

CAREER EXPLORING

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LEARNING FOR LIFE & EXPLORING

DENVER AREA COUNCIL

*For Middle Schoolers
& Youth ages 14-20*

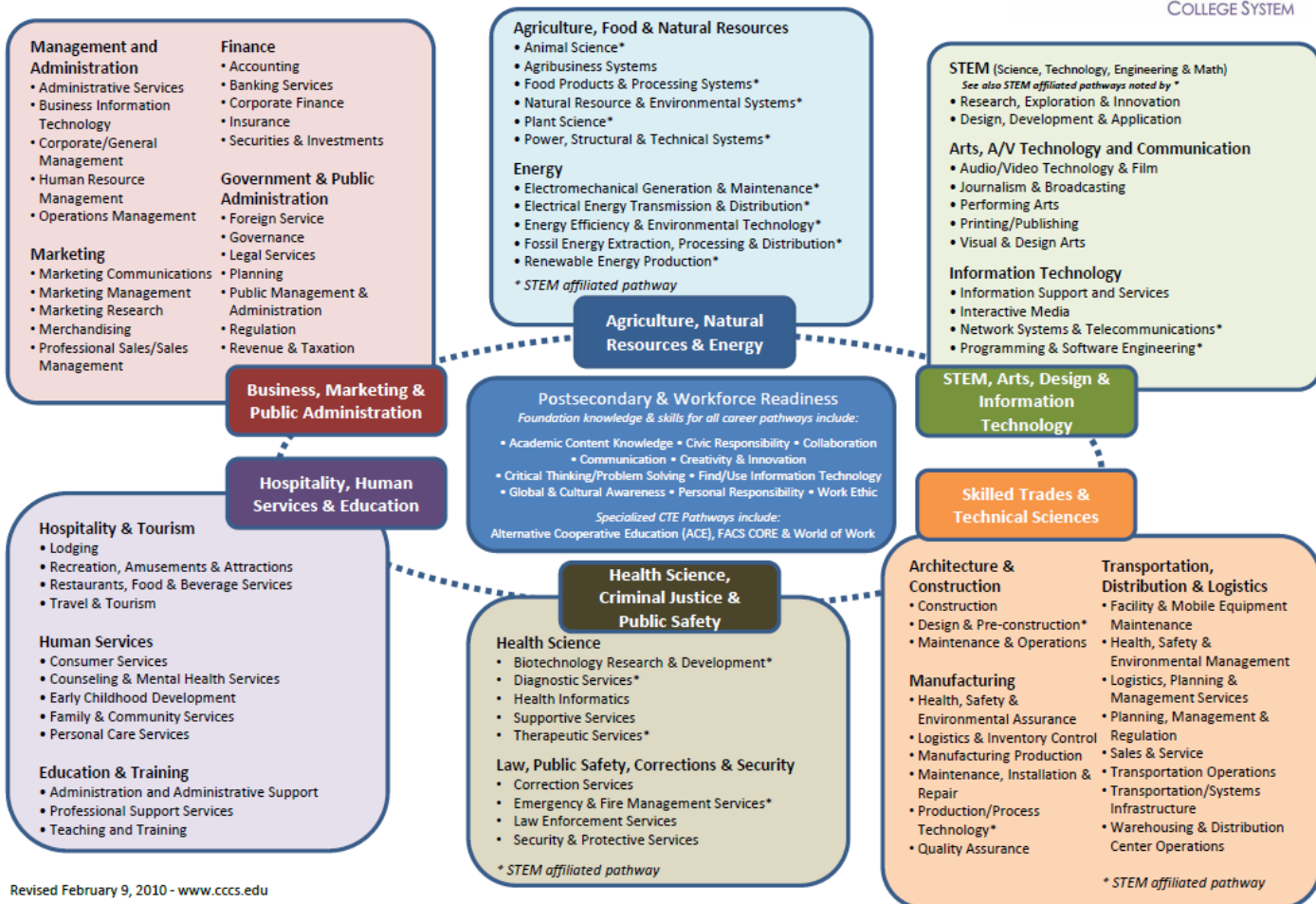
CAREER CLUSTERS

Colorado Career & Technical Education (CTE) believes that every student should be on a path that leads to career success, through seamless plans of study fostering academic and technical achievement, to develop a globally competitive workforce for Colorado. Use of this model will enhance Colorado's ability to grow a globally competitive workforce.

Colorado Career Cluster Model



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WHAT IS EXPLORING

Exploring is a career awareness program offered by local organizations to give young men and women, ages 14 – 20 years old and middle school students 6th – 8th grade, hands-on engaging experience in career fields of their choice.



There are approximately **60 Explorer Posts** in a variety of career fields. Exploring is continuously expanding and reaching out to other career fields.

1,462 youth are participating in the Explorer Program across Denver and youth membership is constantly growing.

Denver's Explorer Program serves youth in a total of **9 metropolitan counties** including Adams, Jefferson, Gilpin, Clear Creek, Parker, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas, and Elbert.

Explorers provided over 15,000 community service hours in 2014.

Over **320 adult volunteers** (and growing) dedicate their time to educating youth in their career field.

MIDDLE SCHOOL EXPLORER CLUBS

Middle School Explorer Clubs were started to provide a program to 6th – 8th grade students. These Clubs offer an array of options. One popular choice features interaction with professionals from across several career fields including STEM. Another option is to focus on only one specific career field such as law enforcement. All programs include both in-school and out-of-school activities, plus hands-on experiences.

Place Bridge Academy and Sierra Middle School were the first to participate with the growth of the Exploring Program to include Middle School Explorer Clubs.

If your Middle School is interested in starting a club, contact: Calin Sterling at csterling@denverfl.org or by phone 720-266-2156.



