

Real-World Career Experiences **Exploring**[®]

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Exploring Director's Corner

As I have started making the rounds to post events and meetings, I am proud to be your Director. It has been both eye-opening and exciting to see the youth do hands on projects and career awareness.

This summer looks like a lot more of the same. Our JROTC will be using our camp in Elbert County for a training and team building/leadership event for 5 days. Our Parker Fire, Aurora Medical Team and Parker Police Department will be conducting a mass casualty training in mid-August. In addition, our Law Enforcement Posts will conduct their annual competition at Johnson and Wales University with 250 Explorers for a week in July.

This is what Exploring is all about. Hands on real world career experiences. Thanks for all you do. If you too have an event planned for this summer let me know. John



Lockheed Martin Engineer Post catapults.



Denver Public Schools JROTC

Investment in Character needs your help

Every year the Exploring District raises funds to support the operating expenses of the Exploring District. We ask individuals, companies and other organizations to support us financially. This year's goal is \$45,000. Currently we have raised \$13,110 or 29.2% of our goal. We need your help. If you would like more information please contact John Eastman. It cost \$150 per Explorer to deliver the program. Thanks

Welcome new Law Enforcement Post #6901

Our newest Explorer Post is #6901 with Wheat Ridge Police Department, started in April. The Wheat Ridge PD did some additional marketing that really paid off with 14 new youth. They advertised on their Website, Jefferson County's Website, and placed posters at 2 high schools. In addition, resource officers at one high school helped identify youth and they also sent out a press release. They are also planning some social media advertising along with a texting campaign. Welcome to the Exploring program!

Up Coming Activities and Events

Law Enforcement Exploring Conference

This year's Law Enforcement Explorer Conference is being held at Johnson and Wales University in Denver, CO, July 14, 2013 - July 19, 2013. The conference is designed for those Law Enforcement Post's youth to compete in the skills Explorers have learned. A complete list of events is available at our website in the leaders guide.



Change in date for Women in Leadership Breakfast

Tuesday September 10 7:30-9:00 AM at Cherry Hills Country Club.

Due to conflicts, we changed the date of our Women in Leadership Breakfast. We are still looking for 6-8 female Explorers to be our guests and help with opening ceremony. Please let John Eastman know if you can assist.

Our Key Note Speaker is Jean Galloway, president and CEO of Galloway Group. Jean has been very involved with the Denver Community with 9Cares Colorado Shares and help making Denver an incredible community. Attendees must RSVP to attend.

Denver After Dark

Friday October 18-19, 2013

Please mark your calendars for an exciting event to show case businesses on what they do in the wee hours of the evenings and finish with bowling and pizza. If you would like to help we need someone to contact additional after hour businesses for tours. Contact John Eastman. Registration will start September 2013.

Starting August 2013 Middle School Explorer Clubs

Program Introduction:

The US Department of Education has determined that students from all grade levels should have career orientation opportunities. Throughout the USA, schools are now conducting research into career interest of middle school students. With this added demand the National Exploring office has felt the need to organize programs for sixth, seventh and eighth grade students. As a result, the new Explorer Club pilot program has been created.

The clubs feature a variety of program options. The options include presentations from professionals and mentors from across several career fields, including Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). Another choice is to present one career field, such as law enforcement or fire/emergency service. The programs include hands-on activities and are sponsored by service clubs, chambers of commerce, or PTAs.

As a result of the pilot programs Middle School Explorer clubs will be starting nationwide starting August 1. If you would like to be a guest speaker or assist with these new Posts let me know, John