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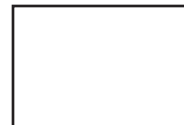
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PLEDGE CAMP



TAKING THE PLEDGE



PLEDGE Camp is a week-long experience that teaches leadership, communication, teamwork and decision-making abilities. All of these skills are essential for students entering high school to be successful.

PLEDGE Camp is staffed by police school resource officers, who will interact with the students in county high schools for the next four years.

Each day, participants enjoy activities and group outings. The camp is free, and meals are provided.

Campers will:

- Learn about drug and alcohol abuse
- Strengthen their decision-making skills
- Learn new communication techniques
- Find out how to respond to peer pressure
- Face mental and physical challenges at Terrapin Adventures obstacle course, learning teamwork and leadership through fun activities

P**RIDE** If a young person is proud of who he or she is, that young person is less likely to engage in criminal activity.

L**EADERSHIP** Young people who have developed a leadership mentality are less likely to give in to peer pressure.

E**DUCATION** Young people learn to focus on a positive future and attaining goals through education.

D**IVERSITY** Youth recognize the strength in our differences and learn to accept and work with others.

G**ANG RESISTANCE** Learning about gangs helps youth to realize how gangs will hinder their success.

E**VALUATION** Youth learn decision-making strategies to empower them to make smart choices.



APPLY FOR PLEDGE CAMP

PLEDGE Camp participants are selected by guidance counselors and police school resource officers.

The program is designed for graduating eighth-grade students who will be freshmen at Howard County schools in the fall.

The camp aims to educate young people who have not had serious contact with law enforcement, disruptive behavioral issues or multiple suspensions.

If you know a student who would benefit from the camp, submit his or her name for consideration to the student's guidance counselor.

**“THE OFFICERS WERE COOL
AND LAID-BACK.”**

*Athena Harrington,
2009 PLEDGE Camp participant*