

### **EMPOWERING YOUTH, BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES**

## SEPTEMBER 24TH-NOVEMBER 12TH, 2025

(every Wednesday night from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.)

## STEAM ACADEMY

1001 Leland Street, Spring Valley

# **Empowering Youth to Make Positive Choices**

- Mentorship: Connecting youth with positive role models.
- Education: Workshops on conflict resolution, leadership, and career planning.
- Community Engagement: Involvement in community service projects and events.

## PROGRAM DETAILS:



- Program Duration: 8 Weeks
- Age Group: 9-12 years old
- Free program no cost
- Dinner included
- Parent attendance is required in all sessions









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#### **PROGRAM GOALS**

- Promote positive peer relationships.
- Empower youth with life skills and opportunities.



### **WHO CAN JOIN**

Age Group: 9-12 years old

#### **ACTIVITIES & TOPICS:**



- Week 1: Introduction— Meet our deputies, learn about the program, and play fun games.
- Week 2: Gang Prevention Learn about the dangers of gangs from our Crime Suppression Team.
- **Week 3:** Human Trafficking Learn about dangers and signs of human trafficking, from our Human Trafficking Task Force.
- Week 4: Mental Wellness Focus on mental health with PERT.
- Week 5: Sports Activity Engage in fun sports drills with STAR / PAL.
- Week 6: Drugs/Alcohol/Tobacco Awareness sessions with deputies and the DEA.
- **Week 7:** Anti-bullying Session with San Diego Youth Services on anti-bullying, and Mini Golf provided by SD Nights.
- Week 8: Graduation Celebrate achievements with a special graduation ceremony.

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### **How to Get Involved**

- Volunteer Opportunities: Information for adults interested in mentoring or supporting the program.
- Partnerships: Invitation to local businesses and organizations to collaborate.

# **Collaborating Partners:**

- STAR / PAL
- DEA
- Target
- Chick-fil-A
- SD Parks and Rec
- San Diego Youth Services
- Kiwanis Club of SV
- Spring Valley Lions Club





New Seasons Church

