

MOUNTAINSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

YOUTH POLICE ACADEMY

July 6- July 10, 2026
9AM- 2PM

Applications available at the Mountainside
Police Department website
www.mountainside-nj.com/police



Deadline for applications
May 20, 2026

Fee for Academy is
\$100

- ▶ Available to Mountainside students entering 5th, 6th, 7th, & 8th grades;
- ▶ Learn about the Mountainside Police Department & other local, state, & federal law enforcement agencies;
- ▶ Receive an introduction to police procedures/operations, criminal investigations, first aid, and more;
- ▶ Demonstrations - K-9, SWAT, HAZMAT, Bomb Squad, and more!
- ▶ Have Fun!!



Checks only made payable to "Borough of Mountainside."
Fee includes cost of uniforms, supplies, & pizza party.
Enrollment will be first come first serve. Space is limited.
No late applications will be accepted.

Any questions contact:

Phone: (908) 232- 8100

**Email: sbendik@mountainsidepd.com or
amelville@mountainsidepd.com**



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Please fill out the following information to reserve a space in the upcoming Mountainside Police Department Youth Academy. Applications do not guarantee participation as spaces are limited. Applications must be filled out in its entirety. **Please Print.** Applications are due 5/20/2026. The fee for the academy is \$100.00. Please make checks payable to the "Borough of Mountainside." Checks only. Applications can be delivered directly to the Police Department, or mailed to Borough of Mountainside, 1385 Route 22 E., Mountainside, NJ 07092, Attention Mountainside Police Department.

Full Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Email Address (Parent): _____

Birth Date: _____ Male: Female: Grade Entering in Fall 2025: _____

School: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name(s) : _____

Parent's Work Phone: _____ Parent's Cell Phone: _____

Alternate Contact Phone: _____

Cadet Uniform Information

T-Shirt Size (Check One): Youth: L Adult: S M L XL

Short Size (Check One): Youth: L Adult: S M L XL

NOTE: All cadets will be issued one (1) shirt, one (1) pair of shorts, and one (1) baseball cap. Cadets are responsible to wear the listed uniform each day of the Academy. Please provide accurate size for your child. Uniform sizes cannot be changed once ordered.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Official Use Only:

Application Complete: Yes: No: Initials: _____ Application Fee: Paid Check#: _____

E.M.I.F. Complete: Yes: No: Initials: _____

Liability Form Signed: Yes: No: Initials: _____ Approved / Denied

Code of Conduct: Yes: No: Initials: _____ (Circle One)

Walk/Bike Home: Yes: No: Initials: _____

Photography Release: Yes: No: Initials: _____



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Emergency Medical Information Form

*Medical Form must be filled out in its entirety. **Please Print.** Dependent on the applicant's past medical history, the Borough of Mountainside maintains the right to request a doctor's note for participation in any and all physical activities. This must be submitted prior to the first day of the academy. Supplied information will only be used in the event of a medical emergency.*

Full Name: _____

Birth Date: _____ Male: Female:

Height: _____ Weight: _____

Past Medical History: _____

Other Pertinent History: _____

Allergies: _____

Medications: _____

Primary Care Physician: _____

Primary Care Physician's Telephone: _____

Health Insurance Carrier: _____

Preferred Hospital: _____

Emergency Contact Information

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____



MOUNTAINSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT YOUTH ACADEMY

Code of Conduct

1. There will be no use and/or possession of tobacco products, intoxicating substances, vaping products or drugs.
2. Students are required to arrive no later than 9 am. Students must be picked up no later than 2 pm (unless the permission to walk/bike home form is signed, or they belong to Mountainside Rec Playground Camp).
3. Students are expected to adhere to the Academy rules and regulations.
4. Students are required to obey all orders of Academy instructors and are not to leave the classroom without express permission of an instructor.
5. Should a student become ill or injured, he/she is to report immediately to an instructor.
6. Use of obscene, vulgar, or profane language will not be tolerated.
7. Students will conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times. Physical contact between students is not permitted.
8. Students will show presenters respect.
9. Students who ride bicycles/skateboards to the academy must wear helmets.

This Academy has been developed to give each student the best possible learning experience. Therefore, it is necessary that students present themselves in a neat and well-groomed manner. A uniform consisting of hat, shorts, tee shirt, white socks, and sneakers will be worn at all times. Hair must be neat and not a distraction to other students. Wearing of jewelry is prohibited.

Student Behavioral Contract

The purpose of this contract is to inform the undersigned student that he/she must comply with the provisions of the Mountainside Police Youth Academy and to specific terms set forth in this contract. The student understands that due to the nature of this Academy, there will be zero tolerance rules in effect. Undesirable conduct, such as horseplay, or a violation of the Code of Conduct, will result in immediate removal of the student from the Academy. This contract is in effect for the safety of all students and to maintain discipline and order. This contract represents an agreement by the student that he/she received, and reviewed the above Code of Conduct and the student agrees to adhere to this code at all times while at the academy.