EXPLORING PROGRAMS

THE ADVENTURE PROJECT (TAP)

The Exploring Program at the Denver Area Council will host a 2 week program in the summer that will explore the different career fields in:



For more information check out our website www.denverexploring.org

DENVER AFTER DARK



**All night, behind-the-scene tours of 3rd shift careers
for males and females, ages 14-20 years old**

**Includes unique tours, bus, food, drinks, and
admission to Colorado Adventure Point
Adult Chaperones Invited!**

LEARNING FOR LIFE PROGRAMS

SPECIAL NEEDS EVENTS

The annual Learning for Life Special Needs Events, Adventure Day in the spring and Fishing Derby in the fall, provide experiences for youth with Special Needs and their teachers and aides to participate in activities they may not otherwise be able to experience. These events allow youth to interact with people just like them from all over the Denver area. It also offers them a real-world experiential learning outside of the classroom. Learning for Life provides curriculum books that teach various life and transitions skills but it is in settings such as these events that they are able to practice those skills. It is both a celebration for youth with Special Needs as well as an added value event for partners with the Learning for Life Special Needs District of the Denver Area Council. In 2014, there were approximately 5 school districts represented with 500 youth, paras, teachers, volunteers, and program supporters in attendance.

Learning for Life
Special Needs District

**ADVENTURE
DAY**

**FISHING
DERBY** 

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Contact Francesca Becerra for more info
fbecerra@denverlfl.org | 720-266-2141



QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q: What will we do at the Posts?

A: Each Post is a little different. Most Posts include hand-on activities, speakers, and tours. The ultimate goal is for all local youth ages 14-20 years old to decide whether a particular career is right for them.

Q: How do I register?

A: Visit us online at www.denverexploring.org and click on the tab that reads “Join Now” then click “Register Now”, and start the registration process by filling out the survey.

Q: Can I put this on my resume and/or college applications?

A: Absolutely! Participation in Exploring is the cornerstone of representing responsible young adults. Exploring is a national program and is recognized in cities across the United States.

Q: Are there internship, job, or volunteer opportunities available after the Post is over if I really like the company?

A: In most cases, yes, but not all. Anything done beyond the Post is mostly in your control to make it happen. Keep in mind however, just like any employment opportunity, only the right candidates are considered. Just ask your Post Advisor if they have something available.

Q: Who is running the Explorer Post?

A: Each Post is led by a team of experts in the field they are representing. Each Explorer Post is composed of at least four committee members, including the head of the organization, who are responsible for creating and implementing a quality program. All adult members of the Post receive background checks and youth protection training.

Q: Can I invite my friends?

A: Yes. As long as space is available and they meet the requirement, friends are welcome!

Q: Are parents invited?

A: Parents are always welcome to stay but it is not mandatory.

Q: Where do I begin?

A: Fill out a career interest survey www.denverexploring.org/join-now. Review all of our Posts and narrow your interests to your top 3 choices. Find out information about the Post by contacting the Learning for Life & Exploring Team or by contacting the Post directly.

Q: What can I do if I do not see an Explorer Post for my career field?

A: The benefits of being an Explorer are endless! Contact a member of the Executive Team to get you involved in some way. We are always looking to expand our career fields, so please provide feedback through the career interest survey on our website.

ENGINEERING

BLACK AND VEATCH POST #1915

DTC - 4600 South Syracuse Street, Suite 800, Denver, CO 80237

This program is for youth between the ages of 14 - 19 who are interested in math, science and engineering. Black & Veatch Exploring Post exposes the various disciplines of engineering through presentations, activities, engineering tours, and community service events. Meetings consist of an information presentation by a guest speaker and a hands-on activity or contest related to the selected engineering discipline. Each month, a tour of an engineering-related facility is made available.

Contact: Sean Pechon

PechonSE@BV.COM | (303) 256-4031

Website: <http://bv.com/Home/company/culture/philanthropy/stem>

Meets: Monthly on the second Tuesday of the month from 7:00pm - 8:30pm



BLACK & VEATCH
Building a world of difference.

LOCKHEED MARTIN POST #822

12257 S Wadsworth Blvd, Littleton, CO 80127

Lockheed Martin's Engineering Explorer Post is designed to give high school students a behind-the-scenes, and first hand experience with engineering and technology. Participants will hear from industry experts on various space programs including JUNO, Mars Science Lander, MAVEN, and Orion. Student participants will also complete a number of hands-on engineering activities and will compete in three project design competitions. As a final project, student teams will design and build a capstone project with an aerospace-related objective. Engineer Advisors mentor students throughout the program, and student participants will have the opportunity to tour Lockheed Martin's Waterton facility, University of Colorado's Engineering School and Colorado School of Mines.

Contact: Engineer Chris Homolac

chris.homolac@lmco.com | (303) 977-0780

Website: <http://www.engpost.org/>

Meets: Multiple times throughout the month with some field trips.



SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS POST #827

Denver Metro Area

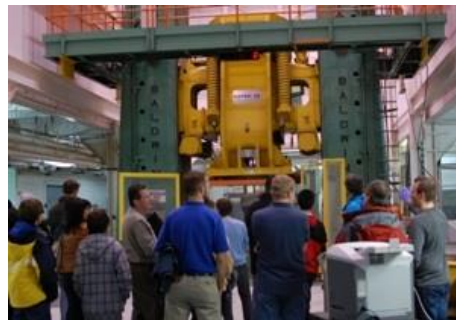
The SAME Post specializes in engineering for young women and men ages 14 - 20. This is a six week program held annually, January to February, where youth explore careers in structural engineering, architecture, hydrology, geology, mechanical engineering and computer engineering. Several of the nearly 100 youth who have participated in the SAME Denver Metro Post-sponsored Engineering Explorer program over the years are now pursuing engineering degrees. America's youth are the future of our nation, and introducing our brightest and most capable young women and men to careers in engineering helps assure America's greatness for future generations.

Contact: Jim Quinn

jquinn@lata.com | (720) 937-9123

Website: www.same.org

Meets: 6 week program held annually from January to February.



FIRE SCIENCE

CASTLE ROCK FIRE DEPARTMENT POST #107

300 Perry St, Castle Rock, CO 80104

The Castle Rock Fire and Rescue Department has an exciting and intriguing program for teenagers between the ages of 14 - 19. The Fire Explorer Program provides participants with direction, encourages youth to go beyond high school education, teaches leadership skills and helps youth form new friendships. Members learn basic training in fire suppression and emergency medical services. A 12-week mock fire academy is held at some point throughout the year. Many who join the program move on to college or pursue other careers, whereas other members feel like they have found their calling and become firefighters.

