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Spring Break with the St. Paul Police

Youth learn about police work and build relationships during their school holiday

Saint Paul, MN – While many young people are spending their spring break on family vacations or at home with video games, a group of boys and girls from YWCA St. Paul are having the spring break of a lifetime with help from St. Paul Police Department. Approximately 20 children ages 7-10 were invited to attend a special police academy during their spring break.

The police academy begins Monday, April 2nd and concludes with a graduation ceremony on Thursday, April 4th. During the week, youth will experience many aspects of police work including tours and demonstrations from the St. Paul Mounted Police and K-9 units and even a crime scene processing class where kids will learn to lift fingerprints!

Most importantly, youth will have a chance to build positive relationships with officers. “It’s wonderful opportunity for our youth to build positive relationships with individuals in law enforcement. By cultivating these relationships and giving youth an additional support system, lives are changing.”

Brief Schedule of Events:

Monday: Mounted Police Unit
Tuesday: Fingerprinting and Crime Scene Investigation (at YWCA – 375 Selby Ave, St. Paul)
Wednesday: K-9 Unit
Thursday: Fitness, Emergency Vehicles/Equipment & Graduation (at YWCA – 375 Selby Ave, St. Paul)

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About YWCA St. Paul

Since 1907, YWCA St. Paul has been transforming lives and building hope in the community. Originally founded to serve the women who moved to St. Paul at the turn of the 19th century to pursue work in the factories and mills, today we serve women children and families with a century old message of unity and hope. Within our walls, homeless families find a place to call home, children and youth develop their passions and talents and people of all ages build the skills that lead to brighter futures. Through programs in housing, health, education and employment, we equip and empower women children and families to grow and thrive.