



Officers, NCCJ ready to kick-off Police and Youth Together Camp

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Officers of the Dayton Police Department and law enforcement agencies from around the region will participate in a week of fun and learning at the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ) of Greater Dayton's Police and Youth Together Camp. The camp runs from July 24 to 28 at Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #44 on Powell Road.

The Police and Youth Together program is held every summer for pre-registered boys and girls ages 10 to 12. The camp brings together local youth and police officers in an educational and recreational environment with the goal of leadership development, enhancing listening skills, and community safety. Campers will learn about various police duties and teams, such as the K-9 Unit and the Mounted Patrol while also participating in activities like hiking, fishing, and a camp jam.

Dayton Police Chief Richard Biehl will teach one of the week's first classes, "Emotion Management Through Yoga and Martial Arts," on Monday, July 24, at 10 a.m.

The effects of the camp will reach far beyond one week. Children and officers will participate in monthly follow-up sessions for a year to maintain the connections that are formed.

This camp would not be possible without the generosity of the community, including funding from Kroger, Sinclair Community College, the Judge Foley Family Fund, the Trotwood Police Department Benevolent Fund, and the Miami Valley Crime Prevention Association. The F.O.P Lodge donates not only facilities, but also a cookout dinner for campers and their families. A number of local restaurants have also stepped up to help with lunches, including Fricker's, Chick-Fil-A, and Donato's Pizza.

