

ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT
Special Media Release – Youth Summer Camps
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On June 10, over 45 Athens youth completed the Athens-Clarke County Police Department's (ACCPD) Youth Summer Camp. This day camp was hosted at Hilsman Middle School and staffed by community outreach officers from ACCPD assigned to Crime Prevention, School Resource and Youth Services. This camp was the first of three camps to be hosted in consecutive weeks at Hilsman Middle School with the first two camps for boys and the 3rd week for girls.

These Youth Summer Camps are designed for youth ages 8 -14 to improve responsible citizenship within the community while creating positive lines of communication and trust between youth and police officers. The camps were designed to combine character building, anger management, safety, and life skills along with lots of fun activities. The learning strategies included guest speakers, field trips, and hands-on activities to encourage young people to act in a positive manner, to make wise choices, and to build teamwork. In addition, youth were also provided an opportunity to learn about police work under direct mentorship of ACCPD staff.

This is our second year of reaching out to the Athens community through our youth programs and we look forward to future summer camps.

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