

Program Overview

A six day camp to introduce students interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement or a branch of the military. The program includes but not limited to marching in platoon formation, participate in a drill competition, physical training, forensics, canine, SERT team, drug laws, marksmanship course, and familiarity with weapons.

To participate:

- Students should be physically fit.
- In good health.
- Have a good academic record.

This is not a Recreational Camp

Eligibility

Must be a resident of Pennsylvania, between the ages of 15-17 prior to entering the camp on June 11th.

Cost

Fee of \$175.00* includes meals and lodging. The fee is paid by the sponsoring post/unit or other civic group, and is Non-Refundable.

*price subject to change

TRANSPORTATION

The responsibility of the sponsoring group or the parents of the student.

Awards

Scott Ball Outstanding Cadet Memorial Award

For the cadet who shows best merit; winner receives an American Legion plaque and \$1000.00 towards a degree in law enforcement or enters the military.

Elmer Hafer Essay Award

For the best essay; winner will receive a plaque and a \$1000.00 scholarship.

William Evans Leadership Award

For the cadet who shows the best leadership ability; winner receives a plaque and \$1000.00



To get an application or if you have any questions, contact

American Legion
Department of Pennsylvania
Telephone: 717-730-9100
or

Visit our web site at www.pa-legion.com

Elmer Hafer – American Legion – State Police – National Guard Youth Camp

Sponsored by:

Pennsylvania American Legion

Pennsylvania State Police

Pennsylvania National Guard



June 11-17, 2023

Messiah University
Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania

State Police Youth Week:

Established in 1970 to increase understanding among the youth of Pennsylvania and its law enforcement. In 2010 the Pennsylvania National Guard joined with the American Legion and the State Police with the same objectives to give the cadets the chance to see and experience firsthand many areas of law enforcement, and military which includes leadership, discipline, and self-esteem.

On September 21, 2019, by resolution the name was changed from State Police Youth Week to the Elmer Hafer, American Legion, State Police, National Guard Youth Camp



Mission:

To prepare the cadets thru moral, intellectual and physical aspects to become future leaders of the Commonwealth, and instill in them courage, honor, and commitment.



Do They Like It?

A Cadet Writes:

"I have seen and felt firsthand the benefits of the camp and wherever I run into graduates of the camp they are excelling in what they do from the civilian world to the armed forces. I was a part of the 45th class of the State Police Youth Week and loved every second of it so thanks for all you and the rest of the staff do to keep it running."

"They taught us discipline and to work together as one so we could achieve our goals. The desire to accomplish and succeed was always there."

A Parent Writes:

"My son, attended the state police youth camp this past week and absolutely loved it! It was an experience of a lifetime and I cannot possibly say thank you enough to all who were involved in putting this camp together! You all went above and beyond to bring these young men and women a real-life glimpse into those professions. My son couldn't stop talking about it during our hour-and-a-half car ride. From a mother's perspective, the Facebook videos became the highlight of my days!! Brilliant idea!! To see his face on video and to know he was ok was huge, so thank you from the bottom of my heart!!"

Field Trips:

Firing Range: Cadets are taught by certified NRA instructors, in the use of firearms.

Ski Roundtop Rope Course: Cadets are taught team building skills, and demonstrate how to use them.

Pennsylvania State Police Academy: Cadets experience some of the training the Troopers receive.

Ft Indiantown Gap: Cadets are shown some of military operations.



Daily Schedule

0530-0610	Physical Exercise
0615-0655	Room Maintenance /Inspection
0700-0740	Breakfast
0750	Colors
0800-1150	Classroom
1200-1250	Noon Meal
1300-1650	Classroom
1700-1750	Evening Meal
1800	Retreat
1810-2050	Classroom
2100-2150	Cadet Time
2200	Call to Quarters
2215	Lights Out

