

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Weapons Training Center

Explorer Range Day

On Saturday November 16, 2024, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Weapons Training Unit will be hosting an "Explorer Range Day" at the Weapons Training Center in Castaic, California. Each member of the Deputy Explorer Program who is in attendance will have a classroom lecture focusing on the importance of firearm safety, the use of firearms by Deputies in a law enforcement capacity, how Deputies are trained in the use of firearms, and firearms proficiency. Other topics include, but not limited to, firearms and ammunition nomenclature, how firearms and ammunition work, and Department policy regarding deadly force. There will be a tour of the Weapons Training Center where there may be live-fire classes taking place where Deputy Sheriff's and Deputy Sheriff Recruits are conducting training, practice, and testing with a variety of firearms.

Each Explorer will be participating in a live-fire shooting competition where they will shoot a scored course of fire that is similar to what Deputy Sheriff's must shoot to prove proficiency with a firearm. This will be conducted with the safety of all as the main priority. The course of fire will be conducted one-on-one with a Weapons Training Unit certified firearms instructor.

Each Explorer will be required to adhere to all instructions given by the firearms instructors and understand and practice the four firearms safety rules:

- 1. Treat all guns as if they are loaded.**
 - 2. Never point the muzzle at anything you are not willing to shoot or destroy.**
 - 3. Keep your finger on the frame and off the trigger until you have made the decision to shoot.**
 - 4. Know your surroundings, target, and beyond.**
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The Deputy Explorer's Parent or Legal Guardian must initial each of the below, fill out the required information and the bottom, and sign the form. Incomplete forms will not be accepted, and Deputy Explorers will not be permitted to participate in the Explorer Range Day.

- ___ I understand and acknowledge that my child will be at a live-fire shooting range.
- ___ I understand and acknowledge that my child will be under the direct supervision of a Weapons Training Unit certified firearms instructor at all times while on the range.
- ___ I understand and acknowledge that my child will be given instruction on the safe use of firearms and ammunition.
- ___ I understand and acknowledge that my child will witness law enforcement officers conducting live-fire firearms training.
- ___ I understand and acknowledge that my child will be in possession of simulated and/or non-functioning firearms and ammunition for educational purposes.
- ___ I understand and acknowledge that my child will be in possession of a semiautomatic handgun and/or firearm other than a semiautomatic centerfire rifle while attending the Explorer Range Day at the Weapons Training Center.
- ___ I understand and acknowledge that my child will be in possession of live ammunition while attending the Explorer Range Day at the Weapons Training Center.
- ___ I understand and acknowledge that my child will be participating in the recreational shooting of a firearm.
- ___ I understand that the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department does not endorse or promote the possession or use of firearms or firearms related equipment beyond that which is needed for law enforcement purposes.
- ___ I understand and acknowledge that my child will be required to wear eye and hearing protection while shooting any firearm.
- ___ I understand and acknowledge that participation in the Explore Range Day is optional and voluntary, and my child is not required to participate in the live-fire recreational shooting competition.

Full name of Deputy Explorer

Birthdate of Deputy Explorer

Full name of above listed Deputy Explorer's Parent or Legal Guardian

Birthdate of Parent or Legal Guardian

Signature of Legal Parent or Guardian

Date