



Baldwin County Sheriff's Office Forensics Youth Camp JUNE 1-5, 2026 – Robertsdale, AL



Thank you for your interest in our 2026 Forensics Youth Camp! We're excited to offer this opportunity to persons in Baldwin County, 14-18 years old, who are interested in a career in forensic sciences and crime scene investigation. This youth camp provides a hands-on, immersive experience where students learn directly from law enforcement professionals in the field. Participants will explore crime scene photography, evidence collection, fingerprints, digital forensics, courtroom testimony, and more. Please read the following instructions carefully and complete the application in full. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. **Space is limited**, so apply early and if you are not selected this year, we encourage you to reapply next year!

Camp Basics: Forensics Youth Camp will be held June 1–5, 2026 in the upstairs training room of the Baldwin County Emergency Management Center in Robertsdale (23100 McAuliffe Dr, Robertsdale, AL 36567), from 9AM-2PM each day. Participants are required to provide their own transportation. Light snacks, drinks, and lunch will be provided daily. All equipment and materials needed for camp activities will be provided. Casual/Active attire is appropriate unless otherwise noted. Pants and closed-toed shoes are recommended. Shorts are not recommended. Students will receive a certificate of completion and a camp T-shirt at the end of the program. **FULL ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE PROGRAM.**

DEADLINE TO APPLY: Friday, May 8, 2026, no later than 4pm. Applications may be turned into the Baldwin County Sheriff's Admin Office in Bay Minette (320 North Hoyle Avenue, Bay Minette, AL 36507) or the Criminal Investigations Division in Robertsdale (18126 County Road 54, Robertsdale, AL 36567).

Participant Information

First & Last Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

T-Shirt Size: _____

Emergency Contact(s):

Emergency Contact #1: _____ Relationship to you: _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____

Emergency Contact #2: _____ Relationship to you: _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____

Education Details

Current School: _____

Current Grade Level: _____

Relevant Coursework (science, criminal justice, etc.):

Extracurricular Activities (clubs, hobbies, sports, job, etc.):

Career / College Interests

Do you plan to attend college? _____

Intended Major(s) or Career Field(s):

Camp Interest

Why do you want to attend the Youth Forensics Camp?

What specific areas of Forensics/Crime Scene Investigations are you most interested in?

Medical & Special Considerations

Allergies or medical conditions we should be aware of:

Dietary restrictions:

Accommodations needed (if any):

Consent & Signature – APPLICATION DUE: FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026, BY 4PM

Important Notice for Applicants: By voluntarily applying to this program, you acknowledge that:

1. Sensitive Material & Informed Risk

- Inherent in the world of crime scene investigation and forensic analysis of criminal activity is the presence of violent crime. This includes homicide, serious assault and other crimes that require the investigator to view situations that are often times disturbing. Participants in the program will encounter sensitive material, including real-world crime scene scenarios, forensic techniques, and case studies. As previously stated, there is potential for material from actual homicide crime scenes being used during the program.
- Participants, in exchange for being allowed to participate in the program, understand the sensitive nature of such endeavors and expressly assume all potential negative emotional and psychological risks associated with this material; including injury, trauma, or distress. Further, participants unequivocally release the Baldwin County Sheriff, the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office deputies and employees, the BCSO Forensics Youth Camp program, its organizers and affiliated entities from any and all liability for any potential harm arising from their participation in the program.

2. Liability Release & Indemnification

- Your participation in the program is entirely voluntary. You waive all claims against the program and its staff, agents, affiliates, and site hosts for any injury, loss, or damage incurred as a result of your participation.
- You agree to indemnify and hold all parties harmless from any lawsuits, damages, or costs (including attorneys' fees) arising out of your participation or breach of this consent.

3. Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA)

- Prior to acceptance into the program, all participants are required to sign the attached liability waiver and indemnification agreement, a non-disclosure agreement (NDA) concerning the content of the program and any case(s) covered thereunder, and a photo/video release.
- If the participant is under 18 years of age, a parent or legal guardian **must** review, and co-sign all required documents on behalf of their child or ward.

I acknowledge that I have read, fully understand and agree with the requirements for participation in the Baldwin County Sheriffs Office Forensics Youth Camp

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18): _____ Date: _____

INFORMATION NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

(REQUIRED)

I, _____, as an applicant for participation in the program, and _____, as the parent or legal guardian for the applicant, agree with the following statements:

I understand that, by the very nature of the program for which I am applying, I may be exposed to confidential/extremely sensitive information or confidential/extremely sensitive photographic or video evidence during my participation in the program or while at the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office. As part of the conditions of my participation in the program or my presence at the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office, I shall keep in strict confidence any information regarding any investigation, victim, suspect or circumstances revealed to me in any investigation or other law enforcement related business of the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office.