Contact: Fire Fighter Michael Moore

mmore@crgov.com | (303) 660-1066

Website: <http://co-castlerock.civicplus.com/index.aspx?nid=601>

Meets: Weekly on Thursdays from 5:00pm – 9:00pm.



ELK CREEK FIRE-RESCUE POST #1948

11993 Blackfoot Rd, Conifer, CO 80433

Elk Creek Fire & Rescue is a selective program for 14 - 20 year old males and females. These Explorers receive intense training in firefighting skills, hose evolutions, ladder techniques, salvage operations, wild land firefighting procedures, proper use of firefighting tools and equipment, breathing apparatus use and other skills and technics that all Elk Creek firefighters are required to master. This is a challenging program, both mentally and physically. It is designed not only to give the Explorers real-life experience and an opportunity to determine if a career in the fire and emergency services might be right for them, but to provide the young adult with a sense of responsibility to his or her community through on-going community-related activities.

Contact: Firefighter EMT Vincent Van Binsbergen

vvanbinsbergen@elkcreekfire.org | (303) 816-9385

Meets: Monthly on the first Wednesday of the month.



SOUTH METRO FIRE RESCUE AUTHORITY POST #1958

17801 E Plaza Dr, Parker, CO 80134

Fire Exploring gives young people valuable insight into the fire service profession by offering hands-on career activities. This insight will help the individual to decide whether or not he or she desires to pursue a greater role in the fire service. Through the program, Explorers get the opportunity to learn how to use most of the equipment used in fire fighting and learn about the demands of the career. Ultimately, the Explorers will get to ride along with a South Metro crew and see first hand how the job is done, however they will have many hours of training before they ride with a crew.

Contact: Fire Fighter Aaron Zimmerman

aaron.zimmerman@southmetro.org | (303) 523-7131

Website: www.southmetro.org/287/Explorers

Meets: Weekly on Wednesdays from 6:00pm – 9:00pm and some Saturdays from 9:00am – 1:00pm.



HEALTH SERVICES

CU DENTAL POST

Anschutz Medical Campus - 13065 E 17th Ave, Aurora, CO 80045

Get experience while still in high school through this new Explorer Post! Any male or female between the ages 14 - 20 years old can discover if a dental career is right for them through hands-on training. Join the fun by coming to the next meeting!

Contact: Catherine Shonts
catherine.shonts@ucdenver.edu

Meets: Monthly on the first Wednesday of the month from 5:30pm – 7:30pm.



FRONT RANGE EMS POST #1180

Parker Adventist Hospital - 9395 Crown Crest Blvd, Parker, CO 80138

Learn about a career in the health science and medical fields! Front Range EMS (Emergency Medical Services), is a teen and adult professional group. You will get the chance to learn health science and first responder skills. Explorers learn in classes at all levels.

Contact: Fred Runyan
fred.runyan@kiewit.com | (303) 204-4307

Meets: Biweekly on the second & fourth Saturday of the month from 9:30am – 11:00am.



MILE HIGH RESCUE SQUAD POST #911

Arvada, CO

Males and females ages 14 - 20 years old are invited to join the MHRs Explorer Post. This team gets hands-on medical experience and is committed to the highest level of response readiness to any emergency within Colorado. Explorers receive training in disaster operations, missing persons, medical assistance, and more!

Contact: Chief Tyler Tapparo
infomilehighrescue@gmail.com

Meets: First, second, & third Thursday of the month from 6:00pm – 7:30pm.



LAW ENFORCEMENT

ADAMS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE POST #45

4201 E 72nd Ave, Commerce City, CO 80022

The Adams County Explorer Program is a volunteer position with the Adams County Sheriff's Office. This program gives 14 - 20 year old males and females the chance to learn about law enforcement, develop leadership skills, and become more involved in the community. The Explorer Program teaches youth about the different divisions in the Adams County Sheriff's Office. They learn about the Patrol Division, Jail Division, Detective Division, Civil Division, and other areas of law enforcement.

Contact: Commander Susan Nielsen

snielsen@adcogov.org | (720) 322-1207

Meets: Monthly on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm.



ARAPAHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE POST #25

13101 Broncos Pkwy, Centennial, CO 80112

The Explorer program is an educational program for high-school aged students, ages 14 - 20. Once accepted into the program, Explorers attend an abbreviated law enforcement academy in the fall or spring. Explorers learn about the law enforcement profession. Training topics include: Traffic Control, Traffic Stops, Arrest Control, Criminal Code, Patrol Procedures, Building Searches, Crime Scene Investigation, Crisis Intervention, Report Writing, and Firearms Safety. Explorers also help with community events, crime scene searches, and special details as needed by the department.

Contact: Detective Kevin Heaton

kheaton@co.arapahoe.co.us | (303) 419-8497

Website: www.arapahoe.gov.com/index.aspx?nid=1180

Meets: Biweekly on the second & fourth Tuesday of the month.



ARVADA POLICE DEPARTMENT POST #27

8101 Ralston Rd, Arvada, CO 80002

As an Explorer, you will learn about high-risk traffic stops, investigating traffic accidents, marksmanship skills and even participate in ride-alongs with members of the Arvada Police Department. In addition to the numerous training opportunities offered, the Explorers make a valuable contribution to the Arvada Police Department and the City of Arvada through their volunteer work. The Explorers provide assistance with various city functions, including the Fourth of July Celebration, St. Anne's Bazaar and the Arvada Center Craft Show. Explorers are often asked to help with parking at the Arvada concerts as well as assisting the Liquor Enforcement Unit with liquor stings.

Contact: Sgt. Eric Kellogg

ekellogg@arvada.org | 720-898-6841

Website: <http://arvadapd.org/partnerships/explorers-post/>

Meets: Biweekly on the second & fourth Tuesday of the month.



