



INFORMATION PACKET



The Eighth Annual California Highway Patrol (CHP) State Capital Explorer Challenge will be held in April 2026 at the California Highway Patrol Academy in West Sacramento, CA. This event is hosted by the California Highway Patrol and provides Explorers the opportunity to test their skills in realistic, scenario-based law enforcement environments.

The Challenge is designed to be mentally and physically demanding, requiring teamwork, communication, professionalism, and the ability to perform under pressure. While the event will push Explorers to demonstrate their best skills, it is also an exciting and rewarding experience that promotes camaraderie, confidence, and personal growth in a supportive training environment.

A **maximum of 32 teams** will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. A \$500 deposit is required to secure your team's spot. Full payment is due by February 23, 2026. **Refunds will not be issued after Tuesday, March 3, 2026.**

EVENT DATES:

Friday, April 24 – Registration and Team Building Day

- Sutter Health Park, 400 Ballpark Drive, West Sacramento, CA 95691
 - Baseball Game Sacramento River Cats vs. Albuquerque Isotopes
 - Game time: 1845 hours

Arrival times will be assigned approximately one month prior to the Challenge. Teams must arrive at the assigned time.

Saturday, April 25 – Explorer Challenge

- CHP Academy, 3500 Reed Ave., West Sacramento, CA 95605
 - Start time: 0630
 - End time: 1700 **(Times are subject to change)**

Saturday, April 26 – Explorer Challenge/Award Ceremony

- CHP Academy, 3500 Reed Ave., West Sacramento, CA 95605
 - Start time: 0800
 - End time: 1400 **(Times are subject to change)**

CHALLENGE RULES

AGE OF PARTICIPANTS:

Age Eligibility: 15–21 years old

Please note that all events (although not anticipated) are subject to change without notice. Event staff have final authority.

ALL EVENT PROCTORS HAVE FINAL SAY AND THEIR DECISIONS WILL STAND.

WEAPONS USED IN CHALLENGE SCENARIOS:

Each post must provide its own training weapons, clearly marked to prevent confusion with real firearms.

The CHP Academy is a secured facility and is patrolled by on duty uniformed CHP personnel. The Challenge is a law enforcement training environment. For safety reasons, there are NO FIREARMS permitted at the event. All firearms must be secured within your locked vehicle in the parking lot.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

No drones allowed. Do not share scenario photos or videos during the event—violations result in point deductions.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

HOW TO REGISTER:

Email registration forms and payment confirmation to CHPExplorers@chp.ca.gov by Monday, February 23, 2026. Liability waivers are required for each Explorer. All attendees must register, or they will not be allowed to participate or spectate.

EVENT FEES

\$500 deposit

\$150 per Explorer (minimum 6)

\$125 per Advisor

\$75 per Spectator (no swag)

Each post must have at least one paid advisor in attendance per gender participating. Also, supervisors, managers, family members, friends, etc. are considered spectators. ***Each guest must be registered regardless of days they will be in attendance, no exceptions.***

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Includes: breakfast, lunch, snacks, drinks (for both days), swag bag and Team Building baseball game (No Food or Drinks) valid only Friday, April 24, 2026

Food Allergy Disclaimer:

While we cannot guarantee that any of our dishes are free from food allergies, we take food allergy safety seriously. We cannot always accommodate a dietary restriction, but we will try our best.

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Final payment must be received by **Monday, February 23, 2026**, via Venmo @CHPEXplorers (please include your agency name in the comment section if paying from a personal Venmo account) or make check payable to **Statewide Explorer Fund** and mail to:

**Community Outreach and Marketing Section
601 North 7th street
Sacramento, CA 95811**



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CHP Statewide Explorer Challenge link:

<https://www.chp.ca.gov/programs-services/programs/2026-state-capital-explorer-challenge/>

As we work to finalize the event, there may be changes to the plans. Therefore, we will keep our website updated with the latest information, ensuring that all participants have access to the most current details. Don't miss this chance to connect with other Explorers and experience the incredible sites Sacramento has to offer.

Save the date for the Explorer Challenge, and we look forward to seeing you there!