

Junior Police Ranger Program

Application & Program Overview



History

Launched in 1985, the Junior Police Rangers program was an initiative of the Northern Territory Government and Police, Fire and Emergency Services. It was developed as part of a strategy to address concerns about declining standards of youth behaviour in Darwin. The program proudly continues today and provides young people with access to skills development and experiences not typically available in the general education system.

The Program

The Junior Police Rangers program aims to develop life skills, leadership capability, and self-esteem, enabling participants to positively influence their peers and contribute to their communities. After completing their schooling, participants are encouraged to continue serving their communities, applying their skills, knowledge, and enthusiasm in meaningful ways. The program is delivered over three years, beginning in Year 8 and concluding at the end of Year 10. During the first two years, participants focus on developing core skills and knowledge and in the final (senior) year, they take on supervised leadership roles, acting as mentors and instructors to junior participants.

Activities

The following activities are embedded in the JPR Program:

- Camping
- Conservation and land management
- Water safety
- Community Service
- Drill
- First Aid
- Orienteering
- Public Speaking
- Radio Communication

Activities held during the school holiday periods include Nav X Challenge and camps.

The program supports community service to several charities and organisations which include Goanna Park Land Association and Variety Club.

Selection Criteria

The following criteria are considered when selecting Junior Police Rangers:

- Interview performance
- Swimming ability, including: one 25-metre lap of each survival stroke: freestyle, breaststroke, lifesaving backstroke, and sidestroke
- Communication skills
- Resilience, behaviour, and attitude
- Written references from respected non-family members in their community

Fees

- \$700 per full year (Camps fee's, Activities, meals, and Uniforms)
- \$100 JPR Land Association Maintenance and Management Fee
- Total fee's payable is \$800.00

Session information, expectations, and attendance

Junior Police Rangers participate in regular group meetings throughout the program.

During the school term, groups meet once a week at the Northern Territory Police, Fire and Emergency Services College.

Sessions are held on a weekday (Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday, depending on the group) from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Regular attendance at all sessions is required and participants are responsible for arranging their own transport to and from meetings. In addition to weekly sessions, participants are encouraged to attend scheduled camps held during school holidays. The program concludes in early December each year and recommences in the first week of February.

Junior Police Rangers are expected to maintain exemplary behaviour at all times. When in uniform, they represent the program and are subject to public, peer and supervisory scrutiny. Participants must demonstrate a high level of self-discipline and comply with the Junior Police Rangers Code of Conduct, Rules, and Creed.

Uniform

Junior Police Rangers are required to wear the following uniform:

- Junior Police Ranger shirt and cap - Supplied
- Black / Navy shorts
- Closed in shoes or runners

Goanna Park Project

Goanna Park is a youth campground utilised by the Junior Police Rangers Land Association. The association includes volunteers, parents of program participants and police representatives. Goanna Park is located approximately 80 km east of Darwin on the Arnhem Highway. The site covers 22 acres, with an additional 5 acres under ongoing lease. Facilities include a large lake (no swimming permitted), a non-powered campground, undercover accommodation, amenities, and general camping facilities. Goanna Park is available for use by schools, clubs, sporting organisations, non-profit organisations, and remote youth groups for recreation, training, and sporting activities.

Fundraising

Junior Police Ranger participants are encouraged to complete a minimum of 3 volunteer activities this includes but is not limited to assisting with JPRLA fundraisers. Requests to use JPR's for fundraising events must go through the NTPF Youth Training Unit to ensure JPR's receive a percentage of the fundraising efforts for the JPR Program. Assisting in these fundraisers aids in program fees remaining affordable.

Application submission checklist

Required	Completed	Attached
Application Form		Yes / No
Health History		Yes / No
Photo Attached (Current)		Yes / No
Reference Letters		Yes / No

Applications are to be emailed to:

juniorporice.rangers@pfes.nt.gov.au

Website: <https://pfes.nt.gov.au/join-us/youth-programs>

Applicant's personal details

SURNAME		GIVEN NAME	MIDDLE NAMES
NICKNAME		MALE/FEMALE/ANOTHER TERM (Please Specify)	DATE OF BIRTH
PLACE OF BIRTH	HOME PHONE NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS	
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS			POSTCODE
POSTAL ADDRESS			POSTCODE
HOBBIES AND INTERESTS			
AMBITIONS			
ALLERGIES			
MEDICAL CONDITIONS			
SWIMMING ABILITY (Please tick of the following option) ☐ Well ☐ Very well ☐ I cannot swim			

Parent/Guardian contact details

SURNAME		GIVEN NAME	
RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS			POST CODE
POSTAL ADDRESS			POST CODE
CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER(S)			
HOME	WORK	MOBILE/OTHER	
EMAIL			

