Homeland Security Investigations

HSI Cadet Academy

Educating today’s youth about public safety and public service

Established 2013
AN HSI CADET BEARS THE WEIGHT OF A BALLISTIC SHIELD

CADETS PREPARE FOR DEFENSIVE TACTICS TRAINING AND DEMONSTRATIONS
Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) is the principal investigative arm of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, responsible for investigating transnational crime and threats, specifically those criminal organizations that exploit the global infrastructure through which international trade, travel, and finance move.

The HSI Cadet Academy was created in 2013 as an outreach mechanism to educate teenagers and young adults with disabilities and/or chronic illnesses about the HSI mission. The program is hosted in partnership with U.S. Customs and Border Protection and various children’s hospitals.
THE EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME

The HSI Cadet Academy is currently conducted at various locations throughout the United States and continues to expand. It is structured as a week-long camp during the summer in which cadets receive instruction from subject matter experts on a range of HSI programmatic areas such as transnational gangs, intellectual property rights, forensic document analysis, narcotics and contraband smuggling, and cybercrimes. Throughout the classroom sessions, HSI instructors guide the cadets through mock investigation. The cadets work together to ultimately wrap up their investigation with a field day exercise and the program culminates with an official graduation ceremony.
Interested in joining the HSI team and becoming an HSI cadet? Take the next step by speaking with your hospital or healthcare system’s point of contact. There is no initial application process for the HSI Cadet Academy. Potential cadets must be under the care of a partnering hospital or care facility and each year those facilities share with their patients the opportunity to participate. The partnering facilities solicit and choose cadets for the program. Once chosen, a cadet must submit the proper consent and release forms to fully participate in the program.
The Cadet program provides a positive and fun experience for all involved. The week-long program engages the Cadets, while giving them an opportunity to discover how HSI works.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PROGRAM

“Having the break was incredible. Not being in the hospital, meeting new people and just doing a lot of activities.”

SOURCES: NBC 4 REPORT AUGUST 2013, HSI CADET VIDEO MAY 2019
"PLAY AND FUN AND DISTRACTION HAS PROVEN TO PROMOTE RECOVERY, HEALING WITH THESE KIDS. WHAT ELSE COULD TOP THE HSI PROGRAM?"

"THIS WAS DEFINITELY LIKE A COOL SUMMER CAMP. I'M PROBABLY GOING TO BE BRAGGING ABOUT IT FOR A WHILE."
H ave Questions?
We Have the Answers

Want to know more about the HSI Cadet Academy or have questions? Feel free to visit the HSI Cadet Academy website at www.ice.gov/careers/HSI-cadet-academy for more information.