



## RANCHO CORDOVA POLICE ACTIVITIES LEAGUE

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Mr. Whitney Bibbins  
Mather Sports Village

Dear Mr. Bibbins:

The Rancho Cordova PAL (Police Activities League) is a youth crime prevention program that utilizes educational, athletic and recreational activities to create trust and understanding between police officers and at risk, disadvantaged youth of our community. It is based on the conviction that young people - if they are reached early enough - can develop strong positive attitudes towards police officers in their journey through life toward the goal of maturity and good citizenship.

The PAL began by hosting Friday and Saturday Night Out Events, where officers engage kids in various sports and team building activities. To date, the Rancho Cordova PAL has also:

- Organized soccer and basketball clinics & summer baseball league
- Facilitated a Youth Leadership Academy
- Engaged at-risk kids in the Folsom State Prison Youth Diversion Program
- Taken kids to professional sporting events and local museums
- Participate in Kids Day in the Park
- Organized the PAL Holiday Run

PAL always encourages self-esteem, respect for community, and appreciation for law enforcement. We work to address increased incidents of juvenile crime and violence in our community, especially during non-school hours, and reduce gang activity and drug/alcohol abuse.

Currently, all programs are free to local youth. In order to keep activities free, the Rancho Cordova PAL, a non-profit organization, relies primarily on business donations and sponsorships through foundations. A partnership with the Mather Sports Village would open additional opportunities to provide more structured sports activities for the youth. Thus increasing the amount of time officers can mentor the youth through sports.

It is our hope that despite current economic conditions, that we will continue to expand our programs in the future through community support. If you would like more information on our programs please visit our website or contact us at our office.

Very truly yours,

Jennifer Ackerson  
PAL Coordinator  
Rancho Cordova Police Activities League