LAW ENFORCEMENT

AURORA POLICE DEPARTMENT POST #24

15151 E Alameda Pkwy, Aurora, CO 80012

The Explorer Post is looking for 15 - 19 year old males and females interested in Law Enforcement and serving their community. Those interested must attend the August Open House to participate in the Aurora Police Department Explorer Post. Explorer Posts help youth gain insight into the field of law enforcement while giving them the opportunity to serve the community and the department. Members of Post 24 provide over 8,000 hours of service to the department and community each year. The Explorer Post has over 2 dozen alumni currently working in law enforcement careers from police officers to federal agents.

Contact: Sgt. Shelley Owens

sowens@auroragov.org | (303) 739-1775

Website: www.auroragov.org/LivingHere/YouthResources/PoliceExplorers/index.htm

Meets: Biweekly on the first & third Thursday of the month.



BRIGHTON POLICE DEPARTMENT POST #23

500 S 4th Ave, Brighton, CO 80601

The Police Explorer program is designed for young men and women between the ages of 14 - 21 who have an interest in Law Enforcement. Explorers participate in ride-alongs with police officers, attend regular monthly training classes, perform community service, and assist the police department and city with a wide variety of activities throughout the year. Explorers are provided exposure to training in many of the same areas that full time officers are, with the hope that the experience will help these young men and women make a career choice. The program is designed to build leadership skills and provide hands on experience in career fields they are interested in.

Contact: Detective Erica Ruybal

eruybal@brightonco.gov | (303) 875-6010

Website: www.brightonco.gov/684/Police-Explorers

Meets: Biweekly on the first & third Tuesday of the month.



CASTLE ROCK POLICE DEPARTMENT POST #401

100 Perry St, Castle Rock, CO 80104

Explorers learn every aspect of law enforcement from the officer's position and from the police command staff. The Explorer command staff is extensively trained in all areas so they can then perform peer-to-peer training with the Explorers. Explorers receive community service credit, which they can use toward their high school graduation or college requirements. Each Explorer must complete an oral board with Post command staff, have no criminal history, maintain at least a 2.5 GPA or have a diploma or GED.

Contact: Officer Vern Myers

vmyers@crgov.com | (303) 663-6108

Website: www.crgov.com/index.aspx?NID=374

Meets: Monthly.



LAW ENFORCEMENT

COMMERCE CITY POLICE POST #26

7887 E 60th Ave, Commerce City, CO 80022

Established in 1992, the Commerce City Police Explorer program offers youth ages 14 - 20 the opportunity to get an inside look into a career in law enforcement through volunteer work, participation in community events, training and the police ride-along program. Explorers learn how to do police duties in nearly every division, donating several volunteer hours a month assisting in day-to-day operations. In exchange for their service, Explorers receive police training and mentorship through interaction with law enforcement professionals. To be considered, applicants must have a GPA of 2.0 or higher, be of good standing in school and the community, and have no felonies. A background check and oral interview are part of the application process.

Contact: Officer Mike Vasquez

mvasquez@c3gov.com | (303) 356-2500

Website: www.c3gov.com/index.aspx?nid=905

Meets: Weekly on Tuesdays at 6:30pm.



DENVER POLICE DEPARTMENT POST #83

1331 Cherokee St, Denver, CO 80204

Post 83 has a tradition of service and history with the Denver Police Department. Many officers in the department have come through a Police Exploring Post, and have had good careers. This is due partly to the informed decisions Explorers make in regards to choosing a career, career planning and making sure they do not engage in actions that would disqualify them from law enforcement. This Explorer Post equips young men and women to be successful in a law enforcement career.

Contact: Technician Eranda Piyasena

eranda.piyasena@denvergov.org | (720) 913-3395

Website: www.denverpoliceexplorers.com

Meets: Weekly on Wednesdays from 6:00pm – 9:30pm.



DOUGLAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE POST #104

4000 Justice Way, Castle Rock, CO 80109

As a part of the Douglas County Sheriff's Office Explorer Post, youth have the opportunity to work with other law enforcement agencies through trainings, community service functions and competitions. Those in the Post get to participate in regional conferences and tactical competitions yearly. With the opportunity to attend these competitions and the many other county events, youth have the chance to meet other Explorers and law enforcement officials from around the country.

Contact: Deputy Keith Mathena

kmathena@dcsheriff.net | (303) 660-7589

Website: www.dcsheiff.net/patrol/explorers

Meets: Weekly on Tuesdays at 6:00pm.



LAW ENFORCEMENT

ELBERT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE POST #751

751 Ute Ave, Kiowa, CO 80117

The Elbert County Sheriff's Office Explorer Post allows males and females between 14 - 20 years old to receive career information and insight into law enforcement as a future vocation. Explorers participate in trainings in a variety of departments within the Elbert County Sheriff's Office and work alongside current Police Officers. This Post offers opportunities to participate in practical, real, and meaningful hands-on activities in addition to gaining leadership skills.

Contact: Deputy Nick Wolff

Nwolff.elbert@gmail.com | (303) 621-2027

Meets: Weekly on Wednesdays from 6:00 – 8:30pm.



JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE POST #99

200 Jefferson County Parkway, Golden, CO 80419

Explorer Post #99 trains in various aspects of law enforcement. Department employees teach Explorer training which is similar to Law Enforcement Academy training. Subjects include: traffic control, traffic stops, arrest control, criminal code, patrol procedures, high-risk entry, hostage negotiation, report writing, domestic crisis, crime scene investigation, firearm safety. Explorers are required to volunteer 10 hours per month to the Sheriff's Office. Explorers are allowed to volunteer their time in different areas including: investigations, booking and work release. Explorers are also involved in various community functions such as bicycle rodeos, open houses and the Summerset Festival.

Contact: Officer Kim Jensen

kjensen@co.jefferson.co.us | (303) 870-4208

Website: <http://jeffco.us/sheriff/careers/explorer-program/>

Meets: Twice a month.



LAKEWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT POST #226

445 S Allison Pkwy, Lakewood, CO 80226

Explorers learn about the various aspects of policing, including: officer safety skills, community policing, investigative techniques, physical fitness requirements, etc. In the field, Explorers volunteer and help with community events, assist with tours of the department, assist with traffic control and other varied assignments. Explorers can participate in the ride-along program. Explorers also enter law enforcement competitions in which participants are evaluated on officer safety skills, judgment, planning and teamwork. Explorer Post #226 has participated in local and national competitions, and it has won a variety of awards for performance and teamwork.

