

Messiah University • Mechanicsburg, PA

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The **Elmer Hafer American Legion State Police National Guard Youth Camp** brings together the PA National Guard, the American Legion, and the State Police to give students firsthand experience in many areas of law enforcement and the military. This program enhances leadership skills, discipline, and self-esteem to morally, intellectually, and physically prepare cadets as future leaders.



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Youth Camp is a six-day program for students ages 15-17 interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement or the military. Activities and demonstrations include police scenarios, physical fitness training, drill and ceremony, forensics, traffic and criminal law, water survival, marksmanship, and teambuilding.



Students should be physically fit, in good health, and have a good academic record. **This is not a recreational camp.**

Cadets must be Pennsylvania residents between the ages of 15 and 17 **before** entering the camp.

COST / TRANSPORTATION

A fee of \$225 includes meals and lodging. The fee is paid by a sponsoring post, unit, or other civic group and is nonrefundable. Price is subject to change. Transportation is the responsibility of the sponsoring group or cadet's parents.

REGISTRATION

October 1- May 15, 2026. Applications must be to local posts by May 15. Posts need to have applications to Dept HQ by May 25. Some items will need purchased, get in earlier to have more time.

FIELD TRIPS

Firing Range: cadets are taught firearms use by certified NRA instructors.

Refreshing Mountain: cadets learn team-building skills.

State Police Academy: cadets experience some of the training troopers receive.

Fort Indiantown Gap: cadets observe military operations and equipment.

For more information, visit bit.ly/EHYouthCamp,

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PA American Legion

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