

Smyrna Fire and Police Youth Academy June 1 - 5, 2026

The Smyrna Fire and the Smyrna Police Departments are proud to announce a joint effort for the children of the Town of Smyrna. A Youth Academy will be held on June 1st - 5th, at the Smyrna Fire station #2 located on Fitzhugh Blvd. The sessions are from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M., Monday through Thursday and 9:00 AM. to 12:00 P.M. on Friday. Graduation will be at 11:00 A.M. on Friday.

The sessions will be in a summer camp type agenda mixing outside and inside activities. The purpose of the academy is to interact with the children in a positive way and to demonstrate to the children the activities that both departments use on a daily basis. The number one focus, however, is safety in the daily lives of these children in various situations involving both fire and police services. The academy will use the officers and division personnel to incorporate —hands on of various skills that the participants will find both challenging and fun.

Application and Fee

A fee of **\$40.00** is required and the participants will be provided with lunch Monday through Thursday. Fees can be paid by check or Venmo (see QR code). If paying by Venmo please make sure to put your child's name and "Academy" in the "what's this for?" line. Checks must be made payable to the **Town Of Smyrna** and **delivered to or mailed to Smyrna Police Department Attn: Marsha Southerland at 400 Enon Springs Rd. East**. We no longer accept cash at the Police Department. If you are needing to pay with cash, please pay at the Treasury Department at Town Hall, then bring/mail receipt, along with application, to the Police Department. This fee is to supplement the cost of food and transportation. A liability release, allowing treatment of injuries and for transporting the students for facility tours, are also required. All applications must be notarized. We do have a notary available at the Police Department or Fire (Administration Building) Department.

Smyrna Tennessee

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Schedule

A schedule has been set for the class, however due to weather conditions, these days may change to provide the entire curriculum. A copy of each day's events are attached. A brief synopsis is also attached.

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Safety

In every event, the child's safety is the number one concern. Experienced personnel from both departments are instructing the classes. At no point will the children be using any tool or apparatus without adult supervision.

Eligibility

The academy is open to students who are currently between ages of 8 and 13. The class is limited to 50 students.

Attire

The children are encouraged to dress comfortably. Shoes, shorts and T-shirts are recommended. There will be a water day and on that day the children need to wear clothing that can get wet.

Meals

Lunch will be provided on Monday through Thursday. Drinks will be provided for lunch. During the activities water will be furnished. **Please allow your child to bring a reusable water bottle every day.** Please write your child's name on their water bottle.

Deadline

All applications are due by 2pm on Monday, May 4, 2026. If we do reach maximum capacity before that date, we will not accept any more applications.

Questions

Any questions that you may have please feel free to contact, Marsha Southerland at 615-267-5535, or Tiffany Lawson at 615-459-9735 ext. 7503. Information can also be obtained on the Town of Smyrna's website: www.townofsmyrna.org

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Subject and class description

Communications

The communications section will focus on the first line of involvement, police and fire dispatch. Smyrna Police Dispatch will present the sessions. Included in this session, will be a tour of the 911 center and the Smyrna Police Department.

Safety

An overview of the dynamics of fire and the safety needed with its involvement, with an overview of personal safety, abduction avoidance, water safety and other ways to keep children safe.

Personal Protective Equipment / SCBA

This will be a hands-on section in which the student practices donning fire gear used by fire department personnel, along with an interesting breakdown of the components and materials. Also, the use and Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), in the form of air packs. Students will get the opportunity to wear and use this equipment.

Police Patrol, Detectives, K-9 Officers, and Firefighter Demos

Officers from the Smyrna Police Department will demonstrate the various functions of their respective divisions. The officers will utilize volunteers for demonstration as well as hands on fingerprinting and a few tricks of the trade. The impressive display of the K-9 officers will demonstrate the training and time utilized for this division. Fire department personnel will demonstrate equipment.

CPR

An approved course in CPR will be presented to the students. Students will demonstrate CPR on mannequins.

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Apparatus Demonstration

This section is a show and tell type format where the students can interact with the various emergency service personnel and the equipment that they utilize.

Escape Plans

By utilizing a vacant location we will discuss the escape plans needed in homes for fire safety. Students will plan and develop plans for their own homes in the event of a fire.

Water Day

A fun day for the students. After lunch we will have a fun water filled afternoon at the Fire Hall. We will have a slip and slide, water musical chairs, etc. Please make sure your child brings a towel and shoes that can get wet. Your child can either wear a bathing suit/trunks or shorts and a t-shirt. If you are sending sunscreen please send the aerosol type.

Field Day

Students should be dropped off AND picked up at Lee Victory Memorial Recreation Park located at 102 Sam Ridley Parkway East. We will meet at Shelter #1 (near the football field). We will have a K9 demonstration and TWRA Wildlife trailer. SWAT will be there with all of their cool toys. Also, if available, LifeFlight will land and allow the children to look inside. After lunch, they will have all the Dodgeball and Playground play time they desire!

Graduation

Students will be presented with certificates of completion. A slideshow of pictures taken during the camp will be shown before the certificates are given. All parents are invited to attend the slideshow presentation and Graduation.

