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DEKALB COUNTY POLICE PAL PLUS PROGRAMS

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Dekalb PAL Career Development Program

The DeKalb County Police Department, in partnership with the DeKalb Police Athletic League Plus (PAL Plus) and Georgia Piedmont Technical College, created the Career Development Program (CDP). CDP is a four-month information program that seeks to provide DeKalb County students with structured workshops to gain essential life and career skills through hands-on experience and opportunities to learn about a variety of career fields. In the program, peace officers utilize community policing practices to enhance community ties through academic support and provide opportunities for students to develop interpersonal skills, college prep, base level introduction to higher education, and a variety of career fields. (This is a year-round program).

Dekalb PAL After Dark Basketball Summer League

We use the game of basketball as a youth outreach program that provides not just a safe place to play but also mentorship through a series of educational workshops geared towards teaching life skills. The “After Dark Basketball Summer League” takes place twice a week over a seven-week period between the hours of 9pm-12am in July and August. The program provides a safe place to play organized basketball while providing community outreach services to teens and young adults with DeKalb County Police Officers acting as basketball team coaches. Our program provides DeKalb County youth with educational and employment opportunities that will lead to positive outcomes and avoid a life that involves criminal activity.

Dekalb PAL Female Empowerment Program

Over the course of six weeks, life skills workshops are geared towards helping young DeKalb County girls (ages 14 – 17 years of age) to make positive choices. This program empowers young women by elevating their strengths in real life situations and



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encourages young adult females to affect positive change within themselves. The program workshops cover: Building Leadership Skills, Goal Setting and Planning, Human Trafficking Awareness, Improving Self Esteem / Creating Healthy Relationships, De-escalation and Conflict Resolution, Financial Literacy.

DeKalb PAL Swim Program

The primary objective of this program is to empower children to have safe, enjoyable experiences in the pool. In collaboration with the certified YMCA Swim Instructors, DeKalb County PAL aims to equip children with the knowledge and ability to navigate the swimming pool area safely. By offering free comprehensive swimming lessons, we impart vital water safety techniques, educate on proper pool etiquette, and provide practical skills that can be utilized in emergency situations. Our focus extends beyond simple recreation; it encompasses instilling the tools and confidence needed to ensure the well-being of our youth.

DeKalb PAL Annual Gaming with a Cop

PAL PLUS and DeKalb County Parks & Recreation partner to produce this event during spring break. DeKalb Parks & Recreation spring break campers from six recreation centers compete against each other in a video gaming tournament that involves police officers on each team.

DeKalb PAL Youth academy

We partner with DeKalb County Parks and Recreation to hold summer academies for kids for three weeks. There is a learning curriculum, outside events including sports and field trips, and special presentations by SWAT, Bomb, Motorcycles and other specialized Units.

DeKalb PAL Movie with a Cop Events



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We conduct four “Movie with a Cop” events each year in partnership with the Dekalb Entertainment Commission. These events involve police officers and Dekalb County youth spending time together enjoying a movie and having lunch in a movie theater to bridge the gap between our youth, community partners and our police department.

DeKalb PAL College Scholarship Basketball Showcase

We host a Basketball Scholarship Game event to bridge the gap between the community and police by strengthening and enhancing our relationship with Dekalb County youth in our community through sports, mentorship, and academics. The basketball game takes place in local high schools between the DeKalb County Police basketball team and area high school teams. The basketball game gives us an opportunity for Dekalb County youth and Dekalb County police officers to bond with each other through sports. The PAL college scholarship award is awarded to the high school students who win our essay contest.

Dekalb County Police Fall Festival

We host a “Fall Festival” in partnership with the DeKalb County Parks & Recreation Department at Exchange Park Recreational Center. We provide free food, games, a giant inflatable-slide, a Touch-a-Fire/SWAT-Truck area, and tons of candy for the community.

DeKalb PAL Pink Patch Fundraiser

Every October, the Unit sells DeKalb Police Pink patches to DKPD officers to support breast cancer. A portion of the proceeds is donated to Emory Hospital’s Cancer Research Center.

DeKalb PAL annual 5K

Every fall since 2022, we hold the PAL Plus annual 5k. This race leaves from Police Headquarters and has been certified as a Peachtree Road Race qualifier. In 2023, we increased race registration to 280 runners, which doubled the number of runners in the inaugural race in 2022.