

WHO OVERSEES THE EXPLORERS?

Acadian paramedics and paramedic field supervisors volunteer to serve as post advisors. All advisors are certified in youth protection training.



MORE INFORMATION

Please visit www.AcadianExplorers.com for your area's post advisor contact information, or call Acadian at **337.291.3333** to speak with your area's post advisor.

Each area's post advisor will be able to provide specific and current information on program fees, uniform requirements and meeting dates.

"One of the greatest accomplishments of the program is that so many of our kids are going on to become medics, nurses, and doctors."

- Paramedic Jerry Prine, Gretna Post Advisor



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ACADIAN EXPLORER PROGRAM

Acadian Ambulance has been a supporter of Scouting for many years. Many of our employees volunteer with various Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops and packs, and the company currently sponsors multiple Explorer posts that span our service area.

WHAT IS THE PROGRAM ABOUT?

Exploring is a unique career study program created by Boy Scouts of America for young men and women ages 14 to 20. It provides an opportunity to learn about a wide variety of careers and to network with professionals already in those fields. Explorers are able to get firsthand experience to determine whether or not a particular career is right for them.

Our program objectives are youth character development, career skill development, community service, patriotism and faith.

Each year, the Acadian Explorers enter the National Exploring Journey to Excellence Award recognition program.



WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

While Exploring offers programs in dozens of career fields and more than 100 occupations, Acadian's posts are specifically designed for high school-age students who are interested in the medical field. The program provides real world experiences, helping participants develop critical skills necessary for a successful career in emergency medicine.

In addition, our Explorers can earn their Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers Certification.

"There are so many great things about being an Explorer. We learn a lot through hands-on demonstrations and when we get called, we are able to witness Acadian medics providing patient care. To actually participate and be able to care for people is an experience you'll never forget."

- Explorer Zachary Gaspard, Abbeville High School



WHAT DO EXPLORERS PARTICIPATE IN?

Education and real-life experiences are a large part of the Acadian Explorer program, which initially included post meetings and ride-alongs on ambulances. The program then expanded to include more group activities and hands-on experiences for the young adults.

"We teach them everything. We'll do scenarios where we do a full work-up on patients. We teach them how to communicate with patients and their families. We go over everything aspiring medics will learn in EMT class. They love to learn and to feel like they are making a difference."

- Lafayette Explorer Post Advisor Dayna Laffoon

Acadian Explorers provide assistance and basic medical services at community events, like Mardi Gras, fairs, festivals, and sporting events. The group serves as an ambassador of Acadian to their communities.

Explorers also learn how to work together in a team setting, from problem-solving to electing team officers.