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Day One

9:00 to 11:30	Registration & Introduction Communications and 911 Center, Booking Photos, 911 Demonstration
Lunch	Pizza
12:30 to 3:00	Safety – Personal, SCBA Demonstration, Fire, CPR, Fire Gear, Thermal Cameras

Day Two

9:00 to 11:30	Special Weather Guest
Lunch	BBQ Sandwiches
1:00 to 3:00	Narcotics, Crime Scene, Detectives, Traffic Division with Golf Carts and Patrol Unit

Day Three

Water Day

9:00 to 11:00	Apparatus Day - Engines and TeleSquirt
Lunch	Sub Sandwiches
12:00 to 3:00	Water Day at the Fire Hall

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Day Four

Field Day - Lee Victory Park

9:00 to 9:30

Lee Victory Park – Shelter 1

9:30 to 11:30

K-9, Hose Games, Fire Extinguishers, Life Flight, TWRA Boat Simulator, TWRA Animal Trailer, SWAT, MTEMC Demo, and EMS

Lunch

Hamburgers & Hot Dogs

12:45 to 3:00

Field Day

Day Five

9:00 to 10:30

SOAC Animal Demonstration

11:00 to 12:00

Graduation – Slideshow and Presentation of Certificates



YOU ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN THE FOLLOWING PAGES IN THE PRESENCE OF A NOTARY!

COVID-19

We have taken health and safety measures to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. According to the CDC, senior citizens and those with underlying medical conditions are at the greatest risk. By attending the Smyrna Fire and Police Youth Academy you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19. Face masks will be provided upon request, but not required.

Please note the waiver below covers all activities at the Youth Academy. Remember your child CANNOT participate without a waiver.

WAIVER

The Town of Smyrna is a municipal corporation organized under the laws of the State of Tennessee, and as such the Town of Smyrna, its appointed or elected officials, agents, employees, and assigns, provides for and leads certain activities, including, but not limited to, boating and other river activities, hiking, and community clean-up events, which activities present inherent risks and hazards to personal safety and property, including but not limited to, physical exertion and injury, contact with other participants, and drowning. All activities are undertaken voluntarily by participants and all participants share in the responsibility for their own safety and the safety of others involved.

I hereby acknowledge that I am voluntarily participating, and as applicable, allowing my child(ren) or dependent(s) to participate, with the knowledge of the risks referred to above. I assume and accept full responsibility for the acknowledged risk of the activities in which I, my child(ren), or dependent(s) participate and for any injury, damage, death, or other loss suffered by me, my child(ren) or dependent(s), resulting from those risks. It is my responsibility to ensure that I, my child(ren) or dependent(s) am (is/are) properly clothed and am (is/are) using appropriate equipment for the activity in which I, my child(ren) or dependent(s) am (is/are) participating. I represent and warrant that I, my child(ren) or dependent(s) am (is/are) physically fit and able to participate in the activities in which I, my child(ren), or dependent(s) chose to participate. I understand and I agree therefore to waive all claims that I, my child(ren) or dependent(s) may have against the Town of Smyrna, its appointed or elected officials, agents, employees, and assigns, and agree that neither I, nor anyone acting on my behalf, or on the behalf of my child or dependent if applicable, will make a claim or file a lawsuit against the Town of Smyrna, its appointed or elected officials, agents, employees, and assigns.

I, the undersigned, hereby indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Town of Smyrna, its appointed or elected officials, employees, agents and each of them for any and all suits, actions, legal or administrative proceedings, claims, demands, liabilities, interest, attorney's fees, cost and expenses of whatsoever kind or nature, arising out of my, my child(ren) or dependent(s) participating in this program. I further recognize the authority of the Town of Smyrna Parks and Recreation Department/Smyrna Outdoor Adventure Center Staff to remove any participant from the facility and or event if deemed necessary in order to ensure compliance with applicable Town of Smyrna rules and regulations and to ensure the well-being of park users, programs, Town facilities and citizens. Recognizing this authority, I hereby hold the Town of Smyrna and its designees and appointees harmless.

The foregoing waiver, release and indemnification agreement shall be as broad and inclusive as permitted under the laws of the State of Tennessee. If any portion of this document is held invalid, the balance shall

continue in full force and effect.

I have read, understood and agreed to the terms of this document.

_____ his/her participation in all Youth Academy activities

I have read and explained the foregoing release and indemnification agreement to my child or dependent, and I hereby agree to its terms on behalf of myself and the participant.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

_____ Date _____

(Required if participant is under 18 years of age)

Parent/Guardian's Printed Name

Child's Name

State of Tennessee

County of _____

Before me, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared the applicant _____, with whom I am personally acquainted or who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence, and who acknowledged that he or she has executed the Waiver portion of this document for the purposes herein contained.

Notary _____

My Commission Expires

AUTHORIZATION FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT OF MINOR

Permission is hereby granted for my minor child to attend the event named herein and in the event of an emergency, I give permission for my minor child to receive the usual and necessary services of a physician, surgeon, dentist, or registered nurse of the Town's choosing in the case of a serious illness or injury, and in the event that the parent or legal guardian cannot be reached to authorize treatment. This includes permission to transport to StoneCrest hospital in Smyrna, TN, as deemed necessary by the event staff or on medical advice. I understand that this authorization is given in advance of any specific diagnosis, treatment or hospital care being required, and is given to provide authority and power to render care which the aforementioned physician, surgeon, dentist or registered nurse in the exercise of his/her judgment, may deem advisable for my child. I agree that I am responsible for my child's medical expenses, including the cost of emergency medical services, if he or she is injured. I understand that every effort will be made to contact me prior to rendering treatment to my child, but any of the above treatment or emergency services will not be withheld if I cannot be reached.

I have read, understood and approved the AUTHORIZATION TO TREAT A MINOR.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

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MEDIA RELEASE

On Friday, you will see videos and photos of your child. We will also use these videos and some photos on social media (Facebook, Instagram and Twitter). If you agree to the Town using such images, please sign below.

I agree that the Town of Smyrna may use such photographs or videos of my minor child with or without name and for any lawful purpose, including for example such purposes as publicity, illustration, advertising, and Web content.

I have read and understand the above:

Signature of Parent/Guardian

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