



# Gulfport Police Athletic League



## After School Program

### Mission

"To make a positive difference in the lives of young people by providing opportunities to learn discipline, leadership, teamwork, the importance of learning the rules, sportsmanship and patience. By teaching these life skills, PAL will assist in developing the children of our City in becoming productive citizens that contribute to the overall quality of life in the City of Gulfport."



### Homework Assistance

After school homework assistance is available from certified teachers in one of our classrooms. PAL Staff and the teachers work with students to complete assignments. Students get one-on-one assistance with areas they are having problems with or just need special assistance. A daily healthy snack is provided to all participants.

## A FUN, SAFE PLACE FOR KIDS...

### About Us

Gulfport PAL is a youth crime prevention program that utilizes educational, athletic and recreational activities to create trust and understanding between police officers and youth. 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 Gulfport PAL program brings youth under the supervision and positive influence of a law enforcement agency and expands public awareness about the role of a police officer in the local community and reinforces responsible values and attitudes instilled in young people by their parents.

Studies have shown that if a young person respects a police officer on the ball field, gym or classroom, the youth will likely come to respect the laws that police officers enforce. Such respect is beneficial to the youth, the police officer, the neighborhood and the business community.

### Athletics

After-School participants will be able to participate in numerous sports athletic activities supervised by Gulfport Police Employees and other staff. Athletics are a way for children to learn teamwork and fellowship.



### How do I sign my child up?

- Children who are in 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade.
- To sign up bring your child to the Gulfport Police Athletic League Center on September 02, 2011 from 4 pm until 7 pm.
- Classes will begin on September 06, 2011



To order a Gulfport PAL Tag call PAL!

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