

Breckenridge Police Department Kids N Cops Program

The purpose of the Breckenridge Police Department Kids N Cops Program is to present activities to youth that encourages core values development and positive interaction between youth and the police.

This program was launched two years ago with our introduction of a floor hockey program utilizing police officers, firemen, community leaders, business owners, clergy, and military personal to act as guest coaches and referees. The game started with the guest coach talking about their core values and how they apply them to both their personal and professional life. The program has been a great success with over 50 kids participating in each season and we have looked to expand the program.

Breckenridge Police Department received a mobile rock climbing wall from the MN Department of Homeland Security LESO 10-33 program. This wall will be utilized as yet another activity to bring police and youth together. While the hockey program targets kids 7-13, the climbing wall will be utilized to reach kids through high school. Following a brief safety presentation, officers give an interactive lecture on core values and overcoming adversity in life. The climbing wall is the perfect teaching tool as kids actually see an obstacle and physically overcome it. The hockey program was limited to a November season consisting of 5 games. The climbing wall allows BPD to provide activities with presentations through three out of four seasons. Planned events include: National Night Out, Wilkin County Fair, Headwaters Day, school carnivals and other scheduled school events at the Breckenridge Elementary and Middle School, Breckenridge High School, and St. Mary's Catholic School.