Our program is a para-military style boot camp. It is built on discipline and teamwork building skills. We show the children, who are 5th to 8th grade age range, every facet of police work. We give them a small taste of what we as police officers endure to become police officers. Our instructors and staff work hard every day and are in this for the children because we want to see these children succeed and have a sense of pride on graduation day.

Failure to adhere to the rules and regulations of the Academy and/or any disrespect shown to an officer or fellow cadet may result in the immediate expulsion of the student.

Applicant Name: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____



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Release of Liability Form

I, _____ the undersigned Parent/Guardian of

_____, residing at _____ in Mountainside, New Jersey, do hereby give my son/daughter permission to attend the Mountainside Police Department Youth Academy and in consideration of allowing him/her to participate in the above named program, I voluntarily and knowingly release and discharge the Mountainside Police Department Youth Academy, Mountainside Police Department, and the Borough of Mountainside, its officers, employees, agents and volunteers from all claims, present and future, known or unknown, in any manner arising out of his/her participation in the Mountainside Police Department Youth Academy program. Participants will have the opportunity to be physically conditioned, including, but not limited to daily physical training, and agility course; tour the Mountainside Police Department and any other locations as detailed in the academy schedule (to be distributed at a later date); and will be viewing demonstrations from multiple county and federal agencies including, but not limited to the Union County Sheriff's Department Canine Unit, and Union County Police Bomb Squad. Applicants will be held to an understanding of a paramilitary rank structure and the Code of Conduct set by the Mountainside Police Department. If at any time a cadet receives an injury or illness, and/or will not be participating in a scheduled event, the Mountainside Police Department shall be contacted, via the main Communications Desk at (908)232-8100 as soon as possible. Instructors will not be checking their personal voicemails during the week of the Youth Academy. All cadets must be accounted for at the beginning of each day. Absences must be documented. Failure to comply may result in discharge of the cadet.

I understand that participation in physical activities at the Academy involves certain risks, including but not limited to, serious injury and death. I am voluntarily participating in the activities with knowledge of the danger involved, and I agree to accept all risks of participation.

This hold harmless agreement is a testament to my understanding of the above evidenced by my signature below.

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____



MOUNTAIN SIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Parental/Guardian Consent for Photograph & Audio-Visual Release Form

The Mountainside Police Department requests your permission to reproduce through printed, audio, visual, or electronic means activities in which your child has participated in the Mountainside Police Department Youth Academy. Your authorization will enable us to use the photographs and video footage taken during the Youth Academy Week program to promote the program through the use of mass media, displays, brochures, website, etc.

- I, as a parent or guardian of the below-named Academy Youth, fully authorize and grant the Mountainside Police Department and its authorized representatives the right to print, photograph, record, and edit as desired, the name, image, likeness, and/or voice of the below-named Academy Youth on audio, video, film, slide, or any other electronic and printed format currently developed for the purpose stated or related to the above.
- I understand and agree that the use of such photographs and video will be without any compensation to the Academy Youth or the Academy Youth's parent or guardian.
- I understand all photos/videos will be property of the Mountainside Police Department. Photos/Videos may be used without specific notification.
- I understand and agree that the Mountainside Police and/or its authorized representatives shall have the exclusive right, title, and interest, including copyrights, of such photographs and video recordings.
- I understand and agree that the Mountainside Police and/or its authorized representatives shall have the unlimited right to use the photographs or videos for any purpose stated or related to the above.
- I hereby release and hold harmless the Mountainside Police and its authorized representatives from all actions, claims, damages, costs, or expenses, including attorney's fees, brought by the Academy Youth and/or parent or guardian which relate to or rise out of any use of these photographs or videos as specified above.
- The Mountainside Police will not release any personally identifiable information without prior consent of the Academy Youth's parent or guardian.

I have read and understand the contents of this Parental/Guardian Consent for Photograph & Audio-Visual Release Form and I am signing voluntarily.

_____	_____	_____
Participant – Print Name	Participant Signature	Date
_____	_____	_____
Parent/Guardian – Print Name	Parent/Guardian Signature	Date



MOUNTAINSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT
PERMISSION TO WALK/BIKE HOME

I _____ (parent or guardian, please print) give my

child _____ (juvenile's name) permission to walk or bike home unsupervised following dismissal from the Mountainside Police Youth Academy from any of the following locations: Mountainside Police Department 1385 Route 22, and/or any other Mountainside locations the Academy will be held at as detailed in your Academy schedule (to be received in future communications). Helmets are required for bicycles, skateboards, etc. If we do not have this slip, your child will not be released without authorized adult supervision.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____