

Join the Sheriff's Office for Virtual "Junior Deputy" Camp!

Plans for summer fun are different this year but whether kids in Alexandria are at home, going to a rec center, or participating in a modified camp program, you can still take part in the Sheriff's Office Virtual "Junior Deputy" Camp!



Deputies know that every day can be a new adventure and a new opportunity! With more than one hundred ideas for activities, there's enough for junior deputies to stay engaged the whole summer! Complete at least 25 of the listed ideas before August 21 and receive an official certificate and patch from the Alexandria Sheriff's Office.

With all activities, be safe, check with an adult, and take necessary precautions, like social distancing. Go in any order but keep track by checking the boxes of ones you've done.

- Draw a picture and make it into a card for a neighbor
- Complete a math activity, such as counting how many cars are on your block
- Play water bottle bowling
- Take a swim at a local pool
- Make a family kindness jar and fill with slips of paper with kind things you have done
- Visit a monument or memorial in Washington
- Play the silent game by seeing how long you and sibling can go without talking
- Tour the Alexandria Black History Museum and associated sites with virtual visits <https://www.alexandriava.gov/BlackHistory#VirtualTour>
- Do an arts and crafts project
- Walk or ride to see the tiny house at 523 Queen Street, known for being the skinniest historic house in Alexandria
- Go for a walk and count how many different animals you see
- Pick your favorite song, dance or poem to perform in front of family or a friend
- Find a cobblestone street in Old Town
- Name 4 things that you can buy at one of Alexandria's farmer's markets
- Complete 25 jumping jacks
- Visit the Alexandria Waterfront to see the artwork
- Read a book to a younger sibling or parent or have a book read to you
- Do a chore without being told
- Bake a batch of cookies
- Research and find the oldest historic home in Alexandria
- Sing a campfire song with friends/family
- Have a picnic on the living room floor
- Write a kind note for a neighbor or family member
- Take a virtual visit to Alexandria's Fort Ward <https://www.alexandriava.gov/FortWard#VirtualTour>
- Write a letter to a servicemember <https://www.operationgratitude.com/express-your-thanks/write-letters/>

- Have an adventure without leaving your living room
- Put on a play
- Write a letter to a grandparent
- Play a team building game with friends
- Put on a fashion show
- Have some flashlight fun
- Camp out in the backyard
- Play balloon volleyball
- Find at least 4 different trees or plants
<https://www.alexandriava.gov/Trees#NotableTreesofAlexandria>
- Write about or tell someone who your hero is or someone who has helped you
- Play hallway hopscotch
- Play charades
- Have a dance party with family and friends
- Visit the Alexandria History Museum at The Lyceum at 201 South Washington Street
<https://www.alexandriava.gov/historic/lyceum/default.aspx?id=115635>
- Name 5 items outside that are your favorite color
- List 4 streets in Alexandria that begin with the same letter
- Make a poem using the letters in "Alexandria," like A is for adventure, L is for lively, etc.
- Try 3 yoga poses for kids
- Identify the name of the tall memorial building in Alexandria honoring a President
- Find out what year Alexandria was founded
- Make or draw a picture of your home or favorite building
- Write a summary of an article from the newspaper
- Draw a self-portrait
- Find the site of the old jail in Alexandria (hint: the façade and wall still exist)
- Play family trivia
- Have a karaoke night
- Go on a virtual tour Alexandria's very own Apothecary Museum
<https://www.alexandriava.gov/Apothecary#VirtualTour>
- Have a make your own pizza party and add your favorite toppings
- Put on a puppet show
- Play wastebasket basketball
- Have a tea party
- Contact Volunteer Alexandria to see how you can volunteer now or in the future and learn about their Youth Service-Learning Program
<https://www.volunteeralexandria.org/youth-families>
- Play hide and seek
- Play Family Feud
- Plant some seeds inside or outside, then water and watch them grow
- Build a fort inside or outside
- See how high you can build a Lego or block tower
- Hide something in your yard and create a treasure map
- Make a list of things you are thankful for
- Ask a parent or loved one to tell you about someone in your family who lived a long time ago or who you haven't gotten to meet

- Do a puzzle that is a challenge for your age
- Help organize your toys, including arranging your books alphabetically
- Plan your family's fire escape route and have a fire drill
<http://www.sparky.org/files/parents/tip/files/EscapeGrid.pdf>
- Help cook with an adult a favorite family dish
- Learn how to play classic games like hopscotch, Mother May I, 4-Square, hide-n-go-seek, jump rope
- Walk your dog or offer to walk the neighbor's dog
- Ask your parents if the batteries in the fire alarms have recently been changed
- Listen to how many different bird sounds you can hear
- Learn about and identify different constellations
- Write a rap song and perform it
- Make instruments from things in your house such as, drums from pots
- Do a science project
- Have a hula hoop challenge
- Create a house of cards with a deck of playing cards
- Decorate a t-shirt
- Bob for apples
- Create a movie or play
- Play freeze tag
- Have family game night
- Have breakfast for dinner
- Make a time capsule
- Have a bubble gum blowing contest
- Build a toothpick bridge or building
- Line up dominoes and watch them fall
- Have an egg toss contest outside
- Look for 4-leaf clovers
- Plant a small garden
- Help your parents wash the car
- Have a 3-legged race
- Write a letter to the Sheriff (Sheriff Dana Lawhorne, 2003 Mill Road, Alexandria, VA 22314)
- Make a thank you card for your teacher and drop off at your school
- Take a virtual field trip of the museum in another city like the Boston Children's Museum
<https://www.bostonchildrensmuseum.org/museum-virtual-tour>
- Go a full day without playing any computer games
- Paint some rocks with a positive message or picture and leave for others in the neighborhood to enjoy
- Play cards such as Rummy, Go Fish, Solitaire, War
- Keep a diary or journal about what it's been like during the pandemic
- Practice opposites, one person says "in", the other says "out", on/off, yes/no, etc.
- Do a report on the weather for a couple of days
- Make pasta jewelry – paint it, thread it and wear it

- Put 10 items in a bag you can't see through and have someone guess each item simply by feel
- Learn how to knit or crochet
- Watch wildlife through an African wildlife webcam
<https://explore.org/livecams/african-wildlife/>
- Decorate your porch or windows with favorite art
- Make a scavenger hunt on your street (items could include an American flag, a skateboard, scooter or bike left outside, a bumper sticker, a porch swing, a dog on a leash, something with wings, a yellow or blue house, a fire hydrant, pink flowers, a kid on a bike, a basketball net, a squirrel, a holiday decoration)
- Play I Spy
- Make paper airplanes and see how far they will fly
- Play restaurant and serve dinner to the adults
- Watch either a sunrise or a sunset
- Lie on your back in the grass and guess what the shape of the clouds could be
- Start a wish jar and every time you think of something you can't do because of closures, write it down and put in the wish jar for the future!



When you're done having fun (or it's the August 21 deadline), have a parent or adult verify that you've completed at least 25 activities and ask them to notify Sergeant Wright by email at valarie.wright@alexandriava.gov. We'll need your name and address to send you the official certificate and patch. Your parent is also welcome to email some photos of you doing an activity for us to share on social media.

Have questions? Email Sergeant Wright or call 703.746.4114 and ask for Community Relations.