



DeKalb County Sheriff's Office
4415 Memorial Drive
Decatur, GA 30032

2025 Sponsorship Letter

Dear Commissioner Chakira Johnson,

Sheriff Maddox and the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office in partnership with the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office Foundation are gearing up for our 5th Annual Boys To Men (BTM) & Girls To Pearls (GTP) summer camp, June 2nd - 27th. As our camp program continues to grow, we rely on sponsors and partnerships to provide a safe, educational, and life-altering experience open to the youth of DeKalb County. Sheriff Maddox is dedicated to bridging the gap between law enforcement and the community. In doing so, she finds it paramount that we start with our youth to mold and guide them in the direction of success and prosperity.

We are asking for a commitment of **\$10,000** to the Boys To Men & Girls To Pearls summer camp program which will ensure the participants are able to receive a camp experience that may not be possible otherwise. Your sponsorship/partnership will contribute to our largest camp costs as it relates to:

- *Meals (Breakfast, Lunch, Snacks)
- *Activities (STEM Projects, Guest Speakers)
- *Filed Trips
- *Facility Costs (Camp and Graduation)
- *Supplies (Uniforms, Suits/Dresses, Materials)

Donations may be made via check made payable to the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office Foundation and mailed to the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office at 4415 Memorial Drive, Decatur, GA 30032.

We greatly appreciate your consideration and support. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Also please find attached additional information about our Boys To Men & Girls To Pearls summer camp program.

Sincerely,

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About the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office Boys To Men & Girls To Pearls Summer Camp

In the summer of 2021, the BTM camp opened with two one-week sessions consisting of 15 male youths in each session. In the success of the camp, in the summer of 2022, the GTP portion was added also consisting of 15 young girls to the one-week long camp. In the summer of 2023, with such positive feedback and public interest for the program, we were able to offer a month-long camp to 18 young boys and 18 young girls free of charge to the youth of DeKalb County, GA. In 2024, the camp expanded to a new location with 20 young boys and 20 young girls.

The BTM/GTP Camp offers the opportunity to discuss important issues that affect the youth of DeKalb County. Participants take part in an in-depth look at topics/issues and training sessions that further their knowledge on important matters they face. These topics/issues include:

- *Bullying *Gang Prevention *Self-Esteem *Journaling *Discipline *Etiquette
- *Voting Rights *Financial Literacy/Entrepreneurship *Health and Wellness
- *CPR Training *How to engage with Law Enforcement *Community Service
- *Planning for the Future/Collegiate Day *How to properly dress in business attire
- *Finding Your Purpose/Resume Writing *Aspects of the Sheriff's Office/Judicial system
- *Career Day *Guest Speakers *Field Trips
- *DeKalb County Government/Emergency Agencies *STEM Projects
- *How to tie a tie-Put a Suit Together/How to Dress and prepare for Formal Occasions

The camp concludes with a graduation ceremony acknowledging the participants' hard work and journey on the road from boyhood/girlhood to manhood/womanhood. A part of the graduation is for the participants to wear the suit and/or dress provided for them, the young men are presented their suits jackets by the various male volunteers from the Sheriff's Office and community and the young ladies are presented a set of pearls by Sheriff Maddox and members of the community.

The camp is 100% free for the participants. The suits, shirts and ties are provided for the young men and the dresses and pearls are provided for the young women. Each day they are provided with breakfast, lunch, and snacks and each activity, field trip, supplies, etc. are covered for each participant. In offering this camp 100% free to the participants, we rely on sponsors and donations from the community to ensure the youth of DeKalb can learn and take part in experiences they may otherwise never be afforded the opportunity.

In late July, Sheriff Maddox hosts a Back 2 School Jam Reunion for all past camp participants. We provide a day filled with fun activities, meals, and distribution of school supplies. This event allows participants from other camp sessions to meet and for staff to catch up before the school year begins. Throughout the year, staff perform check-ins with participants and/or parents and make themselves available when participants reach out with specific needs.