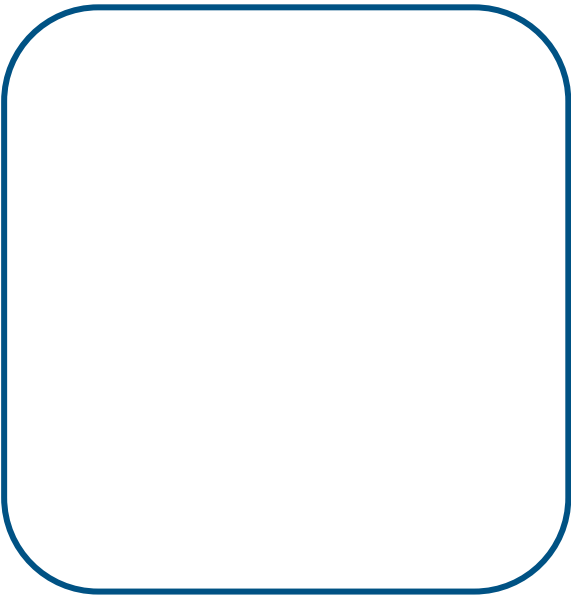
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Health history

Name: _____

1.	Does the applicant suffer from physical disability which may affect his/her participation in any activity undertaken by the Junior Police Rangers? If YES, please provide details:	YES/ NO																								
2.	Do you wish to place any restrictions on your child's activity? If YES, please provide details:	YES/NO																								
3.	Does the applicant have any known Allergies or Food Intolerances? If YES, please give details, including treatment:	YES/NO																								
4.	Does the applicant take any medications? If YES, please give details below: <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Medication</th> <th>Reason</th> <th>Frequency</th> <th>Dosage</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Medication	Reason	Frequency	Dosage																					YES/NO
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5.	Does the applicant wear or use any aids or prosthesis? E.g. hearing aid, spectacles etc. If YES, please give details:	YES/NO																								
6.	When was the applicant's last Tetanus immunisation?	YEAR																								
7.	Does the applicant have any dietary requirements?	YES/NO																								

Current photo:



Northern Territory Police Force
Junior Police Rangers Program
Assumption of Risk, Waiver & Release from Liability

Participant Details:

Full name: _____

Date of birth: ____/____/____ AGE: _____

Home phone: () _____

Mobile: _____

Street/PO Box: _____

Suburb: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Post Code: _____

Parent/Guardian Details:

Full name: _____

Relationship to participant: _____

Daytime phone: () _____ Mobile: _____

Street/PO Box: _____ Suburb: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Post Code: _____

In consideration of the Participant being accepted to participate in the Northern Territory Police Force (NTPF) Junior Police Rangers Program (JPR Program), I, the undersigned, ACKNOWLEDGE, UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT that:

1. I am a parent/guardian of the Participant, who is under the age of 18 years.
2. There are inherent risks, both known and unknown, associated with many of the activities that form part of the JPR Program.

Waiver continued

3. The risks involved may arise from the nature of the activities and/or from other causes, including (but not limited to), equipment failure, facilities or venues used for the activities, exposure to fauna, flora, weather and other natural or environmental conditions, accidents involving the Participant alone or with others, and/or any condition (whether health related or otherwise) the Participant may have.
4. The risks may result in the Participant suffering personal injury or death and/or damage to or loss of the Participant's property.
5. Participation in the JPR Program activities is completely voluntary and undertaken at the Participant's own risk`.
6. The Participant must attend any pre-activity safety briefings and comply with the directions of any person responsible for conducting all or any of the JPR Program activities, including (but not limited to) any directions relating to the appropriate use of equipment, non-consumption of alcohol or any mind-altering or prohibited drugs, and observance of any safety procedures.
7. Any misconduct by the Participant or failure of the Participant to attend such briefings or to follow such directions may result in the immediate suspension or removal of the Participant from the JPR Program or from any activity.
8. On behalf of the Participant, and to the extent permitted by law:
 - (a) I FREELY ACCEPT AND FULLY ASSUME responsibility for all risks, known or unknown, including the possibility of personal injury, death, property damage, and/or loss suffered by the Participant, arising out of or in any way connected with the Participant's participation in the JPR Program; and
 - (b) I WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS the Participant, or I, as the Participant's parent/guardian, may have now or at any time in the future against the Northern Territory of Australia (represented by the NTPF) ("the Territory") and any of its employees, officers, agents, contractors, sub-contractors, volunteers or representatives in any other capacity, arising out of or in any way connected with the Participant's participation in the JPR Program, including from any negligent act or omission of the Territory or of any person for whom the Territory is responsible; and
 - (c) I FULLY RELEASE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE FROM ANY AND ALL LIABILITY the Territory, including any of its employees, officers, agents, contractors, sub-contractors, volunteers or representatives in any other capacity, for any personal injury, death, property damage and/or loss that the Participant may suffer, or that any other person may suffer, as a result of the Participant's participation in the JPR Program, including from any negligent act or omission of the Territory or of any person for whom the Territory is responsible.
9. I have read this document and fully understand its terms and sign it freely and voluntarily.
10. By signing this document, I consent and agree to the Participant's involvement in the JPR Program and participation in the associated activities with full knowledge, understanding, and acceptance of the above terms.

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Signature of parent/guardian	Date

Document version history

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1.0	-	Original Version	
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