



SoCal Explorer Competition Information Packet

The Fifth Annual SoCal Explorer Competition is scheduled for July 18th – 19th, 2026 at Otay Ranch High School in Chula Vista, CA.

This event is being hosted by CHP El Cajon, CHP Westminster, & CHP San Diego Explorer Posts.

The competition is designed to be very demanding on the physical and mental capabilities of each Explorer. Events are designed to test the strengths and limitations of a person's intelligence, personality, demeanor, and physical abilities, as well as dedication and conviction to the Explorer Program. Explorers are given the opportunity to test their skills in real life situations including Felony Stops, DUI Stops, and Building Searches, just to name a few.

Our competition and training environments are designed to test an individual's skill and make them a better overall explorer. A **maximum of 32 teams** will be allowed to participate in this competition on a first come first served basis, so it is important to register early to secure your spot. Currently, **a \$500 deposit is required to secure your team's spot. Refunds will not be issued after Monday, May 4, 2026.**

EVENT DATES:

Friday, July 17 – SoCal Team Bonding Day – To be Determined

Saturday, July 18 & Sunday, July 19 – Explorer Competition

EVENT LOCATIONS:

Friday, July 17 – To be Determined

Saturday July 18 and Sunday, July 19 - Otay Ranch High School – 1250 Olympic Parkway, Chula Vista, CA 91913

COMPETITION RULES

AGE OF PARTICIPANTS:

Exploring is Learning for Life's career-education program for young men and women aged 15 to 21 years of age.

ALL EVENT PROCTORS HAVE FINAL SAY AND THEIR DECISIONS WILL STAND.

Please note that all events (although not anticipated) are subject to change without notice.

WEAPONS USED IN COMPETITION SCENARIOS:

Each post must provide their own training weapons. All weapons in the Law Enforcement Events shall be training weapons.

All Training Weapons **shall** be distinctively painted so as not to be mistaken for an actual weapon.

Sworn advisors will be allowed to carry firearms while on school grounds. All officers carrying, will keep their weapons holstered. Sworn Advisors will NOT be allowed to carry a firearm into specific scenarios.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

The campus is a restricted flight zone and there will be no drones allowed. There will be a \$10,000 fine.

Teams are reminded that videos and/or photos of the scenarios should not be shared on social media platforms or with other teams during the competition. If a team breaks this rule, there will be points deducted from the overall score or possible disqualification from the competition.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

HOW TO REGISTER:

Please complete the registration form and email it to Officer Jasmine Lopez at jasmine.lopez@chp.ca.gov with a copy of your payment by **Monday, March 30, 2026**. A liability form is **required** for each Explorer at the time of registration. Please note that **all** attendees must register (i.e. supervisors/managers, family members, friends, etc. are considered Spectators). If an attendee is not registered, they will not be allowed to participate in the SoCal Team Bonding Day and/or be a spectator during the competition. When your deposit payment and registration forms are received, a confirmation email will be sent.

FEES: A \$500 deposit is required at the time of registration to secure your spot.

The cost of this 2-day event is as follows:

\$175.00 per **Explorer** (with a minimum of 6 Explorers)
\$150.00 per **Advisor**

Each post must have at least one paid advisor in attendance per gender participating. Each post is responsible for their own guests, friends, supervisors, managers, family members, etc.. Any guests accompanying the post will not be included in the lunches, so please ensure they have made their own accommodations. **No exceptions.**

Refunds will not be issued after Monday, May 4, 2026.

Each entry fee includes:

- SoCal Team Bonding Day – To be Determined
- Food ticket (breakfast on Sunday and lunch both days), specialty coffee, beverages, snacks, and pastries (while supplies last)

Food Allergy Disclaimer:

“While we cannot guarantee that any of our dishes are free from food allergies, we take food allergy safety seriously. If you have a specific question about our menu, ingredients and/or cross-contact practices, please speak with the person in-charge. We cannot always accommodate a dietary restriction, but we will try our best.

- Swag Bag (Advisors: Challenge Coin & T-shirt only & Explorers: Full Swag Bag)

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Final payment must be received by **Monday, March 30, 2026**, via Venmo **@ElCajon-ExplorerPost** (please include your agency name in the comment section if paying from a personal Venmo account) or make check payable to **El Cajon CHP Explorer Post 680** and mail to:

**El Cajon CHP Office
Explorer Competition – ATTN: Officer Jasmine Lopez
1722 E Main Street
El Cajon, CA 92021**



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CONTACT US

If you have questions or need assistance regarding the **Explorer Competition**, please feel free to call Officer Lauren Chi at 279-235-4528 or via email at lauren.chi@chp.ca.gov

If you have questions or need assistance regarding the **Registration or Payment** process, please call Officer Jasmin Lopez at (619) 219-6921 or via email at jasmine.lopez@chp.ca.gov.

Southern California Law Enforcement Explorer Competition link:
www.socalexplorercomp.com

As we work to finalize the event, there may be changes to the plans. Therefore, we will keep our website updated with the latest information, ensuring that all participants have access to the most current details. Don't miss this chance to connect with other adventurers and explore the incredible sites of Southern California.

Save the date for the SoCal Explorer Competition, and we look forward to seeing you there!