Contact: Detective Jon Lee

jonlee@lakewoodco.org | (303) 987-7239

Website: www.lakewood.org/Police/Youth/Police_Explorer_Program.aspx

Meets: Biweekly on the second & fourth Tuesday of the month.



LAW ENFORCEMENT

PARKER POLICE DEPARTMENT POST #28

18600 E Lincoln Meadows Pkwy, Parker, CO 80134

The Parker Police Explorer Post helps youth to gain insight into law enforcement programs through hands-on career activities. For young men and women who are interested in careers in the field of law enforcement, Police Exploring offers experiential learning with lots of fun-filled, hands-on activities that promote the growth and development of adolescent youth to have a future in law enforcement

Contact: Detective Shannon Brukbacher

sbrukbacher@parkeronline.org | (303) 805-6523

Website: <http://www.parkerpolice.org/486/Police-Explorers-Program>

Meets: Every other Tuesday from 6:00pm – 8:30pm.



SHERIDAN POLICE DEPARTMENT POST #129

4101 S Federal Blvd, Sheridan, CO 80110

Several of the current full-time officers started in the Sheridan Explorer Program and are still active in training and assisting current Post members. Initially, a new Sheridan Explorer attends the Department's in-service training. Several of the officers teach and train in areas such as: arrest techniques, community policing strategies, crime scene investigations, criminal law, officer safety, traffic accident investigations, and more!

Contact: Officer Amanda Santacruz

ASantacruz@sheridangov.org | (303) 901-8428

Website: www.ci.sheridan.co.us/index.aspx?nid=228

Meets: Biweekly on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:00pm – 8:00pm.



THORNTON POLICE DEPARTMENT POST #128

9551 Civic Center Dr, Thornton, CO 80229

Thornton Police Explorers focus on hands-on trainings, leadership, community service, and physical fitness. Explorers work closely with a number of divisions within the Thornton Police Department to have a clearer understanding of the positions within the department. Males and females between 14 - 20 years old who have completed the application, background check, and interview stages are accepted into the program. Explorers are able to work their way up to ride-alongs and competitions through the Post.

Contact: Commander Keith Evans

keith.evans@cityofthornton.net | (720) 977-5345

Meets: Every other Monday at 6:00pm.



WHEAT RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT POST #6901

7500 W 29th Ave, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033

The goals of the Police Explorers program are not only designed to help teens choose a career in law enforcement, but more importantly to challenge them to transform into leaders and responsible citizens of their communities. Exploring can help prepare participants for a variety of law enforcement careers from police and correctional work to military and federal law enforcement.

Contact: Sgt. Jon Pickett

jpickett@ci.wheatridge.co.us | (303) 235-2914

Meets: Biweekly on the second & fourth Thursday of the month from 5:00pm – 9:00pm.



LAW ENFORCEMENT

LEEPAAC Post #2005

Denver Metro Area

This Post is for students already involved in a Law Enforcement Post. It serves to provide Law Enforcement Explorers with leadership skills and resources. Explorers must be at least in the 12th grade or in college to apply. Explorers will be evaluated on their academic record, leadership ability, extracurricular activities and personal statements. Their duties include: organizing conference teams with a team building exercise, attending monthly LEEPAAC meetings when possible, speaking at opening ceremonies at conference, etc.

Contact: Lt. Thomas Wilkes

twilkes@auroragov.org | (303) 739-6817

Website: www.leepaac.com/Explorer_Leadership_Team.html

Meets: Monthly business meetings encouraged, but not mandatory.



LAW & GOVERNMENT

FOOTHILLS YOUNG MARINES Post #1775

Pinnacle High School - 8412 Huron St, Thornton, CO 80260

Upon joining a local Young Marine unit, youth undergo a 13-week orientation program, generally spread out over several weekly meetings. This orientation program is affectionately called "Boot Camp." The youth learn general subjects such as history, customs and courtesies, close order drill, physical fitness and military rank structure. After graduating from Young Marine "Boot Camp", they have the opportunity to learn additional new skills, earn rank, wear the Young Marine uniform and work toward ribbon awards. Young Marines earn ribbons for achievement in areas such as leadership, community service, swimming, academic excellence, first aid and drug resistance.

Contact: Crystal Sides

crystal.sides@foothillsyoungmarines.com | (720) 423-6816

Website: www.foothillsyoungmarines.com

Meets: Weekly on Saturdays from 9:00am – 3:00pm.



Young Marines

SCIENCE

AEROSPACE POST #60

Centennial Airport – 7800 S Peoria St, Englewood, CO 80112

Wings Over the Rockies is sponsoring the *only* Aerospace Exploring Post which is hosted at the Centennial Airport. In this program, students will have the opportunity to explore aerospace careers throughout the Denver area. Through the program, students will also develop life skills like leadership, citizenship and character. Join a meeting anytime to learn more about the Aerospace Exploring Post.

Contact: Carl Corns

carlcorns@oneflight.net | (720) 684-5650

Meets: The first week of the month.



DENVER ZOO POST #151

300 Steele St, Denver, CO 80205

The Denver Zoo Explorer Post is dedicated to investigating the many positions available in animal-related careers. It is open to males and females ages 14 (having completed the 8th grade) to 20. They learn and become involved with various projects chosen by Post Members. Explorers will also have the opportunity to do an in-depth study of zoo keeping skills and get community service hours!

Contact: Vickie Kunter

vkunter@denverzoo.org | (720) 337-1529

Website: <https://sites.google.com/site/denverzooexplorers>

Meets: Biweekly on the first & third Sunday from 5:00pm – 9:00pm.



GIRLS IN STEM POST #823

STEM School & Academy – 8773 Ridgeline Blvd, Highlands Ranch, CO 80129

Girls in STEM is a newly formed organization with the goal to empower high school aged girls to seek out a STEM career. In this Post, these girls will have the opportunity to get connected with women in various types of STEM industries to grow a network with their peers that links them with professionals. This program will also give girls a chance to explore different career opportunities, and be given guidance/support for potential scholarships and internships.

