

Dekalb County PAL PLUS Programs and Events Cost Projections

Since 2006, the Dekalb County Police Department has operated the Dekalb County Police Athletic League Plus to aid in the prevention of juvenile crime by providing mentorship, civic/service, athletic, recreational, enrichment and educational opportunities and resources to Dekalb County children. The Dekalb County PAL PLUS organization conducts a youth Career Development Program, an After Dark Summer Basketball League, along with hosting community events and festivals for Dekalb County youth. Based at Dekalb County Police Headquarters in Tucker, Dekalb County PAL bridges the gap between law enforcement and the community through youth engagement programs. All our programs are free of charge to Dekalb County youth.

- **Dekalb PAL Career Development Program**

The DeKalb County Police Department, in partnership with the DeKalb Police Athletic League Plus (PAL Plus) and Georgia Piedmont Technical College, created the Career Development Program (CDP). CPD is a four-month information program that seeks to provide DeKalb County students with structured workshops to gain essential life and career skills through hands-on experience and provide opportunities to learn about a variety of career fields. In the program, peace officers utilize community policing practices to enhance community ties through academic support and provide opportunities for students to develop interpersonal skills, college prep, base level introduction to higher education, and a variety of career fields. (This is an all-year-round program)

Program Budget: \$9,000 a year.
Session Cost \$3,000 (3 sessions a year)
This covers field trips, and meals.

- **DeKalb PAL After Dark Basketball Summer League**

We use the game of basketball as a youth outreach program that provides not just a safe place to play but also mentorship through a series of educational workshops geared towards teaching life skills. The “After Dark Basketball Summer League takes place twice a week over a seven-week period between the hours of 9pm-12am in July and August. The program provides a safe place to play organized basketball while providing community outreach services to teens and young adults with Dekalb County Police Officers acting as basketball team coaches. Our program provides Dekalb County youth with educational and employment opportunities that will lead to positive outcomes and not a life that involves criminal activity.

Program Budget: \$10,000 Each summer.
This covers jerseys, trophies, referees, and meals.

- **DeKalb PAL Female Empowerment Program**

Over the course of six life skills workshops that are geared to helping young DeKalb County girls (ages 14 – 17 years of age) to make positive choices. This program empowers young women by elevating their strengths in real life situations and encourages young adult females to effect positive change within themselves. The program workshops cover: Building Leadership Skills, Goal Setting and Planning, Human Trafficking Awareness, Improving Self Esteem / Creating Healthy Relationships, De-escalation and Conflict Resolution, Financial Literacy.

Program Budget: \$9,000 a year.
Session Cost \$3,000 (3 sessions a year)
This covers field trips, and meals.

- **DeKalb PAL Swim Program**

The primary objective of this program is to empower children to have safe, enjoyable experiences in the pool. In collaboration with the certified YMCA Swim Instructors, DeKalb County PAL aims to equip children with the knowledge and ability to navigate the swimming pool area safely. By offering free comprehensive swimming lessons, we impart vital water safety techniques, educate on proper pool etiquette, and provide practical skills that can be utilized in emergency situations. Our focus extends beyond simple recreation; it encompasses instilling the tools and confidence needed to ensure the well-being of our youth.

Program Budget: \$15,000 a year.
Fall/Spring Sessions Cost \$6,000
Summer Session Cost \$9,000
This covers swimsuits, goggles, program shirts, and meals.

- **DeKalb PAL Annual Gaming with a Cop**

The DeKalb County Police Athletic League and DeKalb County Parks & Recreation partner to produce this event during spring break. DeKalb Parks & Recreation spring break campers from six recreation centers compete against each other in a video gaming tournament that involves police officers on each team.

Program Budget: \$5,000
This covers video game company consulting fees, prizes, and meals.

- **DeKalb PAL Movie with a Cop Events**

The Dekalb County Police PAL Plus Unit conducts four “Movie with a Cop” events each year. These events involved police officers and Dekalb County youth spending time together

enjoying a movie and having lunch in a movie theater to bridge the gap between our youth, community partners and our police department.

Program Budget: \$7,000

This covers four-events a year, movie rental fee, transportation, and meals.

- **DeKalb PAL College Scholarship Basketball Showcase**

The Dekalb County Police PAL Plus unit hosts a Basketball Scholarship Game event to bridge the gap between the community and police by strengthening and enhancing our relationship with Dekalb County youth in our community through sports, mentorship, and academics. The basketball game takes place in local high schools between the DeKalb County Police basketball team and area high school teams. The basketball game gives us an opportunity for Dekalb County youth & Dekalb County police officers to bond with each other through sports. The PAL college scholarship award is awarded to the high school students who win our essay contest.

Program Budget: \$2,000

This covers the two scholarship awards.

- **Dekalb County Police Fall Festival**

DeKalb PAL hosts a “Fall Festival” in partnership with the DeKalb County Parks & Recreation Department at Exchange Park Recreational Center. We provided free food, games, a giant inflatable-slide, a Touch-a-Fire/SWAT-Truck area, and tons of candy for the community.

Program Budget: \$2,000

This covers video game truck rental, inflatable slide, candy, snacks, and drinks.