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SDPD Junior Cadet Program Now Accepting Applications Through October 30

Year-round leadership program for middle school students expands to three locations

SAN DIEGO — The San Diego Police Department's Community & Youth Services Division is accepting applications for its Junior Cadet Program, a year-round program for middle school students in grades 6–8. Applications are due **October 30, 2026**.

The program helps students build leadership skills, develop confidence, serve their community, and form positive relationships with police officers and fellow students. Through hands-on activities, teamwork, physical fitness, and community service projects, Junior Cadets learn the value of character, responsibility, and helping others.

The program has expanded to three locations, with meetings offered on three different days. Families may select the location and schedule that work best for them. Available locations and meeting schedules are listed in the application.

Families are encouraged to apply and share this opportunity with others who have an interested middle school student.

Application deadline: October 30, 2026

Application: <https://forms.gle/hK3XScGBJKsNSB4f8>

SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

SDPD JUNIOR CADET PROGRAM

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Middle School Leadership Program



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Together
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San Diego*

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PROGRAM SNAPSHOT



Grades 6–8



Year-round program



Leadership & character
development



Team-building activities



Fitness / PT



Public speaking



Community service projects



Mentorship from SDPD officers



Color guard opportunities

REGIONAL MEETING SCHEDULE



North Region

1st and 3rd Wednesdays
from 4pm-6pm



South Region

1st and 3rd Thursdays
from 4pm-6pm



Central Region

1st and 3rd Tuesdays
from 4pm-6pm

APPLICATIONS OPENING SOON



Applications will be opening shortly.
You must apply and be accepted
before you can attend.

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WHY JOIN?



Build confidence



Make new friends



Learn leadership



Serve your community



Be part of something bigger

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COMMUNITY
OPPORTUNITY**

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