**Explorers Programs**

**21-22**

**Exploring is a unique career exploration program for young men and women ages 14-20, it provides an ideal link between the academic environment and the real world.**

**In the Shelby County area, we have Exploring programs available to your students in the areas of:**

**Law Enforcement**

**Helena Police Department Post 2790** Contact Officer Adam Sample 205-703-3234 /[asample@helenapd.com](mailto:asample@helenapd.com) or just show up for a meeting. Meetings are on Mondays at the Helena Sports Complex from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. During the meetings they have a topic for the day with instructional time and hands-on practical time. The training is used to get ready for both state and national competitions. They also offer a ride along program where explorers can actually ride with on-duty officers.

**Pelham Police Department Post** 2600 Officer Adam Schniper 205-306-8069/aschniper@pelhamalabama.gov

**Fire Service**

**Montevallo Fire Department Post 2527** Contact Shannon Blackburn at [sblackburn@specenviro.com](mailto:sblackburn@specenviro.com) or just show up at the meeting, they meet every Sunday at Station - 1 at 2:00 p.m.. You must be at least 14 yrs. of age to participate but not older than 20 and you must be at least 16 yrs. old to go on calls.

**Pelham Fire Department Post 2090** Contact Jeff Blankenship at 205-427-2473/[jblankenship@pelhamalabama.gov](mailto:jblankenship@pelhamalabama.gov) You must be 14 yrs. of age to participate but not older than 20 yrs. old. The 1st meeting will be held on Sunday, September 14th at 6:00 p.m. at 663 Stuart Lane Pelham 35124.

**Culinary Arts**

**Jefferson State Community College** Post 2017 Chef Joseph Mitchell 205-983-5212 / [jmitchell@jeffersonstate.edu](mailto:jmitchell@jeffersonstate.edu) The Culinary & Hospitality Explorers program will kickoff on Tuesday, September 14th, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. in the Merritt Health Science Building, room 101 at the Jefferson State Community College Shelby-Hoover Campus 4600 Valleydale Rd. Birmingham, AL 35242. Students under the age of 18 must have a parent or legal guardian present for the kickoff meeting. With limited enrollment, all are invited to attend the kickoff, but spaces are filled with seniors and juniors having priority. There is no prior enrollment and/or application needed to attend the kickoff event. Students who are admitted into the program, will need to pay a $40 fee, which will cover registration in the Greater Alabama Council Explorer Program and liability insurance.