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LPPD D.A.R.E. camps coming soon



City of La Porte Police Officers, Recreation Staff and campers at the Little Cedar Bayou Wave Pool

School will soon be out for the summer months, but learning should never stop. La Porte Police Department (LPPD) embraces this philosophy by providing various educational opportunities for area youth each summer. One of the particular programs being offered this summer is a series of Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Camps. These camps are for five to nine year olds and for Children going into the 5th and 6th Grades.

LPPD and the City of La Porte will have a 40 hour camp for five to nine year olds. The emphasis for this camp will be Safety, with equal parts fun. Topics will include The Annual Bicycle Rodeo Skills Course, Pedestrian Cross Walk, Stranger Danger, Internet Safety, Learning our addresses and parents cell phone numbers, Water Safety and Anti-Bullying. With many of our children being home alone during the summer break, the Eddie Eagle Gun Safety Course will be offered, where students learn what to do if they find a gun. To balance our safety with fun, trips are taken to the City of La Porte's Wave Pool at Little Cedar Bayou and the Northwest Park Pool.



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In addition to Safety Camps, Officers also put on camps for incoming 5th and 6th graders, where students learn about the harmful effects of alcohol and tobacco, Anti-bullying and Ways to say No to Peer Pressure. Most importantly the students undertake a course on decision making, where they are challenged to think through the consequences of their choices. The end goal is to see the students make choices that bring about the best outcome. Fun is also emphasized during the DARE camps, with campers partaking in different field trips each day. Our trips include skating, bowling, City of La Porte's Wave Pool at Little Cedar Bayou and the Johnson Space Center, Houston.

The tentative dates for the 2018 camps are as follows:

- 5 to 9 year olds –the week of June 25th to June 29th
- Students going into the 5th and 6th grades – Week of June 18th to June 22nd & July 9th to July 13th.

LPPD and the City of La Porte are committed to the safety education of our children. If you have any questions about these camps, or to learn more about other D.A.R.E. related outreach programs, please email LPPD Officer Yvonne Stanley at stanleyy@laportetx.gov or call 2818305208.