I also expressly agree to not remove any confidential/sensitive material of any kind or any program materials from the premises of Baldwin County Sheriff's Office unless authorized as part of my duties, or with the express permission or direction from the program sponsors to do so.

Confidential Information

I acknowledge that Baldwin County Sheriff's Office is the exclusive owner of its Confidential Information, which includes all program information regardless of its form of recording, not in the public domain, relating to:

- (i) Personally Identifiable Information (PII) of any individual including any names, addresses, telephone numbers, medical information, banking information, social security numbers etc. of any person or any entity.

(ii) Law Enforcement Sensitive Information (LES) is defined as unclassified information of a sensitive and proprietary nature that, if disclosed, could cause harm to law enforcement activities by jeopardizing investigations, compromising operations, or causing life-threatening situations for confidential informants, witnesses, or law enforcement personnel. This includes NCIC criminal histories.

(iii) For Official Use Only information (FOUO) FOUO is defined as unclassified information which may not be appropriate for public release. To be considered FOUO, this type of information must be exempt from mandatory release to the public under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The FOIA specifies nine categories of information which can be withheld from release if requested by a member of the public.

Penalties for unauthorized disclosure:

Fines/confinement/immediate dismissal from the Forensics Youth Camp.

By signing this agreement, I understand that I will refrain from disclosing or discussing confidential/sensitive information to any third party, including but not limited to: friends, relatives, co-workers, except by the Baldwin County Sheriff’s Office policies and applicable law.

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18): _____ Date: _____

**LIABILITY WAIVER FORM
(REQUIRED)**

I hereby attest that I am in good physical and mental condition and fully able to participate in this program. I am fully aware of the potential physical and psychological risks and hazards connected with the participation in this program, including physical injury or even death, mental anguish from exposure to certain confidential/extremely sensitive materials. Knowing such, I hereby elect to voluntarily participate in said program, knowing that the associated physical activity and psychological impact may be hazardous or detrimental to me and/or my property. I VOLUNTARILY ASSUME FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY AND ALL RISKS OR LOSS, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR PERSONAL INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH OR PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAUMA TO WHATEVER DEGREE that may be sustained by me, or loss or damage to property owned by me, as a result of participation in this course.

I hereby RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE AND COVENANT NOT TO PURSUE ANY LEGAL ACTION against the Baldwin County Sheriff or Sheriff’s Office, the Baldwin County Commission, any program participant or organizer from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions and causes of action whatsoever arising out of or related to any loss, damage or injury, psychological or otherwise, including death, that may be sustained by me, or to any property belonging to me, while participating in the program and/or physical activity, or while on or upon the premises where the program is being conducted. It is my express intent that this release and hold harmless agreement shall bind the members of my family and (if married) my spouse, if I am alive, and my heirs, assigns and personal representatives, if I am deceased, or shall be deemed as a RELEASE, WAIVER, DISCHARGE and ASSURANCE NOT TO PURSUE ANY LEGAL ACTION against the above-named parties.

I hereby further agree that this Waiver of Liability and Hold Harmless Agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Alabama. Further, I consent to the exclusive jurisdiction and venue for any dispute surrounding this agreement to be a court of competent jurisdiction in Baldwin County, Alabama and waive any and all other venue claims. In signing this release, I acknowledge and represent that I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING Waiver of Release and Hold Harmless Agreement, UNDERSTAND IT AND SIGN IT VOLUNTARILY as my own free act and deed; and that no oral representations, statements or inducements, apart from the foregoing written agreements have been made; and I EXECUTE THIS RELEASE FOR FULL, ADEQUATE AND COMPLETE CONSIDERATION FULLY INTENDING TO BE BOUND BY SAME.

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if participant is under 18): _____ Date: _____

IMAGE/VIDEO RELEASE

By participating in the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office Forensics Youth Camp, I hereby grant the BCSO exclusive rights to any images and/or video in which you appear during camp activities. The BCSO may use these images and/or videos for publication, printing, digital or social media sharing, website content, and future marketing materials, both in print and online.

Participant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18): _____ Date: _____

Crime Scene Scenario

You're a new Crime Scene Investigator called to an artist's locked studio. Inside: the artist is deceased, a half-finished cup of tea sits on a table, a cracked phone lies on the floor, paintings are knocked over, and there is a strong smell of paint thinner in the room. Nothing appears to be stolen.

Question: Based on the scene, what are at least two possible explanations for the artist's death? What evidence would you collect to confirm or rule out for each possible cause of death? (Write below and/or elaborate on a separate sheet of paper and attach to application)

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