Contact: Wendy Merchant

wmerchant@gstemdenver.org

Website: www.gstemdenver.org

Meets: Once a month.

Girls in STEM
South Metro Denver Area



SCIENCE

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ASTRONOMICAL STUDIES POST #268

Gateway High School - 1300 S Sable Blvd, Aurora, CO 80012

The International Association of Astronomical Studies, or IAAS, serves as an afterschool academy for 14 - 20 year old males and females who share a common interest in astronomy, amateur radio, aerospace, the sciences, and engineering. Students with IAAS get to utilize a variety of unique tools to complete projects in a number of science related fields.

Contact: Chris Rand

chris.rand@sci-ventures.org | (303) 737-3321

Website: www.iaas.org

Meets: Weekly on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30pm – 5:30pm.



WHEAT RIDGE ANIMAL HOSPITAL POST #173

3695 Kipling St, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033

Wheat Ridge Animal Hospital, is devoted to providing an excellent program and helping students see what it is like to be a Veterinarian or Certified Veterinary Technician. Ultimately their goal is to expose Explorers to as many educational opportunities that are related to Veterinary medicine. Every year, WRAH allows the Explorers to watch a canine ovarian hysterectomy (spay), and a castration (neuter) in one of the operation rooms. Students will have the opportunity to see these procedures from induction to recovery.

Contact: CVT Georgia Demming

gdemming@wrah.com | (303) 424-3325

Meets: Monthly on the second Tuesday of the month from 6:30pm – 8:00pm. Some field trips on the weekends.



SKILLED TRADE

COLORADO MEDIA POST #927

404 S Upham St, Lakewood, CO 80226

Different aspects of Radio, Television and Social Media will be explored at each meeting, led by instructors who work in Radio and TV. For youth ages 14 - 20 years old. Meetings are held at the Colorado Media School. Each meeting will explore different careers in news reporting, producing, board operating, promoting & marketing, sports announcing, videographing, camera operating, audio technician, switcher/technical directing, video editing, dj-ing and more!

Contact: Francesca Becerra

fbecerra@denverfl.org | (720) 266-2141

Website: <http://beonair.com/exploring/>



EMPIRE BEAUTY POST #174

441 Wadsworth Blvd, Lakewood, CO 80226

Join this Post to explore the beauty industry! In meetings, youth will learn about haircutting, hair styling, hair coloring, nail design, make-up, and more! At the end of the program students will have the opportunity to show what they learned through a Fashion Show. Learn from the educators and cosmetologists at Empire Beauty.

Contact: Executive Director Flo Mclean

fmclean@empire.edu | (303) 238-7501

Meets: The first Wednesday of the month from 6:30pm – 8:00pm.



TRANSITIONS CAREER EXPLORATION POST #399

3500 Illinois St, Golden, CO 80401

This is a career exploration Post for students with disabilities. Jefferson County Public Schools hosts these meetings but welcome other students and families who might want to be involved. This Post travels to different organizations throughout the Denver Metro Area. These companies and organizations are specific and very beneficial in the fact that they have and do employ people with special needs. These trips involve tours, guest speakers, hands-on activity to see if the career is a good fit.

Contact: Francesca Becerra

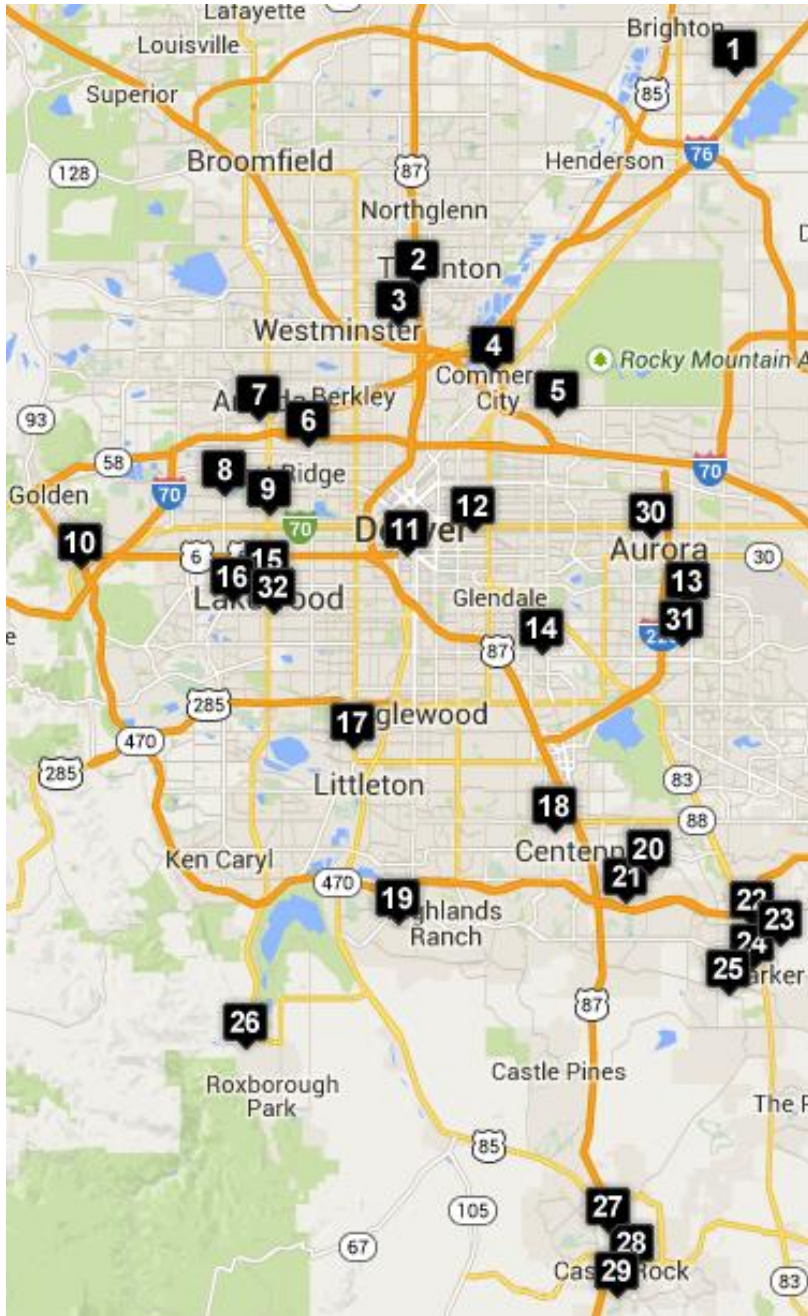
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Meets: Once a month.



MAP OF EXPLORER POSTS

Exploring is continuously expanding and is starting new Posts and serving more youth on a daily basis. For the most recent Post list and locations, visit us online: www.denverexploring.org/join-now/find-a-post.



1. Thornton Police Department
2. Brighton Police Department
3. Foothills Young Marines @ Pinnacle Charter School
4. Adams County Sheriff's Office
5. Commerce City Police Department
6. Mile High Rescue Squad
7. Arvada Police Department
8. Wheat Ridge Animal Hospital
9. Wheat Ridge Police Department
10. Jefferson County Sheriff's Office
11. Denver Police Department
12. Denver Zoo
13. Aurora Police Department
14. Place Bridge Academy (Middle School)
15. Empire Beauty @ Lakewood
16. Lakewood Police Department
17. Sheridan Police Department
18. Black & Veatch
19. Girls In STEM @ STEM School and Academy
20. Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office
21. Aerospace @ Wings Over the Rockies Air
22. Front Range EMS @ Parker Adventist Hospital
23. Sierra Middle School
24. Parker Police Department
25. South Metro Fire Rescue Authority @ Parker
26. Lockheed Martin @ Littleton
27. Douglas County Sheriff's Office
28. Castle Rock Fire Department
29. Castle Rock Police Department
30. CU Dental @ the Anschutz Medical Campus
31. IAAS International Association of Astronomical Studies
32. Colorado Media @ Colorado Media School

**Some Posts may not be featured on this map as they either do not have a central meeting location or their location is off the map.*

PARTNERSHIPS & YOUTH SERVED 2015

Learning for Life is a character curriculum, life skills, leadership development and workforce readiness program for boys and girls of all ages. Partnering organizations have the opportunity to take advantage of guest speakers, field trip support, service learning projects, and much more. In Denver, **Learning for Life is serving 33,591 youth** through the following partnerships.

Learning for Life breaks down to 100 groups, serving 27,225 youth with our traditional character curriculum and 50 Special Needs groups serving 4,905 youth with life and transition skills.

Learning for Life
Pre K-12 Programs
Student Success

Adams 12	Silver Creek Elementary School	DPS	Hill Middle School	Other	Aurora Mental Health Center
Aurora	Aurora Central High School	DPS	John F Kennedy High School	Other	Boys & Girls Club
Aurora	Columbia Middle School	DPS	Kepner Middle School	Other	Care and Community
Aurora	Hinkley High School	DPS	Manual High School	Other	Co Up Post-Secondary
Aurora	Lansing Elementary School	DPS	Marrama Elementary School	Other	Colorado Youth At Risk
Aurora	Vista Peak Prep	DPS	Noel Community Arts School	Other	Commerce City Recreation Center
Charter	Academy Of Urban Learning	DPS	South High School	Other	Connect Us
Charter	Contemporary Learning Academy	DPS	Thomas Jefferson High School	Other	Denver Street School
Charter	Early College Of Arvada	DPS	Trevista At Horace Mann School	Other	Denver Online School
Charter	Provost Academy	Jeffco	Alameda High School	Other	Developmental Disabilities Resource Center
Charter	Wyatt Academy	Jeffco	Arvada High School	Other	Developmental Pathways
Cherry Creek	Cherry Creek Career & Tech Ed	Jeffco	Bear Creek High School	Other	Generation Schools
Cherry Creek	Cherry Creek Swap & Transition	Jeffco	Belmar Elementary School	Other	Humanex Academy
Douglas	Rock Canyon High School	Jeffco	Chatfield High School	Other	Jefferson Hills
DPS	Abraham Lincoln High School	Jeffco	Columbine High School	Other	Joan Farley Academy- Third Way
DPS	Bruce Randolph High School	Jeffco	Eiber Elementary School	Other	Laradon Hall
DPS	Centennial Schools	Jeffco	Jeffco Transitions Services	Other	Public Safety Leadership Team
DPS	Cole Arts & Sciences Academy	Jeffco	Jefferson County Open School	Other	Serenity Education & Day Treatment
DPS	Denver Center For International	Jeffco	Lakewood High School	Other	Tennyson Center For Children
	Studies At Barney Ford	Jeffco	McLain Community High School		
DPS	Denver Center For The 21st Century	Jeffco	Sobesky Academy		
	Learning	Jeffco	Wheat Ridge Schools		
DPS	East High School	Other	Action Youth at Lincoln HS		
DPS	Fit Fun At Trevista	Other	Archway Housing And Services, Inc.		
DPS	Florida Pitt Waller K-8 School	Other	Athletics & Beyond		
DPS	Henry World School				

Exploring currently breaks down to approximately **60 Posts** in a variety of career fields, serving **1,462 youth**. Exploring is continuously expanding and is starting new Posts to serve more youth on a daily basis. For the most recent list and numbers, please visit us online at www.denverexploring.org.

Real-World Career Experiences
Exploring

Aerospace
Adams County Sheriff's Office
Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office
Arvada Police Department
Athletics & Beyond
Aurora Police Department
Black & Veatch
Brighton Police Department
Castle Rock Fire Department
Castle Rock Police Department
CEC Athletic Training
CEC Fire Science
CEC Graphic Design
Colorado Media School
Commerce City Police Department
CU Dental
Denver Zoo
Denver Police Department
Douglas County Sheriff's Office
Elbert County Sheriff's Office

Elk Creek Fire-Rescue
Empire Beauty
Foothills Young Marines
Front Range EMS
Girls in STEM
International Association of Astronomical Studies (IAAS)
Jefferson County Sheriff's Office
JROTC East High School
JROTC Encampment
JROTC Encampment - South
JROTC John F Kennedy
JROTC Lincoln High School
JROTC Manuel High School
JROTC Montbello High School
JROTC North High School
JROTC Patriots George Washington
JROTC South High School
JROTC West High School
Lakewood Police Department
LEEPAAC

Lockheed Martin
Mile High Rescue Squad
Opus X Performance Ensemble
Parker Police Department
Place Bridge Academy
Sheridan Police Department
Sierra Middle School
Society of American Military Engineers
Solstice B Guard
Solstice Winter Guard
South Metro Fire Rescue Authority
Thomas Jefferson High School
Thornton Police Department
Transitions Career Exploration
Warren Tech Outdoor Leadership
Wheat Ridge Animal Hospital
Wheat Ridge Police Department

LEEPAAC

The Law Enforcement Explorer Post Advisors Association of Colorado (LEEPAAC) is a multi-agency cooperative effort by many of the Law Enforcement Explorer Posts in Colorado and nearby states. They combine their resources to provide mutual support and greater opportunities for members in Explorer Posts.

LEEPAAC provides several multi-agency training and competition events each year, including an annual Regional Conference and Night Moves (a patrol simulation for Explorers). LEEPAAC is proudly affiliated with the Denver Area Council Learning for Life. LEEPAAC strives to provide the best training opportunities and annual conference each year to keep the youth Explorers engaged.

Mock Disaster – May 9, 2015

In the past, Mock Disasters have combined efforts between different Explorer Posts and have encompassed multiple disciplines to include Fire, EMS, and Law Enforcement. Mock Disasters provide Explorers elaborate scenarios to exercise their response skills.

Regional Explorer Conference – July 12-17, 2015

LEEPAAC recognizes the fact that many Explorers cannot afford to attend the National Conference and provides a low cost local conference in which all can participate. The conference includes individual competitions, team competitions, and evening events. The hope of the conference is to provide a fun, challenging and educational experience for all Explorers and Advisors.

Night Moves

Night Moves is as close to being on patrol as an Explorer can get! It is a patrol simulation exercise for advanced Explorers. Participating agencies field teams of 2 to 4 Explorers to compete in this exercise. Each team is dispatched to a series of simulated "calls" in real world locations and responded in a police vehicle. Some of the calls are graded for competition.

Leadership Academy

LEEPAAC offers an annual weekend Leadership Academy for Explorers who hope to, or currently serve in youth leadership positions within their Explorer Post. The training includes seminars and exercises in a variety of leadership skills including communications, trouble shooting, organization, team building and many others.



To join LEEPAAC, please contact Lt. Kevin Heaton kheaton@co.arapahoe.co.us.

Calendar of Events for 2015

April 1	Exploring Advisor Conference
April 11	Job Preparation Seminar
April 18	Job Preparation Seminar
April 25	Denver Area Council Scout Show
May 9	Mock Disaster
June 6	Pistol Shoot
July 12-17	Regional Explorer Conference
Sept 11-13	Paintball Weekend
Sept 18-20	Denver Area Quadrennial Camporee. Parking and traffic control.

Scholarship Opportunities Available for Explorers!

INTERNSHIPS & JOB OPPORTUNITIES

If you are over 18 and looking for an internship!

Exploring Intern



On-Going Part Time: This Internship requires a commitment of 15 hours a week. Must have flexibility in work scheduling.

Description: Exploring is a non-profit organization that partners with business and organizations committed to improving their culture through providing youth with hands-on engaging career experiences. The Exploring Intern will be providing customer service and technical support to schools, administrations, teachers, non-profits, and business collaborators. The Exploring Intern will report directly to the Exploring Team Leader, Carla Johnson. We strongly encourage and support all applicants to incorporate this internship into their educational goals for credit or research opportunities.

Internship Duties: Establishing relationships with schools and youth serving organizations to promote Exploring opportunities. Assisting with event planning, Open Houses, presentations, and guest speaker services. Social media updates. Mailings, marketing projects, and newsletters. General office support as needed.

Qualifications: Able to lift at least 50 lbs. Familiar with all Microsoft Office applications including Outlook, PowerPoint, and Publisher in addition to all social media outlets and Adobe Acrobat. Comfortable speaking on the phone in a professional business setting. Able to meet deadlines in a timely manner. Highly organized, professional, with attention to detail. Possess strong problem solving skills and communication. Able to work well independently and in a team setting. Manage a schedule and calendar that is conducive to the rest of the team.

How to Apply: Please e-mail resume and a brief paragraph about why this internship interests you to: Carla Johnson at cjohnson@denverfl.org

The Adventure Project (TAP) Career Exploring Intern

Part Time: This Internship requires a commitment of a minimum 15 hours a week. Must have flexibility in work scheduling and reliable transportation. The TAP Exploring Intern will be planning and organizing a two week, half-day, summer camp in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, & Math (STEAM) for 50 youth in the metro Denver area at our Colorado Adventure Point facility. The TAP Exploring Intern will report directly to the Exploring Team Leader. We strongly encourage and support all applicants to incorporate this internship into their educational goals for credit or other opportunities.

Internship Duties: Establishing relationships and scheduling guest speakers or facilitators for two weeks of STEAM related activities that relate to career exploration. Create marketing materials, social media updates, recruiting youth, maintaining registration information, conducting career interest surveys, coordinating volunteers and transportation, researching sponsorships, and anything else involved in the management of the two week event. General office support as needed. Must be physically present at each day of the camp while it is in session.

Qualifications: Able to lift at least 50 lbs. Familiar with all Microsoft Office applications including Outlook, in addition to all social media outlets and Adobe Acrobat. Comfortable speaking on the phone in a professional business environment. Able to meet deadlines in a timely manner. Highly organized, professional, with attention to detail and a POSITIVE ATTITUDE. Possess strong problem solving skills and communication. Able to work well independently and in a team setting. Manage a schedule and calendar that is conducive to the rest of the team.

How to Apply: Please e-mail resume and a brief paragraph about why this internship interests you to: Carla Johnson at cjohnson@denverfl.org

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