

What Is Exploring?

Exploring is Learning for Life's career education program for young men and women who are 14 (and have completed the eighth grade) or 15 through 20 years old. We now offer an Exploring Club for students' who are 12-14 year old as well! Exploring's purpose is to provide experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults. Explorers are ready to investigate the meaning of interdependence in their personal relationships and communities.

Everyone Wins With Exploring

Exploring will be one of the best opportunities you participate in while in school. You will have the opportunity to not only meet new people but get "hands on" experiences in specific career fields from Accounting to Zoology.

Exploring is based on a unique and dynamic relationship between youth and the organizations in your communities. By having students complete the information on the Career Information Survey we can develop Posts with local businesses that

specific job. Ever want to "ride along" in a police car or ambulance and see what really happens? What about participate in a Mock Trial in an actual court room? Or help design a computer program or an advertisement for a company? Well with Exploring, YOU CAN!!! Posts meet 1-2x per month and students are able ask questions and get "hands on" experiences in jobs they are interested in. The result is a program of activities that helps youth pursue their special interests, grow, and develop.

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5 Areas of Emphasis

- Career Opportunities
- Citizenship
- Leadership Experiences
- Life Skills
- Character Education

Youth Benefits

- Stimulated interest in continual education
- Career information; insight into future vocation
- Positive alternative to negative youth activities, such as drug abuse and involvement with gangs
- Sense of acceptance and belonging to the "right" group
- Safe environment for adult like activities
- Opportunities to participate in practical, real, and meaningful hands-on experiences
- New career and personal skills
- Opportunities to try leadership roles and develop skills
- Cooperative relationship between adults and youth
- Service to others

For more information go to: <u>www.learningforlife.org</u> <u>http://www.youtube.com/user/learningforlifeusa</u> <u>http://www.swcexploring.org</u>





