

# EXPLORING

DISCOVERING OUR POSTS, LEADERS, AND EXPLORERS

November 2018

## EXPLORING EXECUTIVE

*My name is Matt Kibler. I started in this position in September, and am having a blast. I appreciate all feedback, questions, or comments. Please contact me if you know of any youth wanting to join Exploring.*

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## WHAT IS IT ?

Exploring provides exciting, hands-on opportunities for students 14-20 who have completed the 8th grade. These opportunities are based upon the students' career interest. We collaborate with local organizations to find out their needs and connect students and professionals, so they can Explore the career opportunities that exist.

## Post Of The Month

### Marathon Information Technology

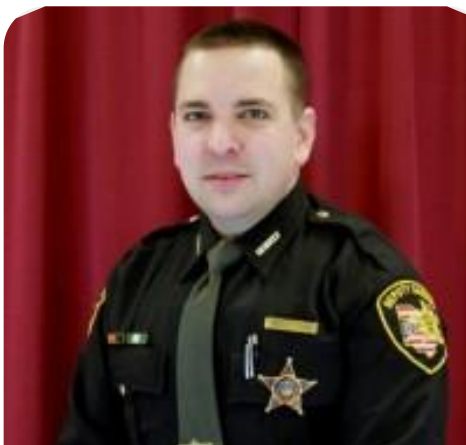
The Marathon IT Post offers students the opportunity to learn about all facets of a career in the IT world. This post has been educating area students for the past 16 years, and has no sign of slowing down. Post Advisor Evan Barnitz understands the importance of Exploring, "IT Explorers gives students the ability to see other parts of the Information Technology world that they may not know about. Our goal is to get students excited about how technology can improve the world now and in the future." The program has seen strong attendance this year, averaging 30 attendees to their meetings.



## Advisor Of The Month

### Bill Lyons – Paulding County Sheriff's Office

Deputy Lyons has been the Post Advisor for the Paulding County Sheriff Explorers for three years. When asked why Exploring, Lyons said, "The number one reason I am in Explorers is to get the youth involved. I believe Exploring is a great start for youth interested in a career in any branch of law enforcement. I currently have Explorers who are interested in Corrections, Dispatch and Road positions as well as one who is wanting to become a prosecuting attorney." When asked about his favorite memory, Lyons harkened back to the Paulding County Fair, where the Explorers raise money with a Dunk a Deputy, dunk tank, "As you can imagine, this is always a competition to see who can raise the most money. Sheriff Landers has been the leader for all three years," said Lyons. Bill went on to say, "There is a lot of knowledge available to Explorers that is certainly beneficial and will give them a head start in this career field."



Deputy Bill Lyons | Post Advisor



## Explorer Of The Month

**Molly Boney – Hancock County Sheriff’s Office**



Crime TV shows led to Molly Boney’s interest in law, and Exploring has provided the vehicle for her in the pursuit of a career as a forensic psychologist. When asked about her future, Molly said, “I still haven’t made a final decision yet, so I plan to attend Rhodes State for a year and shadow an academy class.” Molly says that her time as an Explorer has been beneficial, “Exploring has really helped me narrow down my career choices in law enforcement. I’ve been in Exploring for two years, and at first, I wanted to be a paralegal, then a mounted patrol officer, and then a K-9 officer. But now I’m thinking of becoming a Forensic Psychologist.” Molly’s story is very similar to other Explorers, taking

advantage of opportunities to Discover Their Future.

## 2019 FRIENDS OF EXPLORING

### MAKE THE DIFFERENCE TODAY

The 2019 Friends of Exploring Campaign is underway. This year our goal is to raise \$9,500. The funds raised go directly to Exploring, and help keep program costs down, and prevent the implementation of a participation fee. The yearly registration fee Explorers pay go directly to our national office to provide general liability insurance to the participant.

Friends of Exploring is an annual local fundraising campaign offering you an opportunity to support Exploring. Helping youth is the key to developing a more responsible and productive society. The Black Swamp Area Council invests \$168 per Explorer in program and services. Please consider the impact a pledge will make in the life of an Explorer.

**2019 GOAL | \$9,500**

**2018 GOAL | \$7,500**

**2019 RAISED | \$0**

**2018 RAISED | \$8,655**

If you can, please consider a donation to Exploring. Your support is greatly appreciated. To make a pledge or donation, contact Exploring Executive Matt Kibler at 567-245-1259 or [matt.kibler@scouting.org](mailto:matt.kibler@scouting.org)

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

### REGISTERED EXPLORERS

**SEPTEMBER 178**

**OCTOBER 272**

**NOVEMBER 357**

**EXPLORING MEMBERSHIP IS UP 41%**

