex). Graduation and other events may change the drop off location. You as well as the recruits will be notified in advance.

Enrollment for the Academy will be restricted to 40 recruits. All applicants must be Vernon residents who will be entering the 6th, 7th or 8th grade. Applications will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. The first 40 applications received will determine who is accepted into this year's recruit class. Any applications received after the first 40 will be placed on a waiting list. If any of the first 40 applicants decide not to participate, the waiting list will then be used to fill any openings. The waiting list will also function on a first come, first serve basis.

Applications will be available beginning May 16th, 2022 at 10:00am. The application may be picked up at Vernon Police Headquarters or downloaded from the Vernon Police Departments Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/vernonpolice>

All returned applications and attached waivers/releases must be filled out completely. **No completed applications will be accepted before May 16th, 2022 at 10:00 am or after June 20th, 2022 at 3pm.** *Medical waiver/release forms can be submitted with the application, or they can be turned in no later than July 6th at 3pm. Applicants who fail to submit their medical waiver/release forms by July 6th will not be allowed to participate in the Junior Police Academy.*

Once we have received 40 applications, any further applications will be added to the wait list in the order in which they were received. If a recruit is unable to attend **or we have not received a recruit's medical waiver or release form by July 6th, by 3:00pm**, parents on the wait list will be notified and offered the opportunity.

Our objective is a week of education and fun through a Police Academy format. The week long curriculum will include various presentations from Vernon Police Officers and guest law enforcement agencies. There will be hands on practices, and physical training to give the students an idea of what is involved in becoming a Police Officer. **The Academy will culminate in a graduation ceremony on Friday, July 29th, 2022.** The location of the ceremony will be determined prior to the start of the academy. Depending on Covid 19 restrictions, we will determine how many family members will be permitted to attend the ceremony.

The daily schedule is from 8:00am to 12:00pm. Recruits are to be dropped at the Vernon PAL no later than 7:50am on each day. Transportation to and from the Academy is the responsibility of the recruit's parent or guardian. There may be one day in which students will be dropped off and picked up at Maple Grange Park (Maple Grange Road), this is dependent on the weather. Please always be prompt when dropping off and picking up your children.

Each recruit is required to bring water/Gatorade and a snack. It is recommended that each recruit bring one water/Gatorade to have during Physical Training and one water/Gatorade to have during snack time.

In order to offset the costs of the Academy, there will be a \$40.00 fee for each recruit. Each recruit will be issued two T-shirts and one pair of shorts. This fee will be collected when the application packet is returned. Please do not send cash; all checks or money orders should be made out to: Vernon Township.

We are hopeful that the interaction that will take place between your children and the members of our police department will have a positive effect on all involved. As police officers, we thoroughly enjoy participating in this program and look forward to working with your children!

If you should have any questions regarding this program, please call Cpl. Ron Koumaras at (973) 764-6155.



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Instruction Page

- The recruit class is limited to 40 children. The first 40 completed applications that are turned in at police headquarters will be accepted to this year's program. All other applicants will be placed onto a waiting list should any accepted recruits decide not to participate or are denied.
- All pages of the application must be filled out completely and truthfully. This includes the Application, Medical Waiver/Release and the Authorization, Release forms and Covid 19 Waiver. Any application that contains false information or is not filled out completely will be disqualified. **The Covid 19 Waiver must be filled out and turned in when the recruit is dropped off on the first day of the academy.**
- Please note that the Medical Waiver/Release requires the signature of your child's physician. If your child's physician does not sign this form, they are not eligible to participate in the Junior Police Academy.
- In order to give all applicants an equal opportunity to complete the application packet, ***no applications will be accepted before May 16th, 2022 at 10:00am.***
- All completed applications must be returned to the Vernon Township Police Department in person, ***no later than June 20th, 2022 at 3:00pm.***
- When selecting the uniform sizes for your child, please select the appropriate size that fits your child and not the size that they would like to wear. The uniform shirt should not be baggy and the shorts should not have to be folded in to fit.
- All children who are accepted into the program will be notified by telephone/email and be provided further instructions regarding the academy and uniform ordering/pick-up.
- If you have any questions regarding the Junior Police Academy or application packet, please call Cpl. Ron Koumaras at (973) 764-6155.



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Authorization and Release

The undersigned parent/guardian, understands all activities and requirements, and requests the opportunity to have my child participate in the Vernon Township Police Department's Junior Police Academy.

The undersigned agrees to have their child obey any and all directives or orders of any member of the Vernon Township Police Department while he/she is engaged in any and all activities relating to the Junior Police Academy, as well as strictly adhere to any departmental safety rules and/or regulations.

I further acknowledge that the privilege of participating in this program may be rescinded at any time during the course of the Junior Police Academy as a result of improper behavior or other factors that may be detrimental to the safety or well-being of any other participants or instructors, and the decision to rescind this privilege is in the sole and absolute discretion of the police officers involved.

The undersigned certifies that their son/daughter are Vernon residents and will be **entering** the 6th or 7th or 8th grade. All of the information contained in this application is correct and truthful to the best of my knowledge. I have read the above instructions and agree to abide by these regulations; and I have signed the authorization and release of my own free will.

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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The undersigned also understands that the Junior Police Academy generates interest from the news media, both print and televised, and authorizes the release of my child's name and image for use in any news media story relating to the Junior Police Academy. I also authorize the release of my child's name and image for use in any and all presentations or other media to be used for or by the Vernon Township Police Department regarding this program.

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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As a reminder, this year's recruit class will be limited to the first 40 returned and complete applications. Any applications that are not filled out completely or contain any false information may be disqualified. All applicants accepted into this year's program will be notified by telephone/email and provided further information as to when and where to pick up and order their uniforms.



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Medical Waiver/Release

Please fill out the following requested information completely. Also, please print all answers clearly. Any false, incomplete or illegible information may exclude the applicant from participating in this program.

Does your child suffer from any medical conditions: _____ If yes, please explain.

Does your child suffer from seasonal or other allergies: _____ If yes, please explain.

Does your child require any medication on a daily or emergent basis? _____ If yes, please explain.

Are there any other special needs that the staff of the Junior Police Academy should be aware of?

I, the undersigned parent/guardian of _____ states that the above health history information provided to the Vernon Township Police Department is true and that my child is physically able to participate in the Junior Police Academy.

I, the undersigned parent/guardian, also hereby releases and forever discharges the Township of Vernon, the Vernon Township Police Department and all of its Officers, the Vernon Police Athletic League, and any other agents or employees of participating agencies, from all claims and causes of action as a result of personal injuries, damages or other losses of any nature whatsoever, which may result or occur at any time while the child of the undersigned is participating in any of the activities of the Junior Police Academy. I further understand that any and all medical costs related to any injuries will be the responsibility of my family's own medical insurance company.

Parent/Guardian Name (Print): _____

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Date)

Please have your child's physician complete the following section.

Physician's Name: _____

Physician's Telephone Number: _____

I hereby certify that _____ is of satisfactory health and has no underlying medical conditions that would prohibit him/her from participating in physical training exercises performed during the course of the Vernon Township Junior Police Academy.

(Physician's Signature